

**SOUTH JERSEY SECTION
OF THE
NEW JERSEY WATER ENVIRONMENT ASSOCIATION**

Minutes of the September 28, 2007 Business Meeting

President Eric Harrell called the Business Meeting to order at Town & Country Restaurant in Bordentown NJ and Marty Walsh took roll call.

Eric Harrell, President
Russell Franks, Vice President
John Manganaro, Treasurer
Marty Walsh, Secretary
Blake Maloney, Past President
Ed Crutchley, Trustee
Rocco Maiellano, Membership & Ladies Night Chairperson

*Don Wharton, Somerdale Sewer
Frank Hartman, Bordentown MUA
Craig Dansbury, Bordentown MUA
Robert Hollenweger, Cumberland County UA
Scott & Chris Morton, Evesham MUA*

*Jeanne Maiellano
David Skorny, Washington Twp MUA
Rick Czekanski, Remington & Vernick
Greg, Thelen, Rain for Rent*

Approval of Minutes: Marty Walsh made a motion to approve the minutes from April 19, 2007 business meeting, seconded by Russ Franks and unanimously approved.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS

President's Report: Eric Harrell

- Eric reported that a donation of \$400 was made to the Annual Environmental Day in Gloucester City NJ.
- In lieu of officers attending SJWPA's Ladies Night we will place an ad in their membership book.

Vice President's Report: Russ Franks, No Report

Treasurer's Report: John Manganaro

- Total as of September 2007: Checking Acct \$11,052.51 & Savings Acct \$5,025.35

Secretary's Report: Marty Walsh, No Report

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Constitution & By-Laws: Russ Franks

- The committee is setting up a meeting to work on the Manual of Practice.

Seminar & Technology Transfer: Rick Eustace

- We completed three days of seminars at Tinton Falls on September 25-27, 2007. A total of 958 certificates were provided, Wednesday alone had 450 attendees. Due to the larger crowds Technology Transfer will go to four days in March 2008.
- The next mini seminars will be held November 7-9, 2007. The subject will be Lubrication Technology for Water and Wastewater. Brochures will be out soon and the locations are as follows:
 - November 7 – Boro of West Patterson
 - November 8 – South Brunswick Twp Utility Authority
 - November 9 – Bordentown Carslake Community Center

Nominating & Awards: Rick Eustace

- South Jersey nominees for State and WEF Awards were submitted.

Membership: Rocco Maiellano, No Report

Program: Russell Franks

- Upcoming meeting dates: November 30, 2007 - January 11, 2008 – March 14, 2008

Sick & Welfare: Ernie Anderson

- Flowers were sent to Robert Young, Superintendent for Hamilton Twp MUA.

Legislative: Dennis Palmer, Report Submitted

- On June 28, 2007 A-5005 was signed into law which changes PERS, TPAF and DCRP contribution rates and new employees' compensation based on retirement age. It changes to new public employees who become members of the system on or after July 1, 2007. The retirement age is raised to 60 with a penalty of 1% for year the member lacks being 60 and 3% for year below 55. The maximum amount will be base salary for Social Security which for 2007 is \$97,500. For new members who reach this maximum will become a participant in the newly created Defined Contribution Retirement Program with a deduction of 5.5%. Our pension deduction will also increase from 5% to 5.5%.
- On July 6, 2007 A-3301 was signed into law which is the Global Warning Response Act. This may impact wastewater facilities as the Bill seeks to reduce CO2 and other greenhouse gas emissions. The bill, as amended, establishes that no later than January 1, 2020 the level of greenhouse gas emissions in the State shall be reduced to the 1990 level of emissions or below and that no later than January 1, 2050, the greenhouse as emissions shall not exceed 80% of the 2006 level of emissions. This bill would also direct the DEP to establish no later than one year after the enactment of the bill:

1. an inventory of the current and 2006 statewide greenhouse gas emissions and
2. an inventory of the 1990 levels of statewide greenhouse gas emissions.

The bill requires the DEP to establish on or before January 1, 2009 a greenhouse gas emissions monitoring and reporting program to monitor and report on statewide greenhouse gas emissions levels. The bill further directs the DEP to prepare a report no later than June 30, 2008 recommending any measure necessary to reduce greenhouse gas emissions to achieve the 2020 limit. No later than June 30, 2010, the DEP would be required to prepare a report recommending any measures necessary to reduce greenhouse gas emissions to achieve the 2050 limit.

- On August 6, 2007 the following bills were signed in to law:
 - S-341 Requires the state to purchase energy star products in public contracts. He could foresee for our members that once this is under state contract, these products would be also be available to public agencies purchasing items from the state contract bid list.
 - S-1712 Eliminates the statute of limitations for certain environmental crimes and crimes causing wide spread injury of damage.
- On August 9, 2007 the following Bills were signed into law:
 - A-4344 Makes certain changes to the NJ Environmental Infrastructure Trust Financing Program.
 - A-4345 Appropriates funds to DEP for the environmental infrastructure projects.
 - A-4346 Also authorized NJ Environmental Infrastructure Trust to expend certain sums to make loans for Environmental Infrastructure projects.
- On August 21, 2007 S-2581 was signed into law which authorizes the Delaware and Raritan Canal Commission to charge project application review fees and issue general permits for certain projects. This will affect any facilities with construction projects that are within the review area of the D & R Canal Commission. In the past, project review fees were not charged.

Industrial Waste: Chris Jepson

- Chris made several attempts to set up a meeting with an industrial WWTP tour. Ocean Spray in Bordentown and NFL Films in Mount Laurel are high on the list.

Affiliates: Tom McCormick, No Report

Health & Safety: John Saville, No Report

SUBCOMMITTEES

Awards Dinner (formerly Ladies Night): Rocco Maiellano

- The 2008 Award Dinner will be held on Saturday April 5, 2008 at The Mansion in Voorhees NJ.

Golf Outing: Eric Fox

- The golf outing was held on Sept 13, 2007 at Jaworski Valleybrook Country Club in Blackwood NJ.

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**NJWEA Report:** All state scholarships increased to \$2,250. An updated brochure has been completed and be obtained by contacting Rick at [rde656@yahoo.com](mailto:rde656@yahoo.com).

**Old Business:** No Report

**New Business:** No report

**Good of the Membership:** No Report

**Adjournment / Time:** Russ Franks made a motion to adjourn meeting, seconded by Marty Walsh and unanimously approved.