



**MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
October 21, 2014**

1. The Vice-Chairman called the special meeting to order at 7:40pm.
2. The Vice-Chairman read the statement in compliance with C. 231,PL 1975.
3. Roll Call: the following Commissioners were present: DaPuzzo, DePhillips, Gabbert, Kasparian, Kelaher, Plumley, and Salazer. Chairman Chewcaskie was absent.
4. Salute to the Flag was led by the Vice-Chairman.
5. Vice-Chairman's Remarks.
6. Discussion of the 2015 Preliminary Budget

Vice Chairman Kasparian stated that there is approximately a 3.6% increase to the overall budget and a 0.28% decrease to the service charges. He then asked the Authority's Auditor, Paul Lerch from Lerch, Vinci and Higgins, LLP, to provide a summary of the budget.

Mr. Lerch stated that the operating budget would be increasing approximately 3.6% with overall total appropriations for 2015 decreasing by a 0.5% from the 2014 budget to 12,654,770. Other components of the budget include the debt service which is relatively stable with a budget of about \$1.9 million, a \$40,000 increase from 2014. The capital outlay portion of the budget has also decreased in the 2015 budget by \$480,000. The 2015 budget overall is decreasing by approximately \$61,000 from 2014. The largest component of revenue is the service charges. The estimated revenues from service charges to balance the budget has decreased by \$33,000 due to the decrease in total appropriations.

Commissioner DaPuzzo noted that there will be small projects in 2015 that will be funded by the Authority's reserve funds instead of taking on bonds to pay for these projects. This will be approximately \$940,000.

Commissioner DePhillips inquired when the municipality service charges rates will be distributed to the municipalities. Executive Director Hurwitz explained that the preliminary service charges are typically distributed in the beginning of December and the final service charges are distributed in January, prior to the 15th of the month.

7. Public Comments:

Councilman Frank Palladino from the Borough of Waldwick asked if the 3.6% increase of the operating budget is for costs associated to running the plant. Commissioner DaPuzzo responded yes.

Councilman Palladino also asked when a copy of the 2015 Preliminary Budget will be available to the public. He was informed that it will be distributed to the municipalities this week.

Councilman Palladino requested clarification of how there is an increase in the operating budget of 3.6% but a decrease of 0.28% in service charges. Mr. Hurwitz explained that this is due to the fact that we are utilizing our reserve fund to pay for capital projects in 2015.

8. Resolution No. 81-2014 – 2015 Authority Preliminary Budget for Fiscal Year January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015 was offered by Commissioner Gabbert and seconded by Commissioner DaPuzzo. All Commissioners voted in favor of passing Resolution No. 81-2014.

Resolution 81-2014 – 2015 Authority Preliminary Budget Resolution for Fiscal Year January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015. The Annual Budget as introduced reflects Total Revenues of \$12,654,770, Total Appropriations, including any accumulated deficit if any, of \$12,654,770 and Total Unrestricted Net Position utilized of \$-0-. The Capital Budget as introduced reflects Total Capital Appropriations of \$7,172,500 and Total Unrestricted net Position planned to be utilized as funding thereof, of \$-0-. The anticipated revenues as reflected in the annual budget are of sufficient amount to meet all proposed expenditures/expenses and all covenant, terms and provisions as stipulated in the said Authority's outstanding debt obligations, capital lease arrangements, service contracts and other pledge agreements. The Annual Budget for 2015 will be considered for adoption on December 9, 2014 at a public hearing.

9. A motion was made by Commissioner DePhillips to adjourn the meeting at 7:50pm and seconded by Commissioner Gabbert. All Commissioners present voted in favor of adjourning the meeting at 7:50pm and move on to the Regular Meeting.


Alison Gordon, Secretary