



**MINUTES  
SPECIAL MEETING  
December 9, 2014**

1. The Chairman called the special meeting to order at 7:26pm.
2. The Chairman read the statement in compliance with C. 231, PL 1975.
3. Roll Call: the following Commissioners were present: Bonagura, DaPuzzo, DePhillips, Gabbert, Plumley, Salazer and Chairman Chewcaskie. Vice Chairman Kasparian and Commissioner Kelaher were absent.
4. Salute to the Flag was led by the Chairman.
5. Chairman's Remarks:

Chairman Chewcaskie stated that the Finance Committee has spent a tremendous amount of time going through the operating budget to try to maintain the Service Charges at a basis that would be palatable to the member communities. The Preliminary Budget has been distributed and discussed by the Commissioners. The Division of Local Government emailed the Authority informing us that the Preliminary Budget has been approved and we can go ahead with the adoption at the meeting.

There have been some discussion about amending the budget because of the elimination of stipends and benefits for Commissioners but it was determined not to amend the budget at this time. The Budget can be amended next year if required to do so. The Authority budget is not a line item or transfer budget and the Authority is not required to balance each line item in the annual budget.

Commissioner DePhillips asked if the stipends and health benefits are in the budget. Chairman Chewcaskie responded that those items are still in the budget but the stipends and benefits have been eliminated based upon the Freeholder's resolution. All stipends have ceased as of November and all benefits will cease as of January.

6. Public Hearing – 2015 Annual Budget

The Board opened the meeting to the public. Commissioner DaPuzzo made the motion to open to the public and Commissioner Gabbert seconded it. All Commissioners agreed to open the meeting to the public.

There were no public comments.

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7. Resolution No. 93-2014 – 2015 Adopted Budget Resolution 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. 93-2014 except for Commissioner Bonagura who abstained.

Resolution 93-2014 – A public hearing was held on October 21, 2014 where resolution no. 81-2014 was passed approving the 2015 Preliminary Annual Budget and Capital Budget for the Fiscal Year commencing January 1, 2015 and ending on December 31, 2015. A public hearing was held on December 9, 2014 to receive any comment or objections from any participants or bondholders. The Annual budget as presented for adoption 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 \$7,712,150 and Total Unrestricted Net Position planned to be utilized as funding thereof of \$0. The Annual Budget and Capital Budget/Program of the Northwest Bergen County Utilities Authority for the fiscal year beginning 1/1/15 and ending 12/31/15 is hereby adopted. The Annual Budget and Capital Budget/program as presented for adoption reflects each item of revenue and appropriation in the same amount and title as set forth in the introduced and approved budget which has been approved by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services. The Secretary is hereby authorized and directed to file copies of the Annual Budget with the Trustee, the Consulting Engineers and the participants.

9. A motion was made by Commissioner DaPuzzo to adjourn the meeting at 7:33pm and seconded by Commissioner DePhillips. All Commissioners present voted in favor of adjourning the meeting at 7:33pm and move on to the Regular Meeting.

  
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Alison Gordon, Secretary