

NEWARK WATERSHED CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
 40 CLINTON STREET, 4TH FLOOR
 NEWARK, NEW JERSEY 07102

BOARD OF TRUSTEE REGULAR MEETING
 NOVEMBER 13, 2012

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

OPENING OF MEETING

Called to order: 10:37 a.m.

INTRODUCTIONS/ROLL CALL

Name	Present/Y	Absent/N
The Hon. Cory A. Booker, Mayor, City of Newark		X
The Hon. Donald M. Payne, Councilman at Large		X
Oscar James, II	X	
William T. Merritt	X	
Rodney Johnson	X	
Linda Watkins-Brashear – Executive Director	X	
Elnardo J. Webster, II, Esq. – General Counsel		X
Jodi M. Luciani, Esq.	X	
Were any members of the public present?		X

Review of the call for the meeting: This is a public meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newark Watershed Conservation and Development Corporation. At the public meeting action will be taken on a variety of motions.

Board Vice Chair Johnson calls the meeting to order at approximately 10:37 am. Board Vice Chair Johnson asked if all Board Members present received their packages and had an opportunity to review same, and the minutes from the October 22, 2012, regular meeting contained therein. Board Vice Chair Johnson states that the minutes accurately reflect the meetings and contain no material deficiencies or omissions. Board Vice Chair Johnson requests said minutes be moved for approval.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

Motion to approve meeting minutes of October 22, 2012

Board Vice Chair Johnson requests a motion to approve the minutes.

Motion to approve minutes:

Moved by W. Merritt Second by O. James

Vote:	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Absent/ Not Present</u>
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The Hon. Cory A. Booker, Mayor	X		
The Hon. Donald M. Payne, Councilman at Large	X		
Oscar James, II	X		
Rodney Johnson	X		
William T. Merritt	X		

Action taken Motion Passed

Executive Summary

Save Our Water Ordinance

General Counsel, Jodi M. Luciani, Esq. presents the Board with an update on the matter In Re Initiative Petition regarding a proposed Save Our Water Ordinance. She explains that on October 22, 2012, Judge Carey ruled to invalidate the proposed Resolution and further, that the Committee of Petitioners filed additional counter claims against the Newark Watershed that are still pending.

At this time, Board Vice Chair Johnson requests a motion for Executive Session to discuss the pending litigation before Judge Carey in Essex County Superior Court regarding a Save Our Water Ordinance and the Committee of Petitioners Counter Claims.

Board Vice Chair Johnson requests a motion for Executive Session.

Motion to go into Executive Session:

Moved by W. Merritt Second by O. James

Vote:	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Absent/ Not Present</u>
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The Hon. Cory A. Booker, Mayor	X		
The Hon. Donald M. Payne, Councilman at Large	X		
Oscar James, II	X		
Rodney Johnson	X		
William T. Merritt	X		

Action taken Motion Passed

Motion to come out of Executive Session:

Moved by W. Merritt Second by O. James

Vote:	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Absent/ Not Present</u>
The Hon. Cory A. Booker, Mayor	X		
The Hon. Donald M. Payne, Councilman at Large	X		
Oscar James, II	X		
Rodney Johnson	X		
William T. Merritt	X		

Action taken Motion Passed

The Board of Trustees came out of Executive Session at 10:45 a.m. During Executive Session, the Board of Trustees discussed the pending litigation regarding the matter In Re Initiative Petition regarding a proposed Save Our Water Ordinance.

Resolutions

12-009– Resolution approving and adopting the Amended By-Laws of the Newark Watershed Conservation and Development Corporation

Moved by W. Merritt Second by O. James

Vote:	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Absent/ Not Present</u>
The Hon. Cory A. Booker, Mayor	X		
The Hon. Donald M. Payne, Councilman at Large	X		
Oscar James, II	X		
Rodney Johnson	X		
William T. Merritt	X		

Action taken Motion Passed

Executive Summary Cont'd.

Hurricane Sandy Update

Executive Director Linda Watkins-Brashear, discusses the Hurricane Sandy efforts made by the personnel at the Pequannock Water Treatment Plant in order to maintain adequate operations during the storm. She explains that, at no time, did the Treatment Plant shut down. Ms. Brashear indicates that a letter of appreciation has been posted to the Newark Watershed website, thanking the Pequannock Water Treatment Plant personnel for their extraordinary

efforts and dedication to the Treatment Plant and City of Newark during the storm. She states that the employees played a major role in maintaining operations and worked with the City of Newark's Office of Emergency Management to ensure the Treatment Plant never shut down. She further explains that the City of Newark provided water to the City of Jersey City during the storm. Ms. Brashear indicates that the City needed emergency assistance with respect to obtaining the requisite amount of oil and paid the emergency contract in full on behalf of the City.

Ms. Brashear states that during Hurricane Sandy, the City of Newark had no interruption in service and issued no boil water advisories. Therefore, she wants to extend her appreciation to the employees for their hard work and dedication. The letter of appreciation can be found on the Newark Watershed's website. Board Vice Chair Johnson recommends sharing these stories with the public.

With respect to power, Ms. Brashear indicates that the Treatment Plant had been running on a back-up generator, but power was restored over the past weekend. In addition, she explains that the Echo Lake office regained power this morning. Valerie James remained in the office at all times during the storm to handle large volumes of calls regarding permits. Ms. Brashear discusses the minimal damage, including the trees down on neighboring property. At this time, she indicates the Newark Watershed is evaluating the situation, assessing areas of imminent danger, if any, and implementing repair efforts.

Reorganization Meeting

Ms. Brashear explains to the Board of Trustees that certain candidates have been selected for nomination to the Board of Trustees. She anticipates holding the reorganization meeting of the Board in December and will advise the Board of Trustees in advance of that meeting.

New Business

None.

Old Business

None.

NEXT MEETING:

December 2012 meeting information to be circulated to the Board and noticed at a later date.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

Moved by W. Merritt Second by R. Johnson

Vote:	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No/</u>	<u>Not Present</u>
	<u>Absent/</u>		
The Hon. Cory A. Booker, Mayor			X
The Hon. Donald M. Payne, Councilman at Large			
Oscar James, II	X		
William T. Merritt	X		
Rodney Johnson	X		

Action taken Meeting adjourned

Adjourned at approximately 10:57a.m.