

Minutes
Somerset County Improvement Authority
20 Grove Street, Somerville, NJ 08876
Engineering Conference Room, 3rd Floor
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July 13, 2021

Pledge of Allegiance

Open Public Meetings Act Statement: (In accordance with Public Law Chapter 231, the open public meeting notice requirements have been satisfied whereby the starting time and place of this meeting have been duly advertised with the official Improvement Authority newspaper and the County Clerk and previously posted in a public information area for this office.)

In advance of the meeting, public comments may be submitted to Yvonne Childress via email (childress@co.somerset.nj.us) and in written letter format by Monday, July 13, 2021.

Roll Call

In attendance were: Chairman Shain, Vice Chairperson Jaffer, Secretary Loper, and Commissioner Scaglione. Commissioner Kitchen was absent. Also in attendance were: Frank Borin, Commissioner Marano, Colleen Mahr, Nick Trasente, Yvonne Childress, Hector Burgos, and Bonnie Lacamera.

Approval of Minutes of the Meeting of June 7, 2021

Vice Chairperson Jaffer made a motion to approve the June 7, 2021 minutes and Commissioner Scaglione seconded.

Report of Officers

- Financing for HVAC Units for Municipalities/Libraries – A few libraries are having to close because their AC units are unable to go below 78 degrees (Bridgewater, Bound Brook, Watchung). There may be an opportunity for them to use funding from the IA. Colleen, Nick & Yvonne met with Bridgewater Library Administrator Brian Auger and Library Commissioner Nancy Stoll, to discuss/explore ideas. Brian will forward the town agreements to the County for review. Commissioner Scaglione is in contact with Bridgewater. We will verify if this is something the IA can do.
- IA Patriots – Series 2021 – Closing – The closing was on Friday, July 9th. A \$20 million dollar bond was issued for the Patriots. Funding was issued to the Patriots today.
- IA Qualified Purchasing Agent – Introducing this topic to identify a QPA for the IA. Idea is to formalize and have Melissa Kosensky carry the title of IA QPA. Will work on and take formal action next month.
- Vo-Tech School Project – Vo-Tech received a grant from the Dept of Ed. (75% of \$23 million, County is matching 25% of the \$23 million). The plan is to build a new building and they are looking at possibly involving the IA to run the project (Engineering and the building division). Conversations with the Superintendent and Board Chair are ongoing. Vo-Tech still needs to take board action. Chairwomen Jaffer recommended that there be a more participatory design of the Vo-Tech to get the public's ideas early on the design of the project.

Report of County Administrator

Administrator Colleen Mahr started the American Rescue Plan process discussion with the County and received some great initial ideas. She will keep everyone updated.

Public

None

New Business

SCIA21-914 RESOLUTION OF THE SOMERSET COUNTY IMPROVEMENT
AUTHORITY AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF CLAIMS

Commissioner Scaglione made a motion to approve this resolution, which was seconded by Chairman Shain. Roll call was taken and all present members approved, except Vice Chairperson Jaffer abstained as listed.

Commissioner Scaglione made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Vice Chairperson Jaffer seconded.

I, Matthew Loper, Secretary of the Somerset County Improvement Authority, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a minutes by said Somerset County Improvement Authority at its meeting of July 13, 2021.

Matthew Loper, Secretary