

UNION COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY

MINUTES OF THE EMERGENCY MEETING of

Friday, May 3, 2013

3:00 PM

The meeting was called to Order at 3:04 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance was lead by Chairman Tony Scutari.

The Notice of Compliance with Open Public Meetings Act was read by Jonathan Williams from DeCotiis Fitzpatrick & Cole, LLP.

Roll call of Commissioners showed that Chairman Tony Scutari, Vice Chairman Carolyn Vollero, Secretary John Salerno, Treasurer Joseph Miskiewicz, Commissioner Sebastian D'Elia and Commissioner Samuel McGhee were present; Commissioner Cherron Rountree and Commissioner Linda Hines were absent.

Chairman Scutari asked for a motion at 3:09 p.m. to go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter. On a motion made by Commissioner McGhee and seconded by Secretary Salerno. Roll call of Commissioners showed that Chairman Scutari, Vice Chairman Vollero, Secretary Salerno, Treasurer Miskiewicz, Commissioner D'Elia and Commissioner McGhee were in the affirmative; Commissioner Rountree and Commissioner Hines were absent.

Regular Session resumed at 3:34 p.m.

Chairman Scutari asked for a statement of the Executive Director Charlotte DeFilippo. Ms. DeFilippo read a prepared statement (attached).

Chairman Scutari asked for a motion to approve Reso 29-2013. On a motion made by Treasurer Miskiewicz and seconded by Secretary Salerno. Roll call of Commissioners showed that Chairman Scutari, Vice Chairman Vollero, Secretary Salerno, Treasurer Miskiewicz and Commissioner D'Elia were in the affirmative; Commissioner McGhee abstained; Commissioner Rountree and Commissioner Hines were absent.

Chairman Scutari asked if there were any comments from the public. Several members of the public addressed the board regarding Ms. DeFilippo's service to the Improvement Authority, including Union County residents, Union County Freeholders, Union County Clerk, Union County Surrogate, Department of Finance, and Department of Human Services.

Adjournment

At 3:53 p.m, Treasurer Miskiewicz made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Vice Chairman Vollero. All Commissioners were in favor of adjourning.

*** Matter to be considered and discussed in executive session as permitted by the exceptions to the Open Public Meetings Act as follows: Contract (C), Litigation (L), Personnel (P).**

DEFILIPPO STATEMENT

My job as Executive Director of the Union County Improvement Authority is one I value greatly. I have taken great pride in transforming an agency that was long dormant, jumpstarting it and completing \$330 million in projects that benefited the public and kept our economy vibrant.

In recent weeks, the Authority and I have come under an unwarranted series of criticisms that have threatened this progress and the agency's integrity. I am grateful that I was well paid by the agency I serve, as it takes into consideration my work product and my 34 years of government experience. I value my reputation, that of the Improvement Authority and all the projects we have completed through the years for various communities.

Candidly, for some time, I have been considering retirement, and after many years of public service, I believe the time is now appropriate for me to retire effective August 1st.

The work of the Improvement Authority is urgently needed—our children need schools and libraries, we need public safety buildings, and the unemployed and less unfortunate among us need institutions that provide a safety net, protect children from abuse, create employment opportunities and improve our quality of life. These projects have benefited tens of thousands and have been dear to my heart.

It is therefore equally important that the Improvement Authority no longer be subject to mistaken criticisms that can derail this progress for Union County.

As I look ahead, I believe there are other horizons, and challenges awaiting me.

Eighteen years ago I was elected as Union County Democratic Chairman. While Chairmen are never compensated financially, I have enjoyed my involvement in both my vocation, government and my avocation—politics. I have the greatest respect for the Democratic County Administration, which has accomplished so many great things for our residents.

With all this in mind, I have also made the decision to withdraw my name from re-nomination as the Union County Democratic Party Chairman in June. I do intend to remain politically active in my hometown of Hillside, where I have lived all my life.

In closing, I would like to express my heartfelt appreciation and thanks to the public for the opportunity to serve, as well as the many partners and people who have supported me in all endeavors of my career.