



**GARDEN STATE MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE FUND
MEETING MINUTES**

November 12th, 2014

The Hotel Woodbridge at Metro Park, Iselin NJ in the Sunset Room at 11:00am

MEETING OF THE GARDEN STATE MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE FUND CALLED TO ORDER AT 11:02 AM.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ACT STATEMENT READ INTO RECORD

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Jim Rodino
Chris Reid
Barbara Russo
Ted Ehrenburg
Lisa O'Neill
Chris Muraglia - Absent
Tim Dacey - Absent
Hilary Hyser
Theresa Casagrande
Eleanor McGovern
Peter Valesi - Absent
John DiStefano
Edward Forte - Absent
Lou Guarino
Paul Zarbetski - Absent
Scott Luthman
Quentin Wiest
Jeff Filiatreault
Michael Martello - Absent
Capt. Hannon
Greg Whitehead
Nancy Koblis
Russ Jones
Cesar Correa - Absent
Tim Stafford
Tim Quinn
Doug Marvin
Robert Lombard
Paula Cozzarelli
Frank Ruggiero - Absent
Joseph Wassel
Karen Caulfield
Mark Krane
Mike Matheis

APPROVAL OF MINUTES



MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF 10/22/14 MEETING

MOTION: Commr. Matheis
SECOND: Commr. Jones
ABSTAIN: Commr. Russo, Dacey, DiStefano, Wiest,

MEETING OF BOARD OF FUND COMMISSIONERS CALLED TO ORDER

▪ **ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS**

MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTIONS

- **Resolution 34-14 – Approving Certain Disbursements totaling \$199,043.64 and;**
- **Resolution 35-14 – Approving Claims Payments totaling \$2,155,181**

MOTION: Commr. Filiatreault
SECOND: Commr. Dacey
ABSTAIN:

VOTE: ROLL CALL

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Executive Director – NIP Group - E. Miller

- **Meeting Venues** – The Commissioners were asked to consider moving all monthly meetings to the Woodbridge Hilton for 2015.
- **Financial Fast Track** – Mr. Miller reported that there had been small surplus changes in the Fast Track result since last month, but the overall change was minimal at (\$4,798).
- **2015 Draft Assessment Budget** – Mr. Miller reviewed the draft 2015 assessment budget, citing an overall increase of 2.7%. The increase is largely driven by exposure increases – payrolls, property, vehicles, etc.
- **2015 Service Provider RFQ's** – All bids have been received and will be reviewed by the Executive Committee.
- **Prospects (J. Hall)** – Quotes have been released for Cinnaminson Township and Roxbury Township. Underwriting is in process for Freehold Borough, Borough of South River, Township of Teaneck, Vernon Township, and Vernon Township MUA. Belleville Township's submission has been closed out.
- **Renewals (J. Hall)** – All of the members' applications, save one ancillary application, are in. Excess Insurance negotiations are being finalized with aim to expand terms and conditions with minimal cost changes.

Wellness, Safety and EPL Training – A. Ven Graitis, VP of Risk Control – Wellness, EPL and Safety & Wendy Wiebalk Litigation Manager

- **Wellness Programs- A. Ven Graitis** – Wellness continues to be enthusiastically supported by members. The Wellness Committee has been formed and consists of 8 representatives from member municipalities, three risk managers, two representatives from NIP and a representative of PMA. A first meeting was already held and a new contest has been chosen: “What’s on your Plate?” This contest will focus on the USDA Food Plate guidelines where points will be awarded for healthy eating. Contest details will be provided shortly. The competition will start on November 24th and finish on January 1.
- **Police Professional Action plan - A. Ven Graitis** – The police action plan is in place and member police departments and administrators have been cooperative with supporting the initiative. Updates will be provided at future meetings.
- **Member Surveys – W. Wiebalk** - Wendy addressed the importance of the members taking the time to fill out their surveys and to provide copies of their handbooks and/or other EPL policies and procedures, so that all of the members can benefit from each other.



Claims Update – Robert Persico Vice President Claims

New Case Law Involving Parking Lot Accidents, Compensable or not? - R. Persico – Bob presented a summary of a worker’s compensation New Jersey Supreme Court case entitled Hersh vs. County of Morris. In this case the Supreme Court reversed the lower court’s ruling and found the case not compensable. The Court held; since the county did not control or maintain the garage where the employee had parked nor did the county control the street where the accident occurred the employee is not entitled to workers compensation benefits.

Treasurer’s Report – Patrick DeBlasio

- Mr. DeBlasio reviewed the monthly treasurer’s report and cash management account and advised that the Fund has met all outstanding obligations and its financial position is secure.

MOTION TO ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION, NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(B), TO DISCUSS PENDING OR ANTICIPATED LITIGATION (CLAIMS)

MOTION TO ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS CLAIMS

MOTION: Commr. Matheis
SECOND: Commr. Marvin
VOTE: Unanimous

ADJOURN TO PUBLIC SESSION

MOTION TO APPROVE CLAIMS

MOTION: Commr. Ehrenburg
SECOND: Commr. Marvin
VOTE: Unanimous

Claims:

Township of Morris WC Claim- Granted Settlement Authority
Town of Harrison – WC Claim – Granted Settlement
Township of Hamilton – LEL Claim – Granted Settlement
Montclair Township – WC Claim – Granted Settlement
Montclair Township – WC Claim – Granted Settlement
Borough of North Plainfield – WC Claim – Grated Settlement
Borough of North Plainfield – WC Claim – Granted Settlement
Berkeley Township – LEL Claim – Granted Settlement



MOTION: Commr. Dacey
SECOND: Commr. Cozzarelli

NEW BUSINESS

OPEN FORUM

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Commissioner Rodino made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:55PM and Commissioner Stinchcomb seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Prepared by E. Miller.

Earl Miller

James Rodino

ALSO PRESENT:

Earl Miller – NIP
Madeline Delgado – NIP
Steve Edwards – BGIA
Robert Persico – NIP
James Renner – NIP
Jonathan Hall – NIP
Anthony Ven Graitis – NIP
Robert Smith – NIP
Wendy Wiebalk – NIP
Brian Erlandsen – BGIA
George Crosby - BGIA
Francis Kelly – BGIA
Patrick DeBlasio – Treasurer
Michael O’Connell – PQA
Walt Reibrich – PMA
Fred Arnold – Caldwell
Sonia Brown – North Brunswick
Sanders Reynoso – Strategic Insurance Partners
John Geaney – Capehart
Charles Casagrande – Danskin
David Balken – Balken Risk
Dom Cinelli – Brown & Brown Metro
Judith Cannon – Qual-Lynx
LaTonya Jackson – GR Murray
Ken Child – PMAMC
David Weightman – PMAMC
Ilene Laursen – CS & Buckelew



Ray Vaughn – AGA
Mike Lovett – Warren Township
Glenn Jacobs – Fairview Insurance
Larry Graham – Fairview Insurance
Gregory Whitehead – Lawrence Township