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AGENDA

LOCAL FINANCE BOARD

DATE: Wednesday, July 16, 2014

LOCATION: Department of Community Affairs
Conference Room #129/235A
101 South Broad Street
Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0803

TIME: 9:00 AM

- I. Roll Call
- II. Certification of Public Notice
- III. Local Finance Board
State - NJSA 40A:9-22.1 et seq.
Local Government Ethics Law
- IV. Applications:

****THE FOLLOWING TWO (2) APPLICATIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED ON CONSENT AGENDA****

10:00 AM #1 North Wildwood City
Cape May - NJSA 58:11B-9(a)
\$10,500,000 Proposed Environmental Infrastructure Trust Loan Program

NJSA 40A:2-26(e)
\$10,500,000 Proposed Non-Conforming Maturity Schedule

NJSA 40A:2-11(c)
\$10,500,000 Proposed Waiver of Down Payment

#2 Pequannock River Basin Regional Sewerage Authority
Passaic - NJSA 58:11B-9(a)
\$2,700,000 Proposed Environmental Infrastructure Trust Loan Program

NJSA 40A:5A-6
\$2,700,000 Proposed Project Financing

10:05 AM Bogota Borough
(CAP Waiver)
Bergen - NJSA 40A:4-45.3(dd)
\$339,665 Proposed Sale of Assets



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MONTHLY MEETING AGENDA *
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Conference Room No. 129
101 South Broad Street
Trenton, New Jersey
Wednesday, July 16, 2014

TIME: 10:00 a.m.

B E F O R E: THOMAS NEFF-CHAIRMAN
IDIDA RODRIGUEZ-MEMBER
JAMIE FOX-MEMBER
TED LIGHT-MEMBER
FRANCIS BLEE-MEMBER

ALSO PRESENT:
PATRICIA MC NAMARA-EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
EMMA SALAY-DEPUTY EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

A P P E A R A N C E S:

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1 (Transcript of proceedings, July 16, 2014,
2 commencing at 10:29 a.m.)

3 MR. NEFF: All right. We're going
4 to get this meeting started. We have two items on
5 consent, North Wildwood City, \$10,500,000 Proposed
6 Environmental Infrastructure Trust Loan Program,
7 nonconforming maturity schedule and proposed
8 waiver of down payment.

9 Pequanock River Basin Regional
10 Sewerage Authority, \$2.7 million EIT Loan Program
11 and proposed project financing. Take a motion on
12 those two. I'll move it.

13 MR. LIGHT: I'll second it.

14 MR. NEFF: Roll call.

15 MS. MC NAMARA: Mr. Neff?

16 MR. NEFF: Yes.

17 MS. MC NAMARA: Mr. Blee?

18 Mr. BLEE: Yes.

19 MS. MC NAMARA: Mr. Fox?

20 MR. FOX: Yes.

21 MS. MC NAMARA: Mr. Light?

22 MR. LIGHT: Yes.

23 MR. NEFF: Next up is Bogota.

24 They had requested an approximately \$340,000
25 appropriation and cap waiver.

1 (Frank Di Maria, being first
2 duly sworn according to law by the Notary.)

3 MR. DI MARIA: Frank Di Maria,
4 D-i M-a-r-i-a, chief financial officer.

5 Good morning. We're back for
6 hopefully what will be the final step in this
7 process of Bogota going forward. The update since
8 our last meeting is that the cap waiver has been
9 reduced from \$340,000 down to \$200,000.

10 There is \$340,000 available in
11 cash to fund the \$200,000, so that there is no
12 question. The balance of that was moved in cap.
13 The budget is currently poised to be amended to
14 reflect the appropriation cap at the within --at
15 the maximum level within cap and also the levy cap
16 at the maximum level within cap. So that's where
17 we are.

18 MR. NEFF: Okay. For the record,
19 last month the town came before the Board in the
20 context of the application for a waiver for the
21 appropriation cap to exceed it. It was brought to
22 our attention that the municipality knowing it had
23 cap issues, went ahead and gave the police there a
24 step increase that they weren't otherwise entitled
25 to because the contract had expired. So they

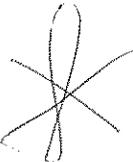
1 deliberately made a bad problem worse.



2 There is a fair amount of
3 litigation which seems frivolous or inappropriate
4 and avoidable in town, which is continuing to go
5 on.



6 We had asked the municipality to
7 come back to us with a plan for what are they
8 going to do to control spending so they don't need
9 a waiver cap, to the extent they can. We had
10 received, I think, a one page list of the things
11 that the municipality was doing to try and now
12 control costs.



13 It is unfortunate that they
14 didn't do them earlier like other municipalities
15 do. But they are going to eliminate the Mayor and
16 Council's salary and wages. They are going to
17 institute a one day per week furlough for nonunion
18 white color administrative personnel. Their CFO is
19 going to assume tasks previously outsourced to the
20 auditor, the AFS, the ADS, that shouldn't have
21 been outsourced in the first place. But the ADS
22 budget, the SDS appropriation, they are going to
23 eliminate the seasonal DPW workers. They are going
24 to eliminate the senior bus driver, eliminate the
25 municipal building cleaning service. They are

1 going to have their public works department clean
2 their building instead.

3 They are going to eliminate a
4 property maintenance position and eliminate
5 non-contractual employee benefits for life
6 insurance, which saves \$100,000 this year and
7 \$150,000 next year. I'm sorry, it saves \$100,000
8 in 2014 and \$153,000 in 2015.

9 , And I just personally really
10 want to vote no on this, the whole thing, just
11 because I think it is offensive. Bogota
12 essentially created their own problems and they
13 came to this Board thinking that we'll back them
14 into a corner and they'll have to approve it and
15 they'll just approve it.

16 So I'm glad that the request is
17 now down to \$200,000. But I think there is
18 probably room to find some more. So my
19 recommendation is going to be that the cap waiver
20 be approved, the \$175,000. The municipality can go
21 figure out how to come up with another \$25,000.

22 And we would condition that on
23 the municipality coming under the same oversight
24 provisions with respect to transitional aid, as
25 applied to personnel.

1 So that the municipality would
2 need the approval of the Division for any hires,
3 promotions or raises. They would also need to
4 consult with the Division at least ten days prior
5 to executing a collective bargaining agreement.

6 They would have to give us a
7 copy of what the draft agreement is, have some
8 feedback from us. Part of the reason for that is,
9 we noticed that in addition to just giving away
10 increases, that are not contractually required,
11 there is \$155,000 a year police chief in town that
12 I think has fourteen police or something like
13 that. Their Sergeants are paid \$130,000. When
14 they get overtime they are up to \$150,000 a year.

15 It is my understanding that the
16 Mayor has assigned himself an SUV as the OEM
17 coordinator, which is a rather expensive SUV. It
18 is not your typical SUV.

19 It just seems like there
20 continues to be opportunities for savings there.
21 So I don't want to go on and on ad nauseum. If
22 there is anybody else that has questions or
23 comments, I'll open it up, but I'm not supporting
24 anything that--the max I'm supporting is \$175,000
25 with the conditions that we just spoke about.

1 wouldn't be inclined to vote for something like
2 that either.

3 MR. FOX: My hearing is there is
4 a consensus on the \$175,000 you are proposing,
5 Ted?

6 MR. BLEE: Second.

7 MR. NEFF: There is a motion and
8 second.

9 MR. LIGHT: No, no, that's fine.

10 MR. NEFF: You made it, you
11 second it.

12 MR. FOX: It doesn't matter.

13 MR. LIGHT: Okay, I second it.

14 MR. NEFF: Take a roll call.

15 MS. MC NAMARA: Mr. Neff?

16 MR. NEFF: Yes.

17 MS. MC NAMARA: Ms. Rodriguez?

18 MS. RODRIGUEZ: Abstained.

19 MS. MC NAMARA: Mr. Blee?

20 MR. BLEE: Yes.

21 MS. MC NAMARA: Mr. Fox?

22 MR. FOX: Yes.

23 MS. MC NAMARA: Mr. Light?

24 MR. LIGHT: Yes.

25 Belleville Township, refunding