

PASSAIC VALLEY WATER COMMISSION MEETING OF
DECEMBER 16, 2009
(CLOSED SESSION)

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ROBERT L. VANNOY, Secretary
RIGO SANCHEZ
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GEORGE T. HANLEY, Counsel
JAMES G. DUPREY, Director of Engineering
JAMES J. GALLAGHER, Personnel Director
YITZ WEISS, Comptroller
LOUIS AMODIO, Administrative Secretary

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PRESIDENT GRUBIN: These are one of the items we had in the finance meeting, as well. Interlocal Government Service Agreement we're going to be sharing our reservoir with the City of Newark.

Mr. Bella, you want to give us a quick description?

MR. BELLA: Basically, this is so that they can investigate their covering of their reservoir and they would float their distributions, or part of their distribution system off of our reservoir.

We've done it in the past. They're going to be doing some repairs over the next year in anticipation of doing work, doing the covering of the reservoirs or building of the tanks in the

existing reservoir. And mainly, this agreement covers us doing that.

PRESIDENT GRUBIN: Just to summarize. It's a reciprocal agreement, when we do our reservoir covers, they will also help us by supplying us with their reservoirs to backup our system.

The other things which we discussed, any costs incurred in transferring of the water system will be paid for by Newark, not by us. So valves, everything else.

The one thing the finance committee also suggested, since we had this wonderful relationship with Newark at this point in time, we should discuss some business opportunities that will greatly enhance the bottom line of the Commission.

Years back, Mr. Bella and his associates developed a billing system for the City of Newark, which wasn't acted upon and this would be a great revenue enhancement and no real cost to us.

So I ask Mr. Hanley and Mr. Bella to reach out at this point in time with the City of Newark and see if we could have some sort of dialogue regarding a possibility of pulling into this

billing with Newark. We've done all the background.

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MR. HANLEY: I think Joe and I made inquiries about that for quite awhile. It was a couple of years ago, but I guess the point here is I don't think it's appropriate to use this opportunity as leverage for that.

PRESIDENT GRUBIN: Not leverage, it's basically imperator. We're visiting them. There's a new administration in place. They have severe problems in their billing. We're offering them an additional inducement to work with us closer.

COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: I think you can talk to Michelle Thomas about that.

COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: And Yitz indicated that he feels this is one area we can grow the business and this would be a wonderful test case for us. We're familiar with them and if it works well with Newark, we can market it in other towns.

COMMISSIONER LEVINE: Who's the contact?

COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: Michelle Thomas.

COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: They may not be interested, but it's going to be cost effective

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for them to give us a chance to do a test case if we're serious.

MR. AMODIO: Anything further?

PRESIDENT GRUBIN: That's it.

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