

Special Meeting of Sanitary District No. 2
Held at the Office of the District
2080 Grand Avenue, Baldwin, New York
Friday Afternoon, September 14, 2012

Present: Commissioners Cools, Meekins, O'Connor, Brown, Roberts, Secretary to the Board Wiedmann, General Supervisor Eckels. Labor Counsel John Morgan, General Counsel Rosenstock. and Treasurer DiFiore were excused.

Guest(s): Brandon Atkins, Deborah Blair, Michael Brawley, Jesse Brown, Joseph Brown, Benjamin Cannon Jr., Richard Carman, Conna M. Casazza, Ben Cassello, Jean N. Castelli, Vincent Castelli, John Cava, Eileen Cerny, Sean Cleary, James Dionisio, Nick Dionisio, John Durham, Frank Esposito, John Fennelly, Carl Geiger, Donald Grissett, Daniel Hansen, Christopher Hambrite, Richard Harwood, James Hickson, Jarel Hoskins, Jody Hoskins, Brian Issac, Leon Johnson, Edward James, John Laibach, Laura Mallay, Pat Marinelli, William Marmo, Steven Morelli, Wayne Nelson, Kyle Neumann, Sean O'Connor, Robert Oliveri, Tywan Pearson, Mike Pereda, John Puglisi, John Puglisi Jr., Joseph Puglisi, Robert Quackenbush, Donnell Raye, Jeff Rossbach, Kerry Schwenker, Chris Seman, Ron Silano, Chris Smith, Leo Smith, Alfred T. Taylor, Daniel Tortora, RaShmee Webb, Ronald Werth, Vernon Williams, Joseph Yanantuano

Chairman Meekins called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

Secretary to the Board Wiedmann announced that the purpose of this meeting was to schedule a date for the referendum to vote on the dissolution and termination of Sanitary District No. 2.

Commissioner Cools stated the following, the Town of Hempstead has informed us that they have received the required number of signatures demanding a special election pursuant to New York State General Municipal Law Article 17-A. I believe the Town of Hempstead failed in their obligation to perform do diligence in verifying the veracity of these petitions.

I offer this resolution to set a date of December 12, 2012 for the purpose of holding a special election in accordance with the provisions set forth in the New York State General Municipal Law Article 17-A.

I am offering this resolution because the law requires us to do so. However, I do so reluctantly, not because I am against democracy and the people's right to choose, quite the contrary, but rather because of the way this process has unfolded.

We know that many of the people who signed these petitions were misinformed or in many cases out and out lied too. There are indications that some of these petitions are fraudulent.

Certainly when this law was enacted, its intent was to give people a chance to vote on an issue based on facts, not on falsehoods and misinformation. Based upon the affidavits we have been provided in the pending litigation, it appears the deceit and misrepresentation perpetuated by the supporters of the petitions may have been willful.

This election, for the dissolution and termination of Sanitary District No. 2, if successful, will cause the loss of employment for 70 dedicated full time employees and 15 part time employees. It will result in a reduction of services and a loss of local control and will likely increase costs to our residents.

I believe that when the constituency is informed of the facts, the referendum will fail and Sanitary District No 2 shall move forward to continue to provide the highest level of service to our constituents.

Chairman Meekins polled the Board, on a motion by Commissioner Cools, seconded by Commissioner Brown and all in favor to set the referendum date for vote to dissolve and terminate Sanitary District No. 2 for December 12, 2012.

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A motion was made by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Roberts and carried that this meeting be adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

ATTEST:



Douglas Wiedmann, Secretary to the Board