

## **North Jersey NIGP Chapter #7**

*Chartered October 26, 1977*

**President:** *Maria J. Rivera*

**Treasurer/Membership:** *Denise Piskowski*

**Vice President:** *Kevin O'Keefe*

**Secretary:** *Maria E. Valente-Caemmerer*

### **Minutes Regular Meeting December 14, 2023**

The meeting was called to order at 10:09 am by Outgoing President James Jorgensen. After the flag salute, a moment of silence was observed.

Denise Piskowski/ Treasurer, stated that she had forgot about today's meeting and didn't have a report. Denise will have a report at the next quarterly meeting. For 2024 meeting paid up member cost is included in annual dues.

#### **Guest Speakers**

**Peter A. Basso, Director, Office of Strategic Enforcement & Compliance (OSEC) N.J. Department of Labor & Workforce Development. Bruce Yeboah, Program Manager, Office of Strategic Enforcement & Compliance at (OSEC) N.J. Department of Labor.**

Mr. Basso and Mr. Yeboah gave our members a presentation on understanding the WALL (Workplace Accountability in Labor List) and the Prohibition on Public Contracting Mr. Basso gave NIGP Chapter 7 members the website and phone number to get updates on the "Wall" NJDOL's office. The Wall is a workplace accountability List. The wall went live in September 2023. They discussed how there are 82 business on the wall list. If the business is on the list Government. Agencies cannot be award a public Contract. The business stay on the list until the fees are paid up and if they don't clear up their fee than the business will be debarred cannot do business in NJ until all fees are paid with the NJ Treasure. QPA's must look in the debarment list and also the Wall list for any business /contactors that may be on it. The NJ Prevailing Wage debarment list has 103 Contractors. QPA's is advised to check this list enough. The Treasure is hosting these agencies the Labor Department and the Wall.

Followed by a Q&A on the Compliance and the Wall List verse timing of awarding a Contract.

Links to the State of New Jersey Office of Strategic Enforcement & Compliance (OSEC) can be found on the NIGP Chapter 7 website. As per outgoing President James Jorgensen. This slide presentation will be on the Chapter 7 NIGP Website (as of this publishing the slide deck is posted online).

Outgoing President Jim Jorgen said that Ms. Olga Chaban from Rutgers center for Government Services gave him the dates for the 2024 Public Purchasing Form will be Joint with the GPANJ at the Atlantic City Tropicana Casino Hotel and it will be held on April 23,24,25 of 2024.

### **OLD BUSINESS-**

President Jim Jorgensen presented the 2024-2025 officers that was vote and appointed of this NIGP Chapter 7 for 2024-2025 calendar year.

2024 President Maria J. Rivera, QPA, from the City of Perth Amboy.

2024 Vic-President, Kevin O'Keefe, QPA, from the Borough of Madison.

2024 Treasure/Membership, Denise Piszowski, QPA, from the Township of Branchburg.

2024 Secretary, Maria E. Valente-Caemmerer, QPA, from the Township of Piscataway.

Members to Executive Board for 2024.

Ms. Elizabeth Crescibene, QPA, from Township of Randolph

Francis Decibus, QPA, from Bernard's Township

Karen Sullivan, QPA, Township of Livingston

Mark Krane, QPA, Warren Township

This venue Somerville Elks Lodge to continue for 2024 Chapter 7 NIGP meetings.

A recommendation to increase Guest amount to \$30.00. A motion was taken and all yes.

**NEW BUSINESS** – President Maria River Executive board to discuss the next meeting dates to be determined by the board and it would be held at the Somerville Elks Lodge 1068, 375 Union Ave, Bridgewater, NJ 08807.

Outgoing President Jim Jorgensen advised all the members to reply to the Treasurer Denise Piszowski by the due date & time on the form if they would like to attend the NIGP Chapter 7 quarterly meeting. Because she needs head count for seating and lunch. The 2024 member form would be in the website in January 2024. Than to be filled out and mailed with your check to the Treasure Denise Piszowski in Branchburg.

President Maria Rivera, thank Jim for his 12 years of services & dedication to our Chapter 7 NIGP association and looking forward working with all the board members. President Maria Rivera said she welcome any fee back from all of the Chapter 7 NIGP members. President Maria Rivera thanked all of NIGP Chapter 7 board members for helping out and keeping this association going strong.

### **Closing comments**

Outgoing President Jim Jorgensen said our E-mail [president@chapter7nigp.org](mailto:president@chapter7nigp.org) and website will change after the December meeting. Outgoing Jim Jorgensen thanked Francis for recommending the Somerville Elks to hold our meeting with excellent food and hospitality. This meeting was a great turn out. Outgoing President Jim Jorgensen and our President Maria Rivera also thanked our guest speakers Peter A. Basso and Bruce Yeboah from the Office of Strategic, Enforcement & Compliance (OSEC) State of NJ with a great presentation topic ‘THE WALL’.

Outgoing President Jim Jorgensen also said he can be reached by E-mail [JJJ@jor-ent.com](mailto:JJJ@jor-ent.com) but he is now retired and going on his new adventures. He will always be here for NIGP Chapter 7. The outgoing president thanked everyone for attending and wished the new President Maria J. Rivera and the board members much luck in 2024.

There was a 1st & 2<sup>nd</sup> motion to adjourn the meeting and it was taken and meeting was adjourned at or about 12:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maria E. Valente-Caemmerer

Secretary