

**North Jersey NIGP Chapter #7**

*Chartered October 26, 1977*

**President:** *James Jorgensen*

**Treasurer/Membership:** *Denise Piszkowski*

**Vice President:** *Apryl L. Roach*

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

**Minutes  
Regular Meeting  
June 8, 2023**

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am by President James Jorgensen. After the flag salute, a moment of silence was observed.

Denise Piszkowski/ Treasurer provided the Treasurer report and stated that the association has 78 paid members thus far and a balance of \$19,693.93. NIGP pins were purchased and will be handed out at the next forum. Secretary had not submitted minutes for the previous meeting (held March 16, 2023).

Motions were introduced to accept the Treasurer's report. The motions were approved.

**Guest Speakers**

**Michelle Mead, MPA, QPA, Purchasing & Procurement Specialist State of New Jersey  
DCA-Division of Local Government Services**

Discussion about Public Agency Guidelines/Discussion about upcoming and recently issued LFN and Local Entity concerns regarding the Russia-Belarus-Iran Certification requirements in Public Contracts followed by a Q&A on requirements.

Ms. Mead had a slid presentation that she was going to send it to Jim Jordan to insert it in our NIGP website for guidance. Ms. Mead went through the presentation regarding the Russia-Belarus Certification. For the Federal Government the Russia-Belarus-Iran Certification does Not apply. Does not apply to Share Services agreements. The law is in full affect .This law does apply and it required by law for all Local Public Government Agencies, NJ State for all Goods & Services Contracts, and Contracts extensions.

Links to the State of New Jersey DCA-Division of Local Government Services office can be found on the Chapter 7 NIGP website, per President James Jorgensen.

**Olga Chaban, Senior Coordinator- Professional Continuing Education and Training- Rutgers University-Center for Government Service**

Ms. Chaban advised that the 2023 Public Purchasing forum that took place on May 2<sup>nd</sup> through to May 4<sup>th</sup>, at the Golden Nugget in Atlantic City and it was a Success. Ms. Chaban informed this NIGP Chapter 7 members; that 2023- Rutgers Spring Form had 240 attendees and 30 vendors. Ms. Chaban thanked everyone that helped with the Rutgers Spring Purchasing Conference. Ms. Chaban also announced that 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. Ms. Chaban also talked about some of the current seminars for PP1, PP2, PP3 for the summer sessions is now live online @ the Rutgers Continuing Education website. The information was well received.

**OLD BUSINESS-** Former NIGP Chapter 7 Secretary Simona Casian-Sirbu has opted not to rejoin the association and as such is in need of a replacement. A vote to accept a Volunteer or nominee was required. There were (2) members for nomination Maria Rivera from the City of Perth Amboy and Maria E. Valente-Caemmerer, From the Township of Piscataway. Maria E. Valente-Caemmerer accepted the position for the Secretary. It was an emergency appointment at this meeting 6/8/2023.

Review Bylaws-A Retired member may not be president of the NIGP Chapter 7 a vote will be needed to be done at the September meeting to nomination, vote and appoint a member of this NIGP chapter to be President of this NIGP Chapter 7 for 2024 calendar year. President Jim Jorgensen to send a revised-NNJ-NIGP BYLAWS by E-mail. The bylaws have been revised to account for National requirements regarding retirees and office held. All members received a revised copy on June 21, 2023 by E-mail to review and vote & adopt on the September meeting.

The bylaws was tabled for to be revised – Topic- President not in bylaws it will need to be amended.

**NEW BUSINESS** – next meeting would be held at the Trade Wins on the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of September, 2023 to Vote on the new 2024 President of the NIGP Chapter 7.

To vote and adopt the Revised Bylaws-to account for National requirements regarding retirees and office held.

President Jim Jorgensen advise all the members to reply to the Treasure 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.

**Closing comments**

President Jim Jorgensen also thanked Trade Wins Restaurant for the excellent food and hospitality and that it was a great turn out at this meeting. The president thanked everyone for attending.

There was a 1st & 2<sup>nd</sup> motion to adjourn the meeting and it was taken and meeting was adjourned at or about 11:28 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maria E. Valente-Caemmerer

Secretary