

1 THE HOUSING AUTHORITY
2 OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD
3 BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

4 Monday, October 17, 2016
5 Commencing at 6:15 p.m.

6 COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

7 EDWARD J. DABAL, CHAIRMAN

8 MARIE BARCKETT

9 RICHARD GIACOMARRO

10 NOEL QUILES

11 EDWARD PUZIO

12 ROSEMARIE RIBAUDO

13 JUDITH SUSINO

14
15 ALSO PRESENT:

16 MARTIN P. GEISLER, ESQ.
17 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

18 COLLEEN DAY
19 ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

20 MICHAEL P. DE MARCO, ESQ.
21 HOUSING AUTHORITY ATTORNEY

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2 meeting has been provided at least 48 hours in advance
3 by publication in The Record and by posting a notice of
4 this meeting on the community bulletin board at the
5 Garfield Housing Authority and Garfield City Hall.

6 MR. GEISLER: Roll call for the regular
7 meeting held on October 17, 2016.

8 MR. PUZIO: Here.

9 MS. RIBAUDO: Here.

10 MS. SUSINO: Here.

11 MR. QUILES: Here.

12 MS. BARCKETT: Here.

13 MR. GIACOMARRO: Here.

14 CHAIRMAN DABAL: Here.

15 (All rise for the recitation of the Pledge of
16 Allegiance.)

17 MR. GEISLER: Approval of the minutes from
18 the transcript of the caucus and regular meeting held
19 on September 19, 2016. Do we have a motion?

20 CHAIRMAN DABAL: Make the motion.

21 MS. RIBAUDO: I'll second.

22 MR. PUZIO: Yes.

23 MS. RIBAUDO: Yes.

24 MS. SUSINO: Yes.

25 MR. QUILES: Yes.

1 MS. BARCKETT: Excused or be sustained. I
2 wasn't here.

3 MR. GIACOMARRO: Yes.

4 CHAIRMAN DABAL: Yes.

5 MS. DAY: Mr. DeMarco, if I want to make a
6 comment that was recorded in here last month, can I do
7 it now or --

8 MR. DE MARCO: At the public portion.

9 MR. GEISLER: Bills for payment. Bills
10 presented for payment October 17, 2016, for a total
11 amount of \$92,983.59. Do we have a motion?

12 MR. QUILES: I'll make the motion.

13 MS. RIBAUDO: I'll second.

14 MR. PUZIO: I abstain on check number 17061.
15 17061. Aye on the rest.

16 MS. RIBAUDO: Yes.

17 MS. SUSINO: Yes.

18 MR. QUILES: Yes.

19 MS. BARCKETT: Yes.

20 MR. GIACOMARRO: I abstain. I have not been
21 able to reach Mr. Katchen yet. I will.

22 CHAIRMAN DABAL: Commissioner Dabal abstains
23 on check number 17096 and check number 3026. Yes on
24 the rest.

25 MR. GEISLER: Okay. Do we have any -- that's

1 it.

2 Do we have any Commissioner comment?

3 Any public comment?

4 MS. DAY: Yes. I have a comment. I would
5 like to address the bills that Mr. Giacomarro keeps
6 saying he wants -- he gets an explanation of the bills,
7 that he knows every bill in the board of ed. Well, I
8 did my own research, because he hasn't brought it in.
9 And I can't believe they would have an explanation next
10 to every bill.

11 What he's looking at is the description of
12 the line accounts. In accounting, I don't know if
13 anybody has books, you have accounting line items and
14 line item descriptions. He's getting a line item
15 description. That's a very general, broad description
16 of what bills are put in there. So in any one line
17 item, you can have 20 different vendors with very
18 different things that -- services that they provided or
19 things that you bought from these companies can be in
20 the same line item. It gives you no definition of what
21 it is.

22 He wrote in the -- well, he spoke it in the
23 meeting. He said, "I can't imagine giving away 170,000
24 not knowing what the hell I'm giving it away for."

25 MR. GIACOMARRO: That's right.

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1 MS. DAY: Well, the board of ed was over
2 \$3 million.

3 MR. GIACOMARRO: And every item had an
4 explanation of what it was.

5 MS. DAY: No, there wasn't.

6 MR. GIACOMARRO: Do you have a copy of it
7 there?

8 MS. DAY: Yes, I have the copies of it. It's
9 a line item description. It's not -- here.

10 MS. BARCKETT: It's not detailed.

11 MS. DAY: It's not detailed.

12 MR. GIACOMARRO: Of course, it can't be
13 detailed. I mean, you have a line. You don't have a
14 page.

15 MS. DAY: Well, listen, this is it. Purchase
16 technical services. That was the description. I'll
17 give you the vendors that were there. Go Pro Waste.
18 Alliance Commercial Pest Control. Atlantic Coast
19 Fibers for 1950. Old Colony Group, \$4100. This is
20 under purchase technical services.

21 What is it? What did they buy? What did
22 they get for that money?

23 MR. GIACOMARRO: I don't recall.

24 MS. DAY: I know you don't, because it's not
25 for you -- that line item is a description of the

1 accounting codes. It's not a description of the
2 invoice.

3 MS. BARCKETT: Okay. My question to you
4 would be, well, can't he do that then, put what the
5 line item is?

6 MS. DAY: Yes, we have line item codes.
7 Everybody has accounting --

8 MS. BARCKETT: When we get the bill list.

9 MS. DAY: We couldn't get it on there with a
10 check -- no, not with a check number. The only way we
11 can pull it up is through our cash disbursements, but
12 it only shows you the numbers. You would have to have
13 our list, and then you would have to check --

14 MS. BARCKETT: I'm not doing that.

15 MS. DAY: -- the chart of accounts. Listen,
16 3 million -- three and a half million dollars is our
17 yearly expenditures.

18 MS. BARCKETT: Yes.

19 MS. DAY: This is one month.

20 MS. BARCKETT: In all fairness, I know what
21 Richie means, because when I look at it too --

22 MS. DAY: Marie, when you got a question, you
23 look up that one bill.

24 MS. BARCKETT: Yes, right. Well, sometimes I
25 do look at the bills. I don't know if they're all

1 there, though.

2 MS. DAY: They're all there. You just need
3 to look at the one -- listen, there is -- as I was
4 going through the board of ed list, there is half a
5 dozen of them that we use; Go Pro Waste Services,
6 Budget Blinds, Modern Printing, Budget Signs, W.B.
7 Mason, Ace Lock, Madison Plumbing Supply, Staples,
8 Spectrotel, PSE&G, Delta Dental. They're the same
9 vendors we have here. You know them over there, but
10 when you come here you don't know them.

11 MR. GIACOMARRO: I didn't say I didn't know
12 the vendor. I don't know what they did.

13 MS. DAY: You said you didn't know not a one
14 last month. You -- it's right in the minutes. I --
15 you didn't know any of them. Is that not correct?

16 MR. GIACOMARRO: Isn't that stupid? I didn't
17 know any of them? I didn't know Public Service --

18 MS. DAY: Mr. Giacomarro, every one of them.

19 MR. GIACOMARRO: What does it say?

20 MS. DAY: You didn't know -- you wanted to
21 know about every one of them. Read your minutes.

22 MR. GIACOMARRO: I wanted to know what they
23 were for.

24 MS. DAY: Don't talk like that.

25 MR. GIACOMARRO: Don't talk like what?

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1 MS. DAY: Like you're talking to an imbecile
2 that you have to talk like that. You did that
3 yesterday. And you had no business being in there.
4 Now let's stop it right there.

5 MR. GIACOMARRO: No, we won't stop it right
6 there.

7 MS. DAY: Oh, yes, we will.

8 MR. GIACOMARRO: Am I entitled -- am I
9 allowed to go in the office?

10 MS. DAY: Not if nobody's in there.

11 MR. GEISLER: Listen, I'm not taking affront
12 to it, Rich, but when nobody's in the office and you
13 come in and you're walking around --

14 MR. GIACOMARRO: No, no. I had a meeting
15 with you in your office.

16 MR. GEISLER: Yes, but I wasn't there.

17 MS. DAY: I asked him to have a seat.

18 MR. GEISLER: Listen to me. You're a
19 commissioner --

20 MS. DAY: I asked him to have a seat, and he
21 said, where's the lights? I said, excuse me?

22 MR. GIACOMARRO: No, no. In the waiting
23 room.

24 MS. DAY: I told you have a seat.

25 MR. GEISLER: Whatever you want to do.

1 That's your business, but I --

2 MS. DAY: And he turned around and he said
3 where are the lights?

4 MR. GIACOMARRO: What was that?

5 MS. DAY: Never mind. You know what you
6 said.

7 MR. GIACOMARRO: No, I didn't.

8 MS. DAY: All I'm saying is, you don't know
9 what you're doing in the board of ed no more than you
10 know what you're doing here.

11 MR. GIACOMARRO: No, no, you're the genius.

12 MS. DAY: Yeah. I just want that for the
13 record, because you don't know if it went to his house
14 neither.

15 MR. GIACOMARRO: What was that? Are you
16 talking to me?

17 MR. GEISLER: Listen, this is the problem.
18 You want to know what the problem is that you're
19 barking at a little bit? You said some things on the
20 record that weren't really proper, and it was --

21 MR. GIACOMARRO: What did I say?

22 MR. GEISLER: It was downright -- I got to
23 tell you, it was downright -- that maybe the bills went
24 to somebody's house. It goes on the record, it goes on
25 a public record, and it goes on a website and

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1 everything else. And it was an ignorant thing to say.
2 That's what it was.

3 MR. GIACOMARRO: Jesus Christ. You believe
4 that kind of stupidity?

5 MR. GEISLER: Do you know how many calls we
6 got over it, Rich? Do you know how many calls we got
7 over it?

8 MR. GIACOMARRO: God Almighty. Where were
9 you in them days?

10 MS. DAY: Yeah.

11 MR. GIACOMARRO: Yup, you're right.

12 MR. GEISLER: All right. Motion to adjourn?

13 MR. PUZIO: I'll make it.

14 MS. BARCKETT: I'll second.

15 MR. PUZIO: Yes.

16 MS. RIBAUDO: Yes.

17 MS. SUSINO: Yes.

18 MR. QUILES: Yes.

19 MS. BARCKETT: Yes.

20 MR. GIACOMARRO: Yes.

21 CHAIRMAN DABAL: Yes.

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