

**NORTHERN NEW JERSEY NIGP
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING – DECEMBER 8, 2016
THE IMPERIA CONFERENCE CENTER, SOMERSET NEW JERSEY**

The meeting was called to order at 10:01 A.M. by President James Jorgenson. After the flag salute, a moment of silence was observed. New guests were welcomed and self-introductions were made by the attendees.

There was a joint motion to approve both the Treasurers Report (Beginning Balance \$8,305.30, Ending Balance \$6,417.55 a/o 11/31/16) and the previous meeting's minutes which had been posted to the website. The motion was approved.

GUEST SPEAKERS

Shannon Hudak, DCA/DLGS, scheduled to be a guest speaker, was not able to attend the meeting. Credits (CEU's) will still be applied.

Kathleen Cupano, Rutgers Center for Government Services

It was reported that although registration is down by 13% in the overall Purchasing Course enrollment, it is up by 6% in Purchasing 1, 2 & 3 classes. The downturn in the Green Purchasing course enrollment has skewed the numbers.

The dates for the Annual Public Purchasing Forum are May 3rd & 4th. On the day before the conference, May 2nd, an Advanced Green Purchasing Course will be held. The keynote speaker will be Bridget Callahan Harris, a Professor at Montclair State and a news and radio commentator. Other speakers and topics will include: Lori Buckelew, Legislative Update & Shout Out, Ethics and Leadership with Judy Young and an overview of NJ Start.

Hotel room rates are \$74 per night.

James J. Jorgensen, OPA, CCPO

Presented an update on the status of several bills in the Legislature and the position of the Purchasing Professional Associations as to their value:

S661/A1497: Revises public contract set aside program, increases the goals & imposes enforcement provisions & penalties. Will require more administration/staff.

S693/A1730: Design/Build Construction Services Procurement Act. Opposed

S7281/A1118: Makes pay to play, prevailing wage & bid threshold equivalent

S1592: Permits counties to establish a county wide purchasing system for custodial or food services. Mandates participation, for 5 counties only, Union driven.

A111: Establishes set aside program for former prisoners.

A1947: Concerns awarding contracts to local start ups. What is the definition of a "startup" & how long is a company considered a startup. Opposed-does away with public bidding & will cost more.

A2026: Would have to credit contractor with interest earned.

A2139: Requires the State Treasury to follow usual procurement process before entering into Cooperative agreements.

A220/S1729: Permits electronic bidding by local units

A2250: Eliminates the exemption to public advertising/bidding for insurance coverage & consulting services.

A2886: Allows purchase of gasoline from local service stations as opposed to fueling at municipally run fueling stations.

A3485: Can disqualify a bidder if any public entity had a prior negative experience with them. State to maintain a database.

A3997: Amends major provisions of LPCL. Good intent. Committee will meet with legislators. Not enough details.

A4021: Same concept as A3485 but goes further back in time with prior negative experience (10 years).

A4022: Permits local contracting units to disqualify bidders for creating conflicts of interest with respect to prior contracts.

The following were signed into law subsequent to May 2016:

A3851: EFT technologies implemented in lieu of paper methods for payment of claims.

S1180: Concerns telephone service contracts for inmates in state & county correctional facilities. Must have prepaid or collect call system.

A3540/S2310: New Stockholder Disclosure Form. You don't have to use the form that was proffered; however you must capture the data. A Local Finance Notice was issued on this subject.

Jim also reviewed the NJ NJIGP website & what information and helpful links are currently available there. He will also post the links to the PDF's used in the above presentation.

There was a brief discussion of the procurement concerns that arise when entering into contracts with an anticipated value of or commodity aggregation over \$17,500.

NEW BUSINESS

- The President invited suggestions for other venue sites for the meetings
- In 2017 he will be entering his 8th year as President and is looking for interested parties to succeed him at the end of his next term.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 PM.

Next Meeting Date: March 16, 2017 at 10 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary Richers