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**Minutes of the MPWC Monthly Business Meeting
February 15, 2017**

ATTENDEES:

Commissioners:

Mr. Joseph Scavuzzo, President
Mr. Patrick Brennan, Vice President
Mr. G. Burton German, Treasurer
Mr. George Piperno, Secretary
Mr. Ronald Johnson, Asst.
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Other Attendees:

Michael A. Saraceni, COO
Craig Campbell, Superintendent
Richard Spafford, P.E.
Karl N. McConnell, General Counsel
Brandy Eisenmann
Carol Feriozzi

The President called the meeting to order at 4:02 PM
Salute to the Flag; the Open Public Meetings Act Compliance Statement was read.
In attendance in the public were Mr. John Romeo from Vornado, and Ricky Lukasiak, and several employees and their relatives.

ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:

Customer Account Appeal

Mr. Saraceni introduced Mr. John Romeo, property manager for Vornado on Route 38, Cherry Hill. Mr. Romeo stated that the 2016 4th quarter bill was \$13,925.00 due to an undetected water leak. He was requesting relief from this bill or the penalties. The Commission advised that it was historically consistent that unless the Commission was somehow the cause, that customers must pay for water once it passed through the customer's meter. He was instructed to speak to staff regarding removal of late fees while the appeal was pending and if he wanted a payment plan.

Government Presentations – Township 3/1 – Borough 2/27

Mr. Saraceni stated that the Government deliveries will be at Merchantville borough on 2/27/17 and Pennsauken Township on 3/1/17.

National Highway – Authorization to bid tank painting.

Mr. Spafford requested authorization to go to bid for the National Highway tank painting which will be an overcoat to only the outside of the tank. This project was budgeted for 2017 at \$250,000.

Chapel Avenue Main Replacement – authorization to bid project

Mr. Spafford requested authorization to go to bid for the Chapel Ave. main replacement. This project was budgeted for 2017 at \$650,000.

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Park Avenue Tank – Logo – Progress Report

Mr. Scavuzzo reported that Pennsauken Township previously requested to utilize the MPWC Pennsauken's 125 Anniversary logo on Park Ave. tank. Pennsauken had since made a slight alteration to the logo. The Commission's contractor had already prepared the stencil in the originally approved version and to make the revision would cost an additional \$2000. Commissioners were given both examples of logos (original and the altered). The Commission agreed to maintain the original logo already prepared by the contractor.

Residency Policy – Submitted Proposal

The Commissioners each discussed the proposed amendment to the MPWC residency policy submitted by employee R. Lukasiak. Commissioner Piperno provided an overview and background of his actions taken to research the history of this policy with the MPWC. All information was gathered and shared with all Commissioners prior to this meeting. His summary remarks expressed an unwillingness to amend as requested. The employee, Lukasiak was permitted to comment. The Commission saw no reason to adjust the policy as requested at this time, but acknowledged that the policy will likely continue to be a topic in the future.

Recruitment Initiative – Field Service Technician

Mr. Saraceni reported several candidates were interviewed for a field service technician to replace Glenn Bierbach, who is retiring in May. Mr. Saraceni provided information to the Commissioners for background on the 3 new hires that have already started and were doing well in their new positions.

Approval of the Minutes

Motion to approve the Minutes of the Business Meeting of January 12, 2017 was made by Mr. German, 2nd by Mr. Piperno ; **a unanimous roll call vote.**

Payment of Bills

Motion to approve payment of bills dated February 9, 2017 except Pennsauken Township was made by Mr. German, 2nd by Mr. Johnson ; **a unanimous roll call vote.**

Payment of Bills

Motion to approve payment of bill dated February 9, 2017 for Pennsauken was made by Mr. German, 2nd by Mr. Johnson; **a unanimous roll call vote except Mr. Scavuzzo abstained.**

Meeting Open to the Public:

Meeting was open to the public. None were present having left after addressing the Commission.

Staff Reports:

Chief Operating Officer:

Mr. Saraceni reported the National AWWA Conference will be held in Philadelphia on June 11th-14th 2017 and the Commissioners will be sent the information. The C.O.O. asked the Commissioners to inform him who would chose to attend and on which day. Mr. Saraceni also informed the Commissioners of the NJAWWA Conference will be held in Atlantic City in March if anyone is interested in that conference.

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Mr. Saraceni advised about the inability to resolve issues that the Finance Dept. have been having with the new Edmunds accounting software program for the past 5 months. Mr. German noted that our auditors and accounting consultants had also been engaged to assist but without success. Therefore the decision would be to transition back to the updated version of the previous software.

New Business:

Motion to authorize bid for National Highway Tank Painting was made by Mr. German, 2nd by Mr. Piperno; **a unanimous vote.**

Motion to authorize bid for Chapel Ave. main Replacement was made by Mr. German, 2nd by Mr. Johnson ; **a unanimous vote.**

New Services:

28 Overbrook Drive-Cherry Hill-New 1" Service

Motion to authorize new service was made by Mr. German, 2nd by Mr. Piperno; **a unanimous vote.**

Project Status:

Mr. Saraceni stated that the Project status table has been updated with the assistance of Mr. Brennan and upon review as well as for practical reasons certain projects have been removed.

Commissioners Reports:

Mr. German stated that the budget has to be closely monitored by staff and management.

Mr. Scavuzzo suggested a shared service agreement be drafted for asphalt repairs in Pennsauken. Mr. Saraceni stated that a shared service agreement will be drafted and presented to the Commission for feedback. Mr. Brennan requested any agreement include that the MPWC pay as services are rendered as opposed to being paid quarterly, etc.

Mr. Piperno informed the Commission that he had been in contact with Ron Crane from the Township of Pennsauken and that Mr. Crane was finalizing a financial analysis of the MPWC's historical use under the shared services agreement for fuel. Staff is to review the information and report back to the Commission.

Executive Session:

A Motion was made by Resolution to enter Executive Session at approximately 5:30 PM to discuss matters of contracts negotiation regarding the proposed Well Maintenance Agreement & attorney consultation Motion: Mr. German, 2nd by Mr. Piperno. Vote was unanimous.

A Motion was made to re-enter the Public Session at approximately 6:20 PM. Motion: Mr. Brennan, 2nd by Mr. Piperno. Vote was unanimous.

Adjournment:

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A motion was made by Mr. German and 2nd by Mr. Piperno to adjourn the meeting at 6:21 PM. A unanimous vote.

Submitted by,
Carol Feriozzi & Michael Saraceni