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**Minutes of the MPWC Monthly Business Meeting  
April 9, 2015**

**ATTENDEES:**

**Commissioners:**

Mr. Joseph Scavuzzo, President  
Mr. Patrick Brennan, Vice President  
Mr. G. Burton German, Treasurer  
Mrs. Regina Davis, Secretary  
Mr. George Piperno, Asst. Secretary/Treasurer

**Other Attendees:**

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

The President called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM  
All Commissioners were present.  
Salute to the Flag; the Open Public Meetings Act Compliance Statement was read.

**ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED**

**NJAWWA Presentation to MPWC**

Local dignitaries, MPWC employees and members of the general public attended the meeting to be part of the presentation, as follows; Pennsauken Mayor Rick Taylor, Merchantville Mayor Ted Brennan, Pennsauken Committeeperson John Figueroa and his spouse, Assistant Superintendent James Garaguso & his spouse and son, Field Supervisors Tom Fimple and Chris Kuchera, Water Quality Specialist Sean Fitzgerald, Customer Service Technician Kevin Laurick, Financial Support Specialist Jeannine Hershey, Plant Operator James Mulholland, retired Commissioner Bernhard Kofoet and Retired MPWC Operator Ed Hill

The Commission was presented with a plaque from the NJAWWA for winning first place in the Annual Best Tasting Water contest. Mr. Scavuzzo accepted the award on behalf of the Commission and MPWC employees. Kathleen Udasco from the NJAWWA stated that the MPWC won first place from among all chapter members who choose to submit as determined by tasting from 300 water professionals in attendance at the New Jersey state chapter Annual conference. The MPWC is now eligible, and was invited to participate in the National Water Works contest in June in Anaheim, California. Mr. Scavuzzo thanked the staff for their hard work. Mr. Brennan added that the staff continues to make the Commissioners look good.

**Meeting Open to the Public at 6:04 PM**

**Comments:**

- Mr. Kofoet congratulated the staff on the NJAWWA award and concurred that the employees are the reason that the MPWC won the award. He also introduced Mr. Hill, who is a retired employee of the MPWC.
- Mayor Ted Brennan stated "keep up the good work". He also thanked the MPWC for the support that the Borough has received from the MPWC.
- Mayor Rick Taylor stated that speaking for Pennsauken Township, the MPWC "makes us look good".
- Tom Fimple spoke to the Commissioners on behalf of the staff and said "thank you for your confidence in us – giving us the ability to do our jobs".

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A motion was made by Mr. Scavuzzo and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Brennan to close the public portion of the meeting at 6:11 PM.

**Cherry Hill Tank – Bids Received**

To be held for a later meeting when the Director of Engineering is present and to be discussed in Executive Session in so far as it involves the ongoing litigation and attorney-client privilege.

**2015 Bid Main Replacement Project- Bids Received**

To be deferred to a later special meeting when the Director of Engineering is present.

**Water Week- May 3-9, 2015 Poster Contest- May Meeting Award**

Mrs. Eisenmann informed the Commissioners that everything was in place for the contest and both Pennsauken and Merchantville will take part. The winners will be recognized at the May Commission meeting.

**Financial Disclosure Statements- April 30<sup>th</sup>**

Mr. Saraceni reminded that Commissioners that the Financial Disclosure Statements are due by April 30, 2015. Mr. Saraceni forwarded the instructions and stated that he is available to assist any of the Commissioners if needed. He also stated that he will monitor that all disclosure forms are filed by the deadline.

**Employee Manual Updates**

To be discussed in New Business

**Executive Session-**

To be held after the Business Meeting.

**Approval of the Minutes**

Motion to approve the Minutes of Business Meeting of March 12, 2015 was made by Mr. German, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Brennan; **a unanimous vote.**

**Payment of Bills**

Motion to approve payment of bills dated April 9, 2015. Motion: Mr. German, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Brennan ; **a unanimous roll call vote.**

**Correspondence**

C.O.O to Pastor Steven B. Lewis- Delaware Gardens Offer  
The background of the Delaware Gardens offer was explained to Mayor Taylor.

**Staff Reports:**

Chief Operating Officer:

Mr. Saraceni informed the Commissioners that he would keep them abreast of all forthcoming information for Arbor Day details.

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Superintendent:

Mr. Campbell stated that a call was received from Sergeant Duffy of the Pennsauken Police on March 20<sup>th</sup> in which they received an anonymous tip that there was to be a "hit" on one of MPWC properties, it was unknown what that specifically meant. Security was increased at all facilities. There were no apparent incidents that night, however, on April 1<sup>st</sup>, we were notified by AT&T that some of their ground wire was stolen from the Bethel facility and that they already notified Pennsauken Police Department to report the theft. There were no visible signs of forced entry to the property.

Mr. Brennan commented on the pumpage data year-to-date relative to the ten year comparison, noticing that pumpage was slightly lower.

Director of Customer Service: N/A

Engineer: Absent

General Counsel:

Service Line Protection – Competitive Contracting

Mr. McConnell informed the Commissioners that he received DCA confirmation regarding the use of competitive contracting for the service line protection program. The competitive bid document needs some modifying and Mr. McConnell would be meeting with both Mr. Saraceni and Mr. Spafford to finalize the documents.

National Highway Lease - Conrail

Mr. McConnell informed the Commissioners that he requested an access easement and he forwarded plans to Conrail detailing the exact location requested.

**Old Business: N/A**

**New Business:**

Cherry Hill Tank Bids: Executive Session

Main Replacement Bids: Executive Session

**Policy Manual Amendments:**

A motion was made by Mr. German and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Piperno to approve Policy 1095 (Attendance) and defer any action of Policy 1230 ( FMLA/NJ Safe Act) until next month, directing Staff to revisit and clarify policy language.

**New Services: N/A**

**Informational: N/A**

**Project Status Table**

Mr. Brennan stated that the Annual Strategic Planning Workshop is a good program and that we should start the process of getting the workshop together for this year. The C.O.O. will address.

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**Commissioners Reports / Discussions / Comments**

Mr. Brennan stated that he was proud of the entire team for the NJAWWA award we received.

Mr. German remarked that the staff is sometimes taken for granted, but expressed a “thank you” to the staff as well as to management.

Mrs. Davis - No Comment

Mr. Scavuzzo thanked the staff and also special thanks to Mr. Saraceni for his leadership and guidance.

Mr. Piperno stated that it was a nice honor for the MPWC to be receiving such an award.

**Executive Session:**

Motion by Mr. German and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mrs. Davis to go into Executive session to Executive Session to discuss matters of ongoing litigation and attorney-client privilege as to 606 Maple Ave. & the Cherry Hill Tank, as well as matters of personnel regarding at 6:33 PM; **a unanimous roll call vote.**

Minutes of the Executive Session are to be made public 6 months after the last appeal date is final with the exception of personnel matters which will not be made public.

The Commissioners returned to public session at 7:29 PM.

**Public Meeting (Resumed): (Resolution to return to Public Session# )**

**Adjournment:**

Motion by Mr. German and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Piperno to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 PM.

Submitted by,  
Carol Feriozzi & Michael Saraceni