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PresidentMr. Patrick Brennan  
Vice PresidentMr. George Piperno  
SecretaryMr. G. Burton German  
TreasurerMr. Ronald Johnson  
Ass't Secretary/Treasurer**Minutes of the MPWC Monthly Business Meeting  
August 11, 2016****ATTENDEES****Commissioners:**

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

**Other Attendees:**

Michael A. Saraceni, C.O.O.  
Craig Campbell, Superintendent  
Richard Spafford, P.E.  
Karl N. McConnell, General Counsel  
Colleen O'Brien, Customer Support Rep.

The President called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.

All Commissioners were present.

Salute to the Flag; the Open Public Meetings Act Compliance Statement was read.

**ITEMS DISCUSSED:****MPWC 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – Water Fountains Project**

Both the Borough of Merchantville and Township of Pennsauken approved the water fountains being installed. This will be completed closer to the fall once the specs have been finalized.

**Well Maintenance Program – Authorization to advertise RFP**

Rich Spafford reported that this is a preventative maintenance plan that will be in place for 10 years. There is a lengthy process to go through for approval of the contract that will put the start at early of next year. He requested to initiate the process as soon as possible.

**Main Extension Regulation (1008) – Proposed Amendments**

Mr. Brennan suggested a few minor changes and corrections that will be made by Rich Spafford.

**Corrosion Inhibitor – Authorization to Advertise – Resolution for Proprietary Needed**

Rich Spafford gave a brief explanation regarding the necessity to advertise for bids for corrosion inhibitor at this time. He and the Superintendent have been coordinating with the NJDEP in their attempt to secure approval from DEP for another product, but that has not come in time to avoid going to bid. It was explained that the bid will be a per unit bid, and therefore does not commit the MPWC to any set volume so as to allow for any changes as needed once any change is approved at the State level.

**State Guidelines – Lead Testing for Schools – Status Report**

Michael Saraceni gave a brief review of actions taken since the last Commission Meeting. Pennsauken BOE would like to move forward with the testing for the schools though details have not yet been released by the state. Reportedly, there will be reimbursement options and all schools will be required to have frequent regular testing. The Commission agreed to continue to remain available to provide assistance deemed necessary.

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A discussion ensued what will be done regarding the logo and Pennsauken Township requested this logo resemble the one used for their 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Staff agreed to develop a draft accordingly.

**Executive Session**

The Commissioners would like to hold an Executive Session following the Public Meeting regarding matters of personnel.

**Approval of the Minutes**

A motion by Mr. German and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Johnson to approve the minutes of the Business meeting of July 14, 2016. **A unanimous roll call vote.**

**Payment of the Bills**

A motion by Mr. German and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Piperno to approve payment of the bills dated August 11, 2016 with the exception of a bill for Pennsauken Township. **A unanimous roll call vote.**

A motion by Mr. German and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Piperno to approve payment of a bill for Pennsauken Township, dated August 11, 2016. **A unanimous roll call vote, except Mr. Scavuzzo abstained.**

**Public Comment**

The meeting was opened for public comment at 4:15 PM. Daniel Wynn and his assistant from Simmons Pet Food Inc. introduced themselves to the Commission. Mr. Wynn stated that Simmons will be putting in higher security measures and would like to allow us to continue to have access to their property. Simmons is more than willing to work with and communicate what their plans are with the MWPC going forward. Dan also thanked the MPWC for the help provided when there was a power outage (approximately a year ago) and for the MPWC reaching out to PSE&G to assist with having service restored during a large storm. Dan stated that he looked forward to working with the MPWC and with maintaining a partnership.

A motion was made by Mr. German and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Piperno to close the public portion of the meeting at 4:20 PM. **A unanimous roll call vote.**

**Staff Reports**

Mr. Campbell reported that the N.J.A.W. bulk purchase agreement that was previously approved by the Commissioners takes effective on August 1, 2016 reducing our daily purchase to 50,000 gpd. Mr. Piperno asked questions regarding the purchase of water and the history of the agreement. General Counsel provided explanation/clarification as to the history of the need for the agreement and the need occasioned at the time by the Garden State Park development.

Mr. Piperno had a question regarding Mr. Spafford's report, specifically time extensions on currently approved developer's permits. Mr. Spafford clarified that there was currently several State DEP permits expiring (GSP Project) and that the developers were notified, and that MPWC staff would be assisting them with renewing their permits.

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Mr. McConnell reported that Verizon assured him that the check and lease were coming for the cell tower agreement.

**Old Business**

A motion by Mr. German and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Piperno to Authorize Commencement of the Public-Private Partnership Water services Agreement process for the Well Maintenance RFP. **A unanimous roll call vote.**

A motion by Mr. German and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Johnson to approve the Main Extension Regulation (1008) subject to the discussed changes. **A unanimous roll call vote.**

A motion by Mr. German and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Piperno to Authorize Advertisement of the Corrosion Inhibitor Bid. **A unanimous roll call vote.**

**New Business**

A motion by Mr. German and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Johnson to approve the new 1" service at 4331 Cooper Ave. Mr. Brennan advised the Commission that his title Company acted as settlement clerk at the closing of this property. **A unanimous roll call vote.**

**Commissioners Reports**

Mr. Johnson reported that he has had discussion with Pennsauken Township regarding the possibility of 3 or 4 new businesses coming into town; further information will be passed along to Staff.

Mr. Piperno continued from the last Commission Meeting the desire to increase the Commissioners' annual salaries. A discussion ensued regarding the topic to include that the last time there was an increase was in 2005 which was the first since before 1995. Mr. McConnell advised that the Commission statute at NJSA 20:62-129 sets forth the process for amendment. Mr. Piperno will discuss with Pennsauken and Mr. Brennan will discuss with Merchantville.

Mr. Brennan had a question regarding Rich Spafford's report and the reference to seeking alternative & back up fuel sources for MPWC generators. Mr. Spafford reminded the Commissioners that the prior direction was that each will be updated as needed at the end of their working life, and that natural gas will most likely be the chosen form of fuel source.

Mr. German reported that the Audit Exit Conference took place with the auditors. He stated that he found minor mistakes in their report that will be addressed. Mr. German requested that the rest of the Commission review the draft and to contact him directly with any questions or concerns. A final copy would be presented for approval at the September Commission Meeting.

Mr. Scavuzzo commented on NJAW's recent water main break at the Puchack Well Field in the Delair section of Pennsauken and the water boil advisory that was issued.

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**Executive Session**

A motion by Mr. German and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Piperno to move into Executive Session at 4:52 PM. **A unanimous roll call vote.** Everyone but Commissioners was excused.

**Adjournment**

A motion by Mr. German and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Johnson to adjourn at 5:19 PM. **A unanimous roll call vote.**