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**Minutes of the MPWC Monthly Business Meeting  
March 9, 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.  
Secretary/Treasurer

**Other Attendees:**

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

The President called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM  
Salute to the Flag; the Open Public Meetings Act Compliance Statement was read.

**ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:**

**Well Maintenance Program – Public Hearing**

President Scavuzzo turned the meeting over to Mr. McConnell to conduct the scheduled public hearing. Refer to the Well Maintenance Hearing transcript for complete minutes.

**Water Fountain Dedications & Merchantville Historical Society – Public Presentation**

Employee Sean Fitzgerald informed the Commissioners that Merchantville's Historical Society would like to dedicate an entire month to MPWC history and he requested permission to speak on MPWC's behalf and to provide MPWC historical pictures for the presentation. The presentation will be held at the Merchantville Community Center on March 22, at 8:00pm. The Commissioners agreed and thanked Mr. Fitzgerald for his participation. Ms. Eisenmann then requested permission to a formal dedication of the donated water fountains on 4/28/17 in coordination with Arbor day. The Commissioners agreed and Ms. Eisenmann stated that she will contact the mayors and committees.

**Collingswood Water Utility – Follow-up Discussion**

Mr. Brennan informed the Commissioners and staff that the Collingswood Water Utility may be interested in seeking services and assistance from the MPWC. He then requested to proceed with setting up a meeting with Collingswood and MPWC Staff to which it was agreed.

**Shared Service Agreement – Township Vehicle Maintenance – Renewal**

Mr. Saraceni stated that the Shared Service Agreement for Vehicle Maintenance is up for renewal. Karl McConnell indicated that he would also recommend amending the "Indemnification" clause that the new rate once approved and provided to him would be inserted.



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### Shared Services Agreement – Street Opening

Mr. Saraceni reported that he met with Director of Pennsauken Public Works, his Deputy, Mr. Ferriozzi, MPWC Engineer Rich Spafford and General Counsel to discuss a Shared Services Agreement for Street Opening with the Pennsauken Department of Public Works. This agreement would cover Pennsauken only, asphalt only and in Township streets only less than 10' by 10'. A discussion ensued and it was agreed that this new information including all rate information and payment details, will be incorporated into a new draft and distributed prior to the April Commission meeting with an intention for a tentative start date of May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017.

### Approval of the Minutes

Motion to approve the Minutes of the Business Meeting of February 15, 2017 was made by Mr. German, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Johnson; **a unanimous roll call vote.**

### Payment of Bills

**Motion** to approve payment of bills dated March 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9, 2017 except Pennsauken Township was made by Mr. German, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Piperno; **a unanimous roll call vote.**

**Motion** to approve wire transfer for annual appropriation fee for pensions was made by Mr. German, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Piperno; **a unanimous roll call vote.**

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

### Correspondence

Mr. Campbell stated that he received a letter from the State of NJ stating that the MPWC is not eligible for the NJ Spill Compensation Fund now and he provided their explanation.

### Meeting Open to the Public:

Meeting was open to the public. None were present.

### Staff Reports:

Chief Operating Officer:

Mr. Saraceni informed the Commission that;

- Steve Muscilli of Cherry Hill Public Works notified him that the Township of Cherry Hill received approval from New Jersey Transit regarding their Kenilworth Avenue Walkway project easement along the easement for our Elevated Tank. Work will begin shortly.
- The Township intends to begin construction on the apartment units along Hampton Road and that a pre-con meeting would be scheduled shortly for all utilities.

### Old Business:

Mr. Spafford recommended to the Commissioners that the 2017 Main Replacement bid be awarded to Mount Construction with a low bid of \$616,404.00. Mr. Spafford also stated that a possible change order may be needed in the future due to the significant anticipated concrete replacement.



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Mr. Spafford recommended to the Commissioners that the National Tank Water Tank painting bid be awarded to US Tank Painting with a low bid of \$186,900.00.

### **New Business:**

**Motion** to authorize bid for Valve Insertion Machine was made by Mr. German, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Johnson; a **unanimous vote**.

**Motion** for authorization to offer employment to Joseph Palumbo was made by Mr. German, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Johnson a **unanimous vote**.

**Motion** to approve Mr. Saraceni and Mr. Spafford as signatories on the legal account made by Mr. German, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Scavuzzo; a **unanimous roll call vote**.

### **Commissioners Reports:**

Mr. Brennan stated that Merchantville Mayor Brennan donated copies of the original blue prints of the Park Ave Tank.

Mr. Saraceni informed the Commissioners that Mr. German is now the longest running Commissioner in MPWC history. Frank Gail was previously with 40 years and 8 months. Commissioners and Staff then congratulated Mr. German. Mr. German provided background and history on Frank Gail and the inception of the Commission.

### **Adjournment:**

A motion was made by Mr. Brennan and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Johnson to adjourn the meeting at 5:30 PM. A unanimous vote.

Submitted by,  
Carol Feriozzi & Michael Saraceni