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**Minutes of the MPWC Monthly Business Meeting
February 8, 2018**

ATTENDEES

Commissioners:

Mr. Patrick Brennan, Vice President
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., Director of Engineering
Karl N. McConnell, General Counsel
Carol Feriozzi, Administrative Assistant
Angela Waldron, Administrative Services Supr.

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

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

The following items were discussed:

Medical Benefits Plan Option – Progress Report & Recommendation

It was agreed upon by the Commissioners that the MPWC would move forward with the EPO High Deductible Health Plan for all current employees and retirees with the exception of one retiree which the plan would bring an undue burden to his family. The Plan year contribution for an individual would be \$2,500 or \$5,000 for an individual plus one or more family members.

National Joint Purchasing Alliance (NJPA) – Recommendation to Join

Mr. Spafford recommended to join the National Joint Purchasing Alliance (NJPA) purchasing group. Major Manufacturers also use NJPA where the purchasing price can be 30-40% off list price.

Purchase of John Deere 35G Excavator & Trailer

Mr. Spafford recommended the purchase of a John Deere 35G Excavator & Trailer. This is a smaller backhoe than we currently have and it would be beneficial for work in smaller spaces.

Mr. Spafford recommended purchasing it through the NJPA which offers it at 30% off list price for the price of \$59,856.77. The trailer will cost \$9,200.00

Capital Expenditures – discussion requested by Staff

Mr. Brennan recommended to replace the backhoe that we currently have as it has had problems since we purchased it. Mr. Spafford recommended trading it in. Mr. Spafford also requested to purchase a smaller dump truck to be used in conjunction with the new excavator. Lastly, Mr. Spafford requested to replace the Remote Terminal Units (RTU's) at one plant now and maybe others further on during the year.

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Ass't Secretary/ Treasurer**Collingswood Partnership – Commissioner Brennan**

Commissioner Brennan stated that along with Mr. Saraceni and Mr. Spafford met with two Collingswood Borough employees at the Park Ave. Plant to discuss the Collingswood partnership. He stated that the Collingswood employees were very interested in our capabilities. Commissioner Brennan then stated that he would meet with Mayor Maley to review what has transpired and to ensure that we are heading in the right direction for the partnership. Staff was instructed to continue with developing the potential scope of work.

Host Community 2017 Highlight Presentations

Mr. Saraceni stated that he and Mr. Campbell intended to make their annual reports/presentations to Merchantville Borough on February 12th at 7:30 pm and Pennsauken Township on February 21st, at 5:30 pm. Mr. Brennan suggested that the Joint Legislature Task Force on Drinking Water Infrastructure Report be distributed and discussed in each presentation to which Mr. Saraceni indicated that the report was distributed and confirmed that it would be a foundational point raised in the presentations.

MPWC Regulations – proposed amendments – 1009 and 1012 (See attached)

Mr. McConnell introduced the proposed amendments to Regulation 1009-Fire Protection and 1012-Meters. He stated that applicants for certain facilities are exempt from stand-by charges and that our rate schedule would reference that statutory exemptions be by application to the Commission.

Approval of the Minutes

A motion by Mr. Piperno and 2nd by Mr. Johnson to approve the Minutes of the Business Meeting of January 11, 2018. **All voted in the affirmative.**

Payment of the Bills

A motion by Mr. Johnson and 2nd by Mr. Piperno to approve payment of the bills dated February 8, 2018 in the amount of \$321,307.27 and payment to Pennsauken Township in the amount of \$94,185.11. **All voted in the affirmative in a roll call.**

Staff Reports:**Superintendent**

Mr. Campbell reported that the Pennsauken Board of Education will be having a special election on March 13, 2018 and the Westfield building will be a polling site.

Old Business

A motion by Mr. Johnson and 2nd by Mr. Piperno was approved to implement the Medical Plan (EPO-HDHP) to all current employees and retirees with the exception of one retiree who will be permitted to maintain his current coverage. **All present voted in the Affirmative.**

New Business:

A motion by Mr. Piperno and 2nd by Mr. Johnson to join the NJPA. **All present voted in the Affirmative.**



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A motion by Mr. Piperno and 2nd by Mr. Johnson to authorize the purchase of a John Deere 35G Excavator and Trailer. **All present voted in the Affirmative**

A motion by Mr. Johnson and 2nd by Mr. Piperno to approve the proposed amendments to Commission Regulations 1009 and 1012. **All present voted in the Affirmative**

Project Status:

Commissioner Brennan inquired and requested that General Counsel research as to whether the developer should pay for the Hampton Road re-lining. Mr. McConnell responded that he would investigate that issue. Mr. Brennan then asked if the Budget Status report can be reflect the most recent month to which Mr. Saraceni disclosed that staff has been working in that direction with the transition to the new accounting software.

Commissioners Reports:

Mr. Johnson said that he is sending prayers to the Scavuzzo family.

Mr. Piperno echoed Mr. Johnson's sentiment.

Adjournment

A motion by Mr. Piperno and 2nd by Mr. Johnson to adjourn at 4:37 PM. **All present voted in the Affirmative**

Submitted By:

Carol Feriozzi & Michael Saraceni

