

**MPWC****MERCHANTVILLE-PENNSAUKEN WATER COMMISSION**6751 Westfield Avenue • Pennsauken, NJ 08110
Ph: 856.663.0043 • Fx: 856.486.7417 • www.mpwc.comMr. Joseph Scavuzzo
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
January 11, 2018****ATTENDEES****Commissioners:**Mr. Joseph Scavuzzo, President
Mr. Patrick Brennan, Vice President
Mr. George Piperno, Secretary
Mr. G. Burton German, Treasurer
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
Brandy Eisenmann, Customer Service Director
Angela Waldron, Administrative Services Supvr.
Scott Davenport – Conner-Strong-Buckelew

The 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 & Recommendations

The Commission welcomed Scott Davenport to report on proposed options to the benefits plan. The Commission directed staff to introduce the plan to all employees and retirees and report back on any comments/concerns at the next meeting.

Approval of the Minutes

A motion by Mr. German and 2nd by Mr. Brennan to approve the Minutes of the Business Meeting of December 14, 2017. **All voted in the affirmative in a roll call vote.**

Payment of the Bills

A motion by Mr. German and 2nd by Mr. Johnson to approve payment of the bills dated 12/18/17 for NJ MVC for new vehicle registrations; dated 1/11/18 from the Edmunds program in the amount of \$277,158.87, and dated 1/11/18 from the Peachtree program in the amount of \$253,979.07. **All voted in the affirmative in a roll call vote.**

Bid Openings-Hampton Road Main Replacement – Survey Quotes

The Director of Engineering summarized the survey quotes and recommended award to the lowest bidder.

Staff Reports:

Chief Operating Officer

Mr. Saraceni reported the excessive emergency activities regarding main breaks due to the recent extreme weather conditions. He congratulated the entire team as all departments worked together under difficult conditions to maintain smooth operations of the MPWC.

Mr. Saraceni advised that the NJ AWWA Annual Conference is in March in Atlantic City and to contact him if they'd like to attend.

Superintendent

Mr. Campbell reported that the 2017 National Highway station samples for radium 226 & 228 were slightly elevated. Therefore, the schedule for future testing there will now accelerate to quarterly. The Treatment team has already made operational changes including reducing the number of hours between backwashing and having a different lab involved in testing.

General Counsel

Mr. McConnell indicated the Commission needs a Resolution approving the C.O.O.'s declaration of emergency under the MPWC Procurement regulations for securing the services of an outside contractor (Root24) to assist with the emergency service leaks/main breaks during the extensive cold weather.

The C.O.O. and Director of Engineering also had declared an emergency on the soil disposal from the Chapel Avenue main replacement project stored on private property. Although the Commission approved the contract and the payment at December's meeting, the formal Resolution was never actually voted upon. and the Commission should formalize that ratification by Resolution as well.

Mr. McConnell reported that the MPWC has been contacted for the first time regarding a Fire Service statutory rate exemption that would require the MPWC to possibly meter fire services at the expense of the customer versus charging for standby water. The Commissioners directed Mr. McConnell to entertain the application, continue his research and report back.

Mr. McConnell advised of recent notifications regarding pending applications and hearings for NJAW tariff, DSIC and PWAC charge increases. He has been in contact with Mt. Laurel MUA regarding the possibility of reconstituting a consortium or hiring counsel. The Commission directed no action except to monitor and report back.

Old Business

- 2018 Budget returned/approved by the State of New Jersey
- Collingswood – Contractual – Executive Session

New Business:

A motion by Mr. German and 2nd by Mr. Johnson to ratify declaration and award of e emergency contract of the funds of \$52,000 for soil removal. **All present voted in the Affirmative.**

A motion by Mr. German and 2nd by Mr. Johnson to authorize award of the Hampton Road survey to the lowest quote, T&M in the amount of \$7,250.00. **All present voted in the Affirmative**

A motion by Mr. German and 2nd by Mr. Johnson to approve the declaration of emergency and award of contract for services provided by Root 24. **All present voted in the Affirmative**

New Services

A motion by Mr. German and 2nd by Mr. Piperno to approve a new 2” domestic service for retail space for WaWa at 2426 Rt. 38, Cherry Hill, NJ. **All present voted in the Affirmative**

Commissioners Reports:

Mr. German thanked everyone for their patience during his absence while he was recovering.

Mr. Brennan thanked Staff for their tremendous efforts through the main break season.

Mr. Scavuzzo agreed with Mr. Brennan’s sentiments and thanked staff for a great job handling the increased demand.

Executive Session

A motion by Mr. Piperno and 2nd by Mr. Brennan to enter Executive Session for a discussion on contract negotiations and discussions at 5:20 PM in accordance with written resolution executed. **A unanimous voice vote of those present.**

The meeting returned to the open public session at 5:32 PM

Adjournment

A motion by Mr. German and 2nd by Mr. Brennan to adjourn at 5:33 PM. **All present voted in the Affirmative**

Submitted By:

Brandy Eisenmann & Michael Saraceni