

RESOLUTION DECLARING RATIFYING AND INSTITUTING EMERGENCY COMMISSION PROCEDURES AND ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION AND AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR TO APPROVE AWARD TO CONTRACTOR FOR EMERGENCY MAIN BREAKS NECESSITATED BY EXTREME WEATHER

WHEREAS, the Merchantville- Pennsauken Water Commission (hereafter, MPWC) in furtherance of its mission to product, store and supply safe drinking water to its constituents, is in need at times in addition to the services supplied by its employees to procure services and materials at various times; and

WHEREAS, the MPWC finds it necessary in order to service and maintain the supply of water to contract for infrastructure rehabilitation, repair and replacement on regular basis and to comply with relevant law and regulation it must publicly advertise for such in accordance with the requirements of the Public Contracts Act; and the Commission is specifically empowered to do so under N.J.S.A. 40:62-108, et. seq., as well as the Public Contracts Act; and

WHEREAS, during the months of late December 2017 and January 2018 the extreme weather created an unexpectedly high number of water main breaks throughout the MPWC system such that the employee crews were overwhelmed, exhausted and unable to keep up with the main breaks in sufficient timely manner; and

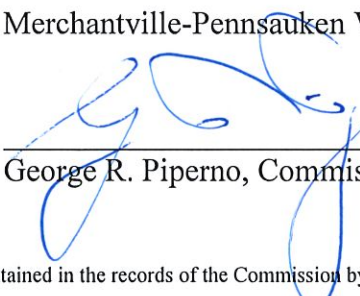
WHEREAS, in order to avoid both lengthy interruptions in water service and to avoid potential health and safety issues in became necessary on short notice to seek the assistance of a heavy highway and experience water main contractor on short notice in order to seek assistance and without the time or designation to provide specifications in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Act or to legally advertised and publicly awarded to the low bidder; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners at its meeting of January 11, 2018 approved the contract and payment of billed service to Root 24, Inc. of emergency main break services; and the MPWC Director of Engineering and the C.O.O. both declared an Emergency pursuant to the MPWC SOP # 1200 and the Emergency Procedures approved by the Commissioners on 7/10/2014; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Commissioners of the MPWC on this 11th day of January 2018 in its duly advertised and publicly held monthly meeting, the Commission hereby authorizes, approves and ratifies nunc pro tunc the Declaration of Emergency and the work, payment and compensation authorized to the Contractor as awarded and paid under this emergency contract that was awarded and approved at that time and hereby authorizes any necessary transfer of funds to cover this unexpected cost.

I hereby certify that this is a True and Accurate Recitation of the Resolution adopted by the Merchantville-Pennsauken Water Commission on the 11th day of January, 2018.

Merchantville-Pennsauken Water Commission



George R. Piperno, Commissioner and Secretary