

**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
March 8, 2018****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.
Richard Spafford, P.E., Director of Engineering
Karl N. McConnell, General Counsel
Brandy Eisenmann, Customer Service Director
Carol Feriozzi, Administrative Assistant

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:

Host Community 2017 Highlight Presentations – Scheduled 3/7 Township – 3/12 Borough

Mr. Saraceni stated that the Township Presentation on 3/7 was cancelled due to inclement weather. We are awaiting a new date. The presentation to the Borough is still scheduled for 3/12 at 7:30.

Customer Dispute – Sunset Memorial Park

Rich Martiello attended the meeting to represent Sunset Memorial since the account dispute was appealed to the Commission. They were seeking relief on the remaining \$2,508.85 balance on their account. A lengthy discussion ensued including disputes as to facts. The Commissioners determined to maintain the water usage costs and authorized staff to deduct all outstanding interest and penalties.

Hampton Road – Main Relining

Mr. Spafford is drawing up specifications for the main relining and he is requesting authorization to put them out to bid. He reported that the County informed him that the paving was scheduled for June/July. Mr. Spafford indicated that there are four (4) active services along Hampton and numerous inactive services which are being located. Mr. Spafford is researching the most effective way to maintain water service during the relining project.

Interactive Voice Response – (IVP) – Pay by mobile telephone feature in place

Mr. Saraceni stated the Interactive Voice Response (IVP) is now up and running. This will allow customers to make mobile telephone payments.

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Ass't Secretary/ Treasurer**Capital Expenses -ongoing review and discussion**

A memo was included with the March Commission package which outlined several Capital purchases being sought by Staff that were not specified in the budget for 2018. Mr. Spafford said that these purchases would not exceed 20% over the budget, therefore would not require State approval. The requested list includes a Ford 550 dump truck, a new John Deere backhoe (old backhoe would be traded in due to constant issues), and the possible replacement of RTU SCADA terminals. He also requested authorization to purchase the Trench Compactor, which was budgeted.

Confined-Space Rescue – Equipment Requests – PFD and CHFD Technical Rescues

Mr. Saraceni stated that the Cherry Hill Fire Department requested for the MPWC to purchase a Fast Rescue Board, which could be used during a Confined Space rescue. Commissioners decided to extend the offer to purchase equipment for the Pennsauken Fire Department.

Approval of the Minutes

A motion by Mr. German and 2nd by Mr. Johnson to approve the Minutes of the Business Meeting of February 8, 2018. **Unanimous roll call vote.**

Payment of the Bills

A motion by Mr. German and 2nd by Mr. Piperno to approve payment of the bills dated March 8, 2018 in the amount of \$441,589.11 and \$264,861.40 for Pension disbursement. **Unanimous roll call vote.**

Correspondence

- NJAW to MPWC – Distribution System Improvement Charge – Hearing
- AT&T to C.O.O. – Notice of intent to terminate Lease at Marion Avenue in 2024.

Staff Reports:**Engineer**

Mr. Spafford reported that the NJDEP has reduced the limits of PFOA and PFNA to 14 and 13 parts per trillion respectively. A pilot study for both National Hwy. and Woodbine is being prepared. Staff is in contact with Calgon to Pilot Test for the removal of PFOA and PFNA. No dates have been set yet.

Mr. Brennan inquired why water pumpage showed a significant increase over the same period last year. Water main breaks was said to be one possible cause. Mr. Spafford responded that staff will research and provide a report at the April meeting.

New Business:

A motion by Mr. German and 2nd by Mr. Piperno to authorize the purchase a trench compactor. **All present voted in the Affirmative.**

A motion by Mr. German and 2nd by Mr. Brennan to authorize the Confined-Space equipment purchases for the Pennsauken Fire Dept. and the Cherry Hill Fire Dept. **All present voted in the Affirmative.**

A motion by Mr. German and 2nd by Mr. Johnson to authorize the purchase of a Ford 550 dump truck under the NJPA purchasing agreement. **All present voted in the Affirmative.**

A motion by Mr. German and 2nd by Mr. Johnson to authorize the Director of Engineering to prepare specifications for the Hampton Road main relining and to advertise for bid. **All present voted in the Affirmative.**

A motion by Mr. German and 2nd by Mr. Johnson to authorize trading in the current backhoe and the purchase of a new John Deere 310 SL under the NJPA purchasing agreement. **All present voted in the Affirmative.**

A motion by Mr. German and 2nd by Mr. Piperno to authorize staff to provide correspondence to Sunset Memorial advising that they will be held responsible for all water usage and the Commission has authorized the removal of all outstanding interest and penalties on Sunset Memorial. **All present voted in the Affirmative.**

New Services

A motion by Mr. German and 2nd by Mr. Johnson to approve 8” and 6” services at 3911 Federal Street, **All present voted in the Affirmative.**

A motion by Mr. German and 2nd by Mr. Johnson to approve new 8” service, 2 – 2” domestic services and 2 – 2” fire services for 202 North Park Drive in Cherry Hill. **All present voted in the Affirmative.**

Commissioners Reports:

Mr. Scavuzzo expressed his gratitude to Staff and Commissioners for all their support and condolences while he and his family were enduring recent personal challenges.

Executive Session

A motion by Mr. German and 2nd by Mr. Brennan to enter Executive Session for a discussion on contract negotiations and discussions at 4:55 PM in accordance with written resolution executed. **A unanimous voice vote.**

The meeting returned to the open public session at 5:30 PM

Adjournment

A motion by Mr. Brennan and 2nd by Mr. German to adjourn at 5:31 PM. **All present voted in the Affirmative**

Submitted By:

Carol Feriozzi & Michael Saraceni