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**Minutes of the MPWC Monthly Business Meeting
April 12, 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.
Craig Campbell, Superintendent
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.

Salary Committee- Staff Presentations

A motion by Mr. German and 2nd by Mr. Johnson to approve Mr. Brennan as a member of the Salary Committee. **All voted in the affirmative in a roll call vote.**

MPWC Regulations Updates – 1001 General Information (attached)

Mr. Saraceni noted that the Commissioners received Regulation 1001 to review for the May Commission Meeting.

Employee Manual Updates:1180–Sick Leave & 1130–Educational Assistance (attached)

The Commissioners also received Employee Manual Updates for Policy 1180-Sick leave and Policy 1130-Educational Assistance to review for discussion at the May Commission Meeting.

Financial Disclosure Statements – due by April 30th

Mr. Saraceni reminded Commissioners that Financial Disclosures are due to be filed by April 30, 2018.

Mel/JIF Training – to be completed by April 30th

Mr. Saraceni reminded Commissioners that the Mel/JIF training is due by April 30, 2018.

Arbor Day – Tree Plantings – April 27th – Times & Locations TBA

Ms. Eisenmann informed the Commissioners that the Arbor Day tree plantings will be held on April 27th at 9:00 and 9:30. More information will be forthcoming.

Executive Session – Collingswood – Contract and Negotiations

Motion by Mr. German and 2nd by Mr. Piperno to enter Executive Session for a discussion on contract negotiations and discussions at 4:05 PM in accordance with written resolution executed. **A unanimous vote.**

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The meeting returned to the open public session at 4:14 PM

Approval of the Minutes

A motion by Mr. German and 2nd by Mr. Piperno to approve the Minutes of the Business Meeting of March 8, 2018, Special Meeting Minutes of March 19, 2018 and April 2, 2018 and the Executive Minutes of March 8, 2018, March 19, 2018 and April 2, 2018. **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 April 12, 2018 in the amount of \$415,110.12 and \$539.00 for ACH P-Card. **All voted in the affirmative in a roll call vote.**

A motion by Mr. German and 2nd by Mr. Johnson to approve payment to the township of Pennsauken, dated April 12, 2018 in the amount of \$1,080.04. **All voted yes, except Mr. Scavuzzo abstained.**

Meeting Open to the Public: No Public Comment**Bid Openings: Hampton Road Main Relining- April 10, 2018**

A motion by Mr. German and 2nd by Mr. Johnson to approve the bid of \$398,000.00 by J. Fletcher Creamer for the Hampton Road Main Relining. **All voted in the affirmative in a roll call vote.**

Staff Reports:

General Counsel informed the Commissioners that Merchantville Borough notified him that there are currently two (2) additional property condemnations.

Old Business: Customer Dispute -

Commissioners were informed that the Sunset Memorial customer dispute was settled and paid in full.

Pumpage Comparison- 2018 vs. 2017 Y-T-D

Commissioners had questioned at a prior meeting the origin of this year's increase in pumpage. The Superintendent had researched and attributed a portion of the increased usage to our 2 largest customers: Pepsi and Lidestri Food. He stated that it was not immediately apparent because National Highway was down last year. He said that there were a few weeks when pumpage was down which proves it was not leakage.

New Business:

A motion by Mr. German and 2nd by Mr. Johnson to authorize the RFP for the Carbon Filter Pilot Studies. **All voted in the Affirmative.**

A motion by Mr. Piperno and 2nd by Mr. Johnson to appoint Mr. German the status of Commissioner Emeritus. **All voted in the Affirmative**



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Project Status:

Chapel Avenue Main Replacement was removed from the Project Status Report.

Mr. Brennen then suggested that a Strategic Planning meeting be scheduled on a mutual future date. Mr. Scavuzzo requested that the last Strategic Planning Meetings Minutes be redistributed to Commissioners.

Mr. Scavuzzo took this moment to acknowledge Mr. German's retirement and read a resolution appointing him to Commissioner Emeritus status.

Commissioners Reports:

Mr. Johnson thanked Ms. Eisenmann for her tracking work on the vacant properties.

All Commissioners thanked Mr. German for his 41 1/2 years of dedicated service to the MPWC and the surrounding communities. Several Commissioners shared personal experiences with Mr. German and said that this was a bittersweet day for them. They then said that they will be calling on him in the future for his wisdom and guidance as a Commissioner Emeritus.

President Scavuzzo asked if there was anyone from the public who wanted to offer any comments to Mr. German due to his retirement. Several members of the public then spoke to Mr. German wishing him well in his retirement and thanking him for his years of service and dedication and how he will be missed by all.

Adjournment

A motion by Mr. Brennan and 2nd by Mr. Piperno to adjourn at 4:45 PM to a celebration of Mr. German's service. **All present voted in the Affirmative**

Submitted By:

Carol Feriozzi & Michael Saraceni