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**Minutes of the MPWC Monthly Business Meeting  
April 11, 2019**

**ATTENDEES**

**Commissioners:**

Mr. Joseph Scavuzzo, President  
Mr. George Piperno, Vice President  
Mr. Patrick Brennan, Treasurer  
Mr. Ronald Johnson, Secretary  
Mr. Edward Brennan, 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

The President called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM  
There was a roll call of Commissioners all were present.  
Salute to the Flag; the Open Public Meetings Act Compliance Statement was read.

The following items were discussed:

**Employee Manual Policy Revisions**

Sick Leave deferred until the May meeting. Retiree Benefits deferred to a special meeting – to be scheduled.

**Authorization to Bid Valve Exercise Machine**

Mr. Spafford advised the Commission that specifications were prepared and requests authorization to go to bid.

**Authorization to Bid Laboratory Services for Balance of 2019**

Superintendent Campbell notified the Commission that the current vendor is being phased out and requests authorization to go out to bid for new lab services for the balance of 2019.

**Bid Results for River Road & Union Aves Water Main Replacement Project**

Mr. Spafford presented the Bid results from the four contractors who presented final bids from the seven who took out bid packages. He reported that the low bid was \$546,200 submitted by RTW. He recommends awarding to them. He noted that the MPWC has previously used all three of the lowest bidders, and he does not recommend the alternate be awarded.

**PFOA & PFOS MCL Announcement**

Mr. Spafford informed the Commissioners that on April 1, the DEP proposed a Safe Drinking Water Act regulation amendment of setting an MCL's for these formerly unregulated contaminants. The proposed standards are 14 and 13 parts per trillion respectively. The DEP will hold a hearing on May 15 and take written public comments until May 31. Remington & Vernick is preparing an alternative analysis based on these new MCL's to support a second application for Woodbine wells. Once they are complete, staff will again request Spill Fund funding on this new basis



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### Customer Complaint

The President and C.O.O. provided a summary of events surrounding a specific customer complaint and the corresponding internal investigation and resolution. Mr. Saraceni advised that this has highlighted a need for a policy regarding any other employment by MPWC employees. Mr. Pat Brennan suggested that a non-referral clause be added to the employee policy manual along with the other steps that will be recommended by staff to prevent such circumstances from occurring again in the future.

### Approval of the Minutes

A motion by Mr. Pat Brennan and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Piperno to approve the Minutes of the Business Meeting of April 11, 2019. **All voted in the affirmative in a roll call vote.**

### Payment of the Bills

A motion by Mr. Pat Brennan and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Piperno to approve payment of the bills in the amount \$350,375.05 dated April 11, 2019. **All voted in the affirmative in a roll call vote.**

A motion by Mr. Pat Brennan and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Piperno to approve payment of the bills for Remington & Vernick in the amount \$3,335.00 dated April 11, 2019. **All voted in the affirmative in a roll call vote; Mr. Ted Brennan abstained.**

### Staff Reports

The Superintendent reported that the Spring flushing initiative is underway with very little comment/complaints. Mr. Brennan suggested reformatting the Face-Book posting of areas being flushed on any given night. Staff will revise that content for future postings.

Mr. McConnell informed the Commission that DaVita Dialysis had written to make specific requests regarding water quality for medical treatment in excess of drinking water standards and regarding advance notifications for even slight variations in water composition. The MPWC responded that it cannot be responsible for medical treatment and that DaVita should be purchasing specialty or distilled water if slight variations were critical.

### New Business

A motion by Mr. Pat Brennan and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Johnson to authorize bid for valve exercise equipment. **All voted in the affirmative in a roll call vote.**

A motion by Mr. Pat Brennan and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Johnson to authorize bid for laboratory services for the balance of 2019. **All voted in the affirmative in a roll call vote.**

A motion by Mr. Pat Brennan and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Piperno to deem the Browning Road Plant site no longer needed for Commission purposes and to authorize the reversion and transfer by quitclaim deed to Pennsauken Township of that property after retention of an easement and to authorize the C.O.O. to execute the deed of transfer for the Commission. **All voted in the affirmative in a roll call vote.**

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A motion by Mr. Piperno and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Ted Brennan to award the bid for 2019 Main Replacement River Road Project to RTW CONSTRUCTION with a low bid in the amount of \$546,200.00. and without an award of the Alternate. **All voted in the affirmative in a roll call vote.**

**New Services**

A motion by Mr. Pat Brennan and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Piperno to approve a new 2" irrigation service for the Haddon Point development. **All voted in the affirmative in a roll call vote.**

**Commissioners Reports:**

- Mr. Johnson wishes staff and Commissioners a Happy Easter.
- Mr. Piperno inquired about a date for a Special Meeting to discuss policy. Mr. Saraceni indicated that the end of May or beginning of June would be the likely timeframe but that he would need to confirm with Scott Davenport on lead time for research needed ahead of that meeting. The Commissioners agreed to revisit this topic at the May meeting.
- Mr. Brennan indicated that finances are strong but reminded Commissioners and staff that looking forward we will be facing several large projects and some unknowns. Mr. Brennan asked staff to look at moving 90-day CDs to longer term options.
- There was a discussion about the progress of projects in Collingswood. Mr. Spafford indicated plant automation will go online next month and that progress on additional projects for the current year is slowing due to budgeted capital funds. The next project will begin in the fall and in the interim, MPWC staff will continue to run the everyday plant operations.

**Adjournment**

A motion by Mr. Piperno and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Johnson to adjourn at 4:49 PM. **A unanimous voice vote of those present.**

**Submitted By:**

Brandy Eisenmann &amp; Michael Saraceni