



MERCHANTVILLE-PENNSAUKEN WATER COMMISSION

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Minutes of the MPWC Monthly Business Meeting February 14, 2019

ATTENDEES

Commissioners:

Mr. Joseph Scavuzzo, President
Mr. Pat Brennan, Treasurer
Mr. Ronald Johnson, Secretary
Mr. Ted 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
Carol Feriozzi, Personnel Administrator

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

The following items were discussed:

Employee Manual Policy 1350 – Proposed Revision

Mr. Saraceni stated that the Smoking Policy from 1999 is proposed to be expanded to include MPWC vehicles.
This is to address customer complaints and to maintain vehicle conditions.

Merchantville Resident Scholarship Program

Mr. Saraceni reported that Haddon Heights School District was pleased to move forward with the Merchantville Resident Scholarship Program. The Commissioners suggested that it should be that the German plaque/frame be consistent with the other plaques that we have in the building and all placed together. Ms. Eisenmann said the scholarship will be given in May. Mr. T. Brennan will attend and said that he would represent the MPWC. It was also expressed that we may want to reach out to the German family, as they may like to attend the initial awarding.

Purchase of two (2) New Vehicles – (F-150 Pick-Up Trucks)

Mr. Spafford requested approval to purchase (2) F-150 Pick – up Trucks as they are included in the Capital Budget and will be a state contract purchase. Mr. Ted Brennan suggested that the use of phones in the trucks be hands-free. Mr. Spafford said that if that is an option that it would be added to our specifications.

Woodbine Avenue – Project Update

Mr. Spafford reported that the Woodbine Plant Treatment Project in design stages with R&V will not be likely be ready by 1/1/2020 DEP deadline to sample the site for PFNA. If not, he will recommend that plant be out of service until the treatment is operative. Mr. P. Brennan suggested if it will be out of service that we take the opportunity to see if any other maintenance work could also be scheduled for that time.

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Mr. Spafford reiterated that the 1,4-dioxane regulation and other potential DEP revisions in the next few years are anticipated requiring further treatment at each plant costing approximately \$3,000,000.00-\$4,000,000.00 per plant. Mr. P. Brennan suggested to move some cash into short term CD's. Mr. Saraceni agreed to do so.

Park Avenue – Air Stripper Media Replacement – Bid Opening 2/12/19

Mr. Spafford recommended the Bid award to low bidder, Level 1 Construction. The bid amount of \$ 161,000.00 was slightly higher than originally anticipated but the capital budget will be able to absorb the difference.

Host Community 2018 Annual Reports

Mr. Saraceni stated that the MPWC report to Pennsauken Township Committee will be on March 7 at 5:30pm and to The Merchantville Borough Council will be March 11 at 7:30pm at each of the respective body meetings. It was suggested to offer for new officials (any/all) to attend our tour of facilities in the spring.

Approval of the Minutes

A motion by Mr. P. Brennan and 2nd by Mr. Johnson to approve the Minutes of the Business Meeting of December 13, 2018. **All present voted in the affirmative. Mr. T. Brennan abstained**

Payment of the Bills

A motion by Mr. Brennan and 2nd by Mr. Johnson to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$339,319.08. **All present voted in the affirmative.**

A motion by Mr. Brennan and Mr. Johnson to approve payment to Pennsauken in amount of \$101,586.53. **All present voted in the affirmative. Mr. Scavuzzo abstained.**

A motion by Mr. P. Brennan and Mr. Johnson approve payment to Merchantville in the amount of \$12,414.05. **All present voted in the affirmative. Mr. T. Brennan abstained.**

A motion by Mr. P. Brennan and 2nd by Mr. T. Brennan to approve payment for P-Card (ACH) in the amount of \$151.15. **All present voted in the affirmative**

Staff Reports

Mr. Saraceni said that the draft Emergency agreement with NJAWC for the interconnect at 38 & Federal streets was circulated to the Commission for review. Mr. Johnson discussed the relative price of water and rates to which either party would be charging if the emergency agreement were ever used. A discussion ensued, and Mr. McConnell will propose to NJAWC to revise the language to clarify and ensure no disproportionate advantage in any emergency use.

Mr. Spafford reported that Collingswood had approximately 30 complaints from customers about the discoloration of water. He said that a broken float assembly at the Comley Ave. plant caused it to pump sludge until corrected. He advised that in order to repair and upgrade the assembly Collingswood would need to decide on the remedial options he provided for them to consider. These options with respective estimated costs were submitted to the Borough of Collingswood administrator for review and decision.

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New Business:

A motion by Mr. P. Brennan and 2nd by Mr. Ron Johnson to approve Employee Manual Policy 1350- Smoking and Electronic Smoking Devices. **All present voted in the affirmative.**

A motion by Mr. P. Brennan and 2nd by Mr. Johnson to approve Regulation 1022- Connection Fees. **All present voted in the affirmative.**

A motion by Mr. P. Brennan and 2nd by Mr. T. Brennan to approve the purchase of (2) new vehicles- (F-150 Pick-Up Trucks). **All present voted in the affirmative.**

A motion by Mr. P. Brennan and 2nd by Mr. Johnson to approve Park Ave. Stripper Media Bid award to Level 1 Construction. **All present voted in the affirmative.**

Project Status:

Mr. P. Brennan questioned if any plans have been made for the Spring Tour of the MPWC facilities. The C.O.O. related that he was starting to frame it out. All agreed that May would be a good time to have the tour.

Commissioners Reports:

Mr. Johnson extended prayers to the McConnell family on the death of Mr. McConnell's sister.

Mr. T. Brennan echoed Mr. Johnson's sentiments.

Mr. P. Brennan stated he empathized with the McConnell family and shared in their loss.

Mr. Scavuzzo requested to thank Jim Garaguso and his crew for the work they performed on Buckingham. It turned out that it was not DPW's issue. Mr. Scavuzzo also noticed that the Park Ave. Tank is dimly lit. He said that Duke Martz may be able to help us with the lighting program offered by PSE&G to upgrade to L-E-D lighting and he will have Mr. Martz reach out to us. Commissioners were advised that Chris Kuchera performs quarterly inspections of the night lighting and he just completed an inspection which will be reviewed.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. T Brennan and 2nd by Mr. Johnson to adjourn at 4:50 PM. **A unanimous voice vote was given.**

Submitted By:

Carol Feriozzi & Michael Saraceni