

**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. George Piperno
Vice PresidentMr. Ronald Johnson
SecretaryMr. Patrick Brennan
TreasurerMr. Edward Brennan
Ass't Secretary/ Treasurer**Minutes of the MPWC Monthly Business Meeting
May 9, 2019****ATTENDEES****Commissioners:**

Mr. Joseph Scavuzzo, President
Mr. George Piperno, Vice President
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
Carol Feriozzi, Personnel Administrator

The President called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM

The roll call reflected all Commissioners present except Mr. P. Brennan.

After the Salute to the Flag, the Open Public Meetings Act Compliance Statement was read.

The following items were discussed in this order.

Salary Recommendations for Hourly Employees

Mr. Scavuzzo handed each Commissioner hourly employee salary recommendations and asked them to review for consideration at next month's meeting and asked them to contact Mr. Pat Brennan or himself for any questions.

Summer Youth Help Program-recruitment completed.

Ms. Feriozzi advised that 5 people have been hired for the Summer Program of which 3 are returning from last year.

RFP-Professional Services- To be Issued by Months End

Mr. Saraceni said that the annual RFP's for Professional Services will be advertised for responsive submissions to the MPWC in June to be evaluated in time for recommendations to the Commission at its Reorganization.

NJDEP Violation Notice-Air Quality Permit Issues

Mr. Campbell stated that the County on behalf of the NJDEP issued a violation to the MPWC for running its generator at the Park Avenue Wells more than the permitted number of test hours. The permits had always allowed for 100 test hours per year. The renewal of the permit, unlike in the past, did not automatically repeat the same number of allowable hours and inadvertently this time reduced to 8 – 10 hours per year. New 100-hour permits have been applied for. The fine was \$2,000.00. Staff requested and attended a hearing (5/9/19) after which a reduction of \$1000.00 was granted.

River Road & Union Ave. Main Replacement Award- Vendor protest Under Review

Mr. McConnell reviewed with the Commissioners the details of a bid protest received on April 29, 2019 from the second lowest bidder, South State (\$846,000.00) to the award to RTW Construction (\$546,200.00) made on April 11.



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Mr. McConnell addressed each of the issues raised in the challenge; the responses of RTW and that of their Bond Company and its Counsel. General Counsel advised regarding his research and recommendations. After questions, discussion and review by the Commissioners, they reached a decision and determination on each issue. General Counsel was directed to memorialize the details of that decision.

Approval of the Minutes

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

Approval of the Special Meeting Minutes

A motion by Mr. Piperno and 2nd by Mr. Johnson to approve the Special Meeting Minutes of April 4, 2019. **All voted in the affirmative in a roll call vote.**

Payment of the Bills

A motion by Mr. Piperno and 2nd by Mr. Ted Brennan to approve payment of the bills in the amount \$450,330.48 dated May 9, 2019. **All voted in the affirmative in a roll call vote.**

A motion by Mr. Piperno and 2nd by Mr. Ted Brennan to approve payment of the bills to Pennsauken Township in the amount \$103,117.00 dated May 9, 2019. **All voted in the affirmative in a roll call vote, except Mr. Scavuzzo abstained.**

A motion by Mr. Piperno and 2nd by Mr. Johnson to approve payment of the bills for Remington & Vernick in the amount \$3,378.75 and Merchantville Borough in the amount of \$12,414.05. **In a roll call vote all voted in the affirmative except Mr. Ted Brennan abstained.**

A motion by Mr. Piperno and 2nd by Mr. Ted Brennan to approve payment of the bills in the amount \$579.00 for the P-Card. **All voted in the affirmative in a roll call vote.**

Bids:

Valve Exercising Machine-5/7/2019

Mr. Spafford asked for authorization to rebid for the Valve Exercising Machine since there were no bidders. Commissioners agreed.

Lab Services 2019- 5/7/2019

Mr. Spafford said that the bid was opened on May 7, 2019 for Lab Services and the lowest bid was Garden State at a bid of \$62,140.00.

Staff Reports

Mr. Saraceni said that the Merchantville Scholarship Award will be held on May 28,2019 at 7:30. He said that he was just notified that this will be an actual graduation and it is possible that only one seat is available. He is waiting on confirmation on the seating arrangements and will advise when it is confirmed.



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Mr. Saraceni also told Commissioners that the penalty regarding the generator must be paid by a certified check which he will handle, and which will be shown on next month's bill list.

Mr. Piperno requested confirmation regarding the Memorial Day wreath laying ceremonies:

Mr. Piperno will represent the MPWC at noon on Sunday May 26 in Pennsauken and Commissioner Ted Brennan will represent the MPWC at Merchantville Borough on May 27, 2019 at Wellwood Park,

Old Business

A motion by Mr. Piperno and 2nd by Mr. Ted Brennan to reject the bid protest by South State, proceed with the award to RTW, and direct the issuance of the Findings and Decision as discussed to be drafted by Counsel. **All voted in the affirmative in a roll call vote**

New Business

A motion by Mr. Ted Brennan and 2nd by Mr. Johnson to authorize bid for lab services by Garden State in the amount of \$62,140.00. **All voted in the affirmative in a roll call vote.**

New Services

A motion by Mr. Piperno and 2nd by Mr. Johnson to approve a new 2" commercial service for 795 Haddonfield Road-Shake Shack and 189 1" services at Haddon Point Phase II. **All voted in the affirmative in a roll call vote.**

Adjournment

A unanimous voice vote of those present for adjournment at 4:44 pm.

Submitted By:

Carol Feriozzi & Michael Saraceni