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**Minutes of the MPWC Special Teleconference Call  
April 23, 2020**

**ATTENDEES/PARTICIPANTS**

**Commissioners:**

Mr. Joseph C. Scavuzzo, President  
Mr. George R. Piperno, Vice President  
Mr. Patrick Brennan, Treasurer  
Mr. Ronald S. Johnson, Secretary  
Mr. Edward Brennan, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer

**Other Attendees:**

Michael A. Saraceni, C.O.O.  
Richard Spafford, P.E., Director of Engineering  
Karl N. McConnell, General Counsel  
Craig Campbell, Superintendent  
Brandy Eisenmann, Customer Service Director  
Carol Feriozzi, Personnel Administrator

The President called the meeting to order by way of Zoom video conference at 4:03PM  
There was a roll call of Commissioners Participants were noted for the record.  
Salute to the Flag; the Open Public Meetings Act Compliance Statement was read.

Mr. Saraceni updated the Commissioners with the progress of the MPWC while coping with the pandemic and the following issues were discussed;

Mr. Spafford reported an issue at 8143 River Road resulted from our contractor changing a 4" to an 8" main and caused the customer's service line to become clogged. MPWC had Root 24 replace the service at our expense which will be covered by our insurance. Mr. Saraceni explained that we would place the claim with our insurance company once RTW completes changing over all services in case any similar events occur.

Mr. Saraceni stated that safety precautions are being revised and staffing optimization issues are being reviewed on an ongoing basis.

Mrs. Feriozzi advised the Commissioners that certain over-the-counter medications are now being covered using our HRA, and FSA programs. Carol will send each Commissioner the information in an email.

Mr. Saraceni said that preparation for salary adjustments is nearing completion and they will be ready for the Salary Committee comprised of Commissioner Scavuzzo and Commissioner Pat Brennan..

Mr. Spafford advised of a valve failure during the weekend at the Collingswood station and a discovery that the inter-connect with Haddon Twp. had never been completed on Collingswood's side.. He also added that the replacement SCADA computer has been installed and that the backup would be complete in a few days.

Mr. Saraceni affirmed that emails, billing and customer inquiries are being completed by minimal Customer Service staff.



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**Public Participation**

At the end of the Agenda, the President inquired if any members of the Public had since joined the call and wanted to be heard. None identified themselves or choose to speak. The public portion was closed.

Mr. Campbell stated that sanitization of the Westfield Ave. office and Park Ave. plant has been completed twice so far. Mr. Saraceni said the sanitization of facilities would be reimbursable through the OEM.

Mr. Campbell then continued that he was still waiting for Maple Shade to inform us of a date and time for the use of the interconnection with the MPWC.

Mr. Spafford advised the Commissioners that there was no new information about Woodbine as we are still awaiting the permit approval from the NJDEP.

A discussion ensued about whether to dis-continue with the bi-weekly meetings. It was decided to do so in favor of the next regular meeting scheduled for May 14<sup>th</sup> at which time the issue could be re-evaluated if necessary

Mr. Scavuzzo ended the meeting with stating that the MPWC is running at full capacity under difficult and unprecedented circumstances and praised all employees for doing a great job.

**Adjournment**

**A unanimous voice vote to adjournment 4:35.**

**Submitted By:**

Carol Feriozzi & Michael Saraceni