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**Minutes of the MPWC Monthly Business Meeting via Teleconference
April 9, 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 at 4:00PM and asked for indulgence as this was the first attempt at conducting the meeting remotely through technology.

There was a roll call of Commissioners;

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

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Pat Brennan motioned, 2nd by Mr. Johnson to approve the Business Meeting Minutes of March 12, 2020 and the teleconference discussion minutes of March 17, 2020 and March 24, 2020. **A unanimous roll call vote.**

Payment of the Bills:

Mr. Pat Brennan motioned, 2nd by Mr. Johnson to approve the bill list dated April 9, 2020 in the amount of \$455,804.94 and payment of the P-Card in the amount of \$1,363.01 dated April 9, 2020. **A unanimous roll call vote.**

Mr. Pat Brennan motioned, 2nd by Mr. Johnson to approve payment of bill dated April 9, 2020 to Remington and Vernick in the amount of \$12,035.00. **All affirmative roll call votes, except Mr. Ted Brennan recused himself.**

MPWC Operations –

Mr. Saraceni related how all operations at the MPWC are being maintained.

OEM Expense Reimbursement –

Mr. Saraceni said that Financial Director Joyce Peirce is submitting weekly expense reports to the OEM for eventual reimbursement.



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Woodbine Avenue Plant –Project Status

Mr. Saraceni explained that the financing for the Woodbine Ave. Plant has been pushed back until late May. Dennis Yoder of R&V is trying to establish the status of the DEP permit. Mr. Spafford stated that he has not received responses regarding the Spill Fund applications for National Highway or Collingswood.

Authorization to bid Browning Road Backwash Tank Replacement

Mr. Spafford requested authorization to bid the Browning Road Backwash Tank Replacement. He explained that the tank has been patched several times and is no longer serviceable. He has completed the specifications for the tank replacement.

404 Curtis Avenue – Service Line Repair

Mr. Saraceni informed the Commissioners of a unique situation regarding a customer service line which Root 24 repaired at 404 Curtis Ave. A discussion ensued and the Commissioners agreed with Mr. Saraceni's management of the situation.

Staff Reports

Mr. Saraceni thanked the Commissioners for their support during this time. He then commended senior staff for keeping the MPWC running smoothly. He also thanked Mr. Spafford for maintaining Collingswood.

Mr. Campbell stated that Maple Shade requested usage of the interconnection for 24 hours next week. He is awaiting more details. Mr. Campbell affirmed that he already contacted the NJDEP.

Mr. McConnell said that he has been monitoring pending Bills in the Legislature, but there has been little activity except the Covid-19 crisis responses bills. He included the summary lists of that legislative activity and bills signed into law.

Mr. Saraceni reminded the Commissioners to file the 2020 financial disclosure notices by April 30, 2020. He then said that Mrs. Feriozzi would be sending an email containing instructions for this plus the required, annual MEL-JIF training.

New Business

Mr. Pat Brennan motioned, 2nd by Mr. Ted Brennan for authorization to bid Browning Road Backwash Tank Replacement. There was a **unanimous roll call vote**.

Project Status

Mr. Pat Brennan questioned why SCADA was down. Mr. Spafford explained that the hard drive failed and that the computer is being rebuilt. A new computer has been ordered, but it will take several months to be delivered. Mr. Spafford said that we are currently operational with the use of a laptop.

Commissioners Report

All Commissioners wished for everyone to stay safe and healthy.



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Mr. Ted Brennan said that a Covid-19 testing site for field personnel and emergency employees will open on April 15th at Camden County College campus in Blackwood. MPWC field employees would qualify to use this, should they need it. Mr. McConnell said that he received that announcement and that he would forward it to the Commissioners.

Mr. Pat Brennan commented that the MPWC is fully operational and the transition has been seamless. He thanked staff for doing a “fantastic job”.

Mr. Scavuzzo expressed that he is proud of the MPWC staff for doing a good job especially under these circumstances.

Mr. Piperno confirmed with Mr. Saraceni that the next teleconference with Commissioners will be April 23rd. More information would be forthcoming.

Adjournment

A motion by Mr. Pat Brennan, 2nd by Mr. Johnson to adjourn at 4:39 PM. **A unanimous voice vote.**

Submitted By:

Carol Feriozzi & Michael Saraceni