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**Minutes of the MPWC Monthly Business Meeting
January 9, 2020**

ATTENDEES

Commissioners:

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

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, except Mr. Edward Brennan.

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

The following items were discussed:

2020 Budget

The C.O.O. reported that the budget has been approved and returned by the DCA of the State of NJ

NJUA 2019 Dividend Check

The C.O.O. reported the Commission received a dividend check in the amount of \$18,931.00 from the Joint Insurance Fund in which the Commission is a participant.

Main Replacement Contract Status

The Engineer reported that the bid under the Water Supply and Wastewater Public-Private Contracting Acts (P.L. 1995, c. 101; P.L. 1995, c. 216) was opened in November and that the only bidding and qualified contractor has proposed \$1.2M. which was within the budgeted amount. The Engineer recommends making the Conditional Initial Public-Private Award to them as they were deemed qualified by the Evaluation Committee. In addition, this is the most efficient way of achieving compliance with WQAA. The process will be to award and then negotiate further terms into a written agreement which will come back to the Commission for conditional award or rejection. That document will need to be put to public hearing as well as approval by state agencies pursuant to the statute. The discussion turned to other projects that would be coming online this year as well, which included discussing the ability of the MPWC field team to handle some of the main replacement in house, but with other projects, the standard workload and emergency work, it would be difficult for the in-house team to be dedicated to a significant portion of the WQAA requirements for main replacement. It was noted that with the initiation of this contract and project, the MPWC continues to be 100% in compliance with WQAA to date.



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Approval of the Minutes

A motion by Mr. Piperno and 2nd by Mr. Johnson to approve the Minutes of the Business Meeting of December 12, 2019. **All present voted in the affirmative in a roll call vote.**

A motion by Mr. Piperno and 2nd by Mr. Johnson to approve the Minutes of the Executive Session of the Business Meeting of December 12, 2019. **All present voted in the affirmative in a roll call vote.**

Payment of the Bills

A motion by Mr. Pat Brennan and 2nd by Mr. Piperno to approve payment of the bills in the amount \$771,854.80 and a bill for R&V for \$10,720.00 dated January 9, 2020. **All present voted in the affirmative in a roll call vote. ,**

A motion by Mr. Pat Brennan and 2nd by Mr. Piperno to approve payment of the bills for Pennsauken Township in the amount \$8,782.75 dated January 9, 2020. **All present voted in the affirmative in a roll call vote – Mr. Scavuzzo abstained.**

A motion by Mr. Pat Brennan and 2nd by Mr. Piperno to approve payment of the bills for Merchantville Borough and Remington & Vernick in the amount \$13,392.47 dated June 13, 2019. **All present voted in the affirmative in a roll call vote**

A motion by Mr. Pat Brennan and 2nd by Mr. Johnson to approve payment of the P-card in the amount of \$288.00 dated January 9, 2020. **All present voted in the affirmative in a roll call vote**

Bid Openings

The Engineer distributed a summary of the Low Bids that he was recommending for Award in each category of Annual Contracts for review and recommended the low bidder for each contract which is attached to these minutes.

Staff Reports

Mr. Pat Brennan noted that pumpage was up and the Superintendent noted that overall it was down for the year by less than 1 percent. Mr. Pat Brennan questioned how close to completion is the GIS project. The Engineer summarized the recent activity and indicated that he anticipates the program going live over the next month or two. Mr. Johnson asked about the radio meter installations. Staff indicated that it was near completion. A discussion ensued regarding the redistribution of capital funds and the possibility of looking at fixed network towers in the near future.

New Business

A motion by Mr. Pat Brennan and 2nd by Mr. Johnson to award Annual Bids to all low bids as recommended by Staff on the attached Chart. A full detailed listing shall be attached to the Resolution for record. **All present voted in the affirmative in a roll call vote.**



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A motion by Mr. Pat Brennan and 2nd by Mr. Piperno to approve new services at 775 Haddonfield Rd, Cherry Hill, which includes three 2" domestic services and three 6" fire services for retail space. **All present voted in the affirmative in a roll call vote.**

A motion by Mr. Pat Brennan and 2nd by Mr. Piperno to Make a Conditional Award Under the Public-Private Water Supply Contract Act for the Main Replacement bid and directed Staff to negotiate with Utility Services for a Agreement. **All present voted in the affirmative in a roll call vote..**

Project Status

A discussion ensued about the National Highway land acquisition. The C.O.O. noted that Pepsi representatives were enthusiastic about Pepsi being placed on the tank and have informed them that the owners are in support of going forward with a partnership involving the transfer of land to the MPWC for placement of a treatment plant. They are working through some operational concerns and will be contacting the MPWC for further discussions soon. Mr. Scavuzzo asked that the project status table be updated to include "status" so that all are aware of next steps or why a project may be on hold. The C.O.O. acknowledged and will amend accordingly.

Commissioners Reports:

Mr. Johnson wished everyone a Happy New year and is looking forward to 2020 with the Commission. Mr. Scavuzzo asked that Commissioners receive notifications when there are significant incidents occurring in town, similarly to the main break notification. This refers to a recent motor vehicle accident that involved a hydrant that was ripped from the main causing the MPWC to perform significant repairs. There was also a discussion regarding that specific accident and the MPWC's insurance claim and what expenses could be recovered. Mr. Piperno asked if there was any discussions with the county regarding paving requirements. Mr. McConnell reminded Mr. Piperno that Mayor Brennan was to meet Mr. Cappelli but that he advised G.C. that that meeting did not occur as of this date.

Adjournment

A motion by Mr. Piperno and 2nd by Mr. Pat Brennan to adjourn at 4:52 PM. **A unanimous voice vote of those present.**

Submitted By:

Brandy Eisenmann & Michael Saraceni