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**Minutes of the MPWC Monthly Business Meeting
January 14, 2021**

ATTENDEES

Commissioners:

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

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
Joe Jasinski, Suez
Caren Sheehan – Court Reporter

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

There was a roll call of Commissioners all were present via Zoom, except Mr. George Piperno.

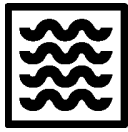
Salute to the Flag; the Open Public Meetings Act Compliance Statement was read.

Public-Private Main Contract Public Hearing

The President turned the meeting over to Mr. McConnell for the Public Hearing in accordance with the New Jersey Water Supply Public-Private Contracting Act." N.J.S.A. 58:26-19. Court Reporter and General Counsel were present in the G. Burton German Meeting Room of the MPWC Headquarters open for Public attendance with Meeting Notices posted on front door. No members of public chose to attend in person or via Zoom. It was announced that the Hearing Record will remain open for an additional one-week period for any Written Public Submissions. Transcript to be attached when available for the official record. Mr. Jasinski of Suez exited at the end of the Hearing.

National Highway New Plant Construction

Mr. Spafford indicates that he has developed a plan to build on our existing site as the preferred option and he displayed a preliminary drawing of the proposed site. The construction phase would be accelerated by building on the existing site and no future structures would be needed due to this plant's treatment technology. Mr. Spafford reported that next steps would be to prepare a plan and take them to the DEP and the Pennsauken Planning Board. There was a brief discussion regarding whether the Commission would need additional land on that site at a later date and agreed that they would deal with that issue should it arise in the future. Mr. Spafford inquired about financing the project and it was agreed that it would go through the Infrastructure Trust Fund.



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HomeServe Agreement Renewal as A Concession and a Non-Fair & Open Contract

Mr. Saraceni indicated that the documents for the two (2) year renewal are in order and ready for approval and signature. Mr. McConnell will prepare a Resolution documenting all the Commission decisions in this regard.

Neptune 360 Cloud Software and Antennas

Mr. Spafford reported on project progress which included two (2) training sessions for both field and office staff. Mr. Spafford also initiated a conversation on the installation of antennas for data collection. The Commission authorized staff to install up to 3 antennas to pilot the program.

Customer Leak Adjustment

Mrs. Eisenmann explained the circumstances surrounding the leak and seeks approval for an account adjustment in accordance with Regulation 1023.

Approval of the Minutes

A motion by Mr. Pat Brennan and 2nd by Mr. Johnson to approve the Minutes of the Business Meeting and the Executive Session of December 10, 2020. **All voted in the affirmative in a roll call vote, except Mr. George Piperno who was absent.**

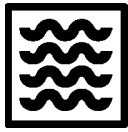
Payment of the Bills

Pat Brennan asked Mr. Saraceni to explain to the Commission what the HRA & FSA Transfers were funding. Mr. Saraceni provided explanation. A motion by Mr. Pat Brennan and 2nd by Mr. Ron Johnson to approve payment of the bills dated December 11, 2020 as follows: HRA Transfer for \$217,000.00 and FSA Transfer for \$8,898.00, and bills dated January 14, 2021 for \$1,372,451.36. **All voted in the affirmative in a roll call vote, except Mr. Piperno who was absent.**

A motion by Mr. Pat Brennan and 2nd by Mr. Ted Brennan to approve payment of the bills for Pennsauken Township in the amount \$1,045.00 dated January 14, 2021. **All voted in the affirmative in a roll call vote; Mr. Scavuzzo abstained, and Mr. Piperno was absent.**

Staff Reports

Mr. Saraceni requested an Executive Session at the end of the meeting for contract discussions. It was mentioned that one of the Superintendent's charts was missing from his report. Mrs. Eisenmann acknowledged the oversight when transmitting and indicated that she was forwarding it via email immediately to all. Mr. Spafford requested signatures on the annual contracts. Mr. Spafford also gave a brief update on the National Highway project and the Superintendent mentioned that the MPWC met all sampling deadlines. All were very pleased with the project. Mr. McConnell informed the Commissioners that he requested title work of a deed and any easements for the former Friendly's parcel at the Pavilions from Presidential Title.



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Old Business

A motion by Mr. Pat Brennan and 2nd by Mr. Ted Brennan to approve the award of a Concession as a Non-Fair and Open contract with HomeServe USA as a two (2) year contract renewal of the former terms . Mr. McConnell clarified the scope of the award by regulation that the Resolution would be comprehensive and reflect that scope. **All voted in the affirmative in a roll call vote, except Mr. Piperno was absent.**

A motion by Mr. Pat Brennan and 2nd by Mr. Johnson to approve to begin the design and permitting process for the new treatment plan to be built on the site of the existing National Highway facility. **All voted in the affirmative in a voice vote, except Mr. Piperno was absent.**

New Business

A motion by Mr. Ron Johnson and 2nd by Mr. Pat Brennan to award authorizing staff to pilot the data collection upgrade project by installing two to three antennas in the service area. **All voted in the affirmative in a voice vote, except Mr. Piperno was absent.**

New Services

A motion by Mr. Pat Brennan and 2nd by Mr. Ted Brennan to approve new services as follows: 1” domestic service at 2238 39th Street, Pennsauken & a new 4” fire service and 2” domestic to service 23 residential units at 2100 & 2118 Haddonfield Rd at Haddon Point. **All voted in the affirmative in a roll call vote, except Mr. Piperno was absent.**

Commissioners Reports:

Mr. Piperno arrived at 5:14 PM. Mr. Piperno asked about the customer leak request and Mr. Saraceni recapped the discussion for him. Mr. Ted Brennan had nothing to report but wished everyone a Happy New Year. Mr. Johnson also wished everyone a Happy New Year and indicated that he was looking forward to a better 2021 for everyone. Mr. Pat Brennan informed that he has not yet met with Mr. Scavuzzo to discuss last month’s Executive Session but will be scheduling that meeting in the coming days. Mr. Pat Brennan also informed everyone that Camden County has opened appointments for Covid vaccines for all eligible Phase 1A and certain Phase 1B folks and urged those who are interested to schedule their appointments. Mr. Scavuzzo also indicated that he and Mr. Brennan had not yet met but would be doing so shortly. Mr. Scavuzzo mentioned that he and Mr. Saraceni had some preliminary ideas/notes to be shared with Mr. Brennan and then later with the rest of the Commissioners.

A motion by Mr. Pat Brennan and 2nd by Mr. Ted Brennan to enter Executive Session for contract discussions at 5:22 PM. **All voted in the affirmative in a roll call vote.**



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The Commissioners re-entered the public meeting at 5:37 PM with no action to be taken at this time.

Adjournment

A motion by Mr. Pat Brennan and 2nd by Mr. George Piperno to adjourn at 5:38 PM. **A unanimous voice vote of those present.**

Submitted By:

Brandy Eisenmann & Michael Saraceni