

**MPWC****MERCHANTVILLE-PENNSAUKEN WATER COMMISSION**6751 Westfield Avenue • Pennsauken, NJ 08110  
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PresidentShakir Ali  
Vice-PresidentPatrick Brennan  
TreasurerEdward F. Brennan  
SecretaryFrank Warwick  
Asst. Secretary/Treasurer**Minutes of the MPWC Monthly Business Meeting  
April 8, 2021****ATTENDEES****Commissioners:**

Mr. Joseph C. Scavuzzo, President  
Shakir Ali, Vice President  
Mr. Patrick Brennan, Treasurer  
Mr. Edward Brennan, Secretary  
Mr. Frank Warwick, Asst. Secretary/Treasurer

**Other Attendees:**

Jack Killion, C.O.O.  
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 in-person meeting to order at 4:02 PM which was also a Zoom video conference for the public. There was a roll call of Commissioners; Participants choosing to identify themselves were noted on record; none did.

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

**Financial Disclosures MELJIF Safety Training “ Employment Practices Liability”- Due 4/30**

Mr. Killion reminded the Commissioners that Financial Disclosures and MELJIF Safety Training must be completed by 4/30/2021 , and if anyone needed help to contact his office.

Mrs. Feriozzi introduced 2 new hires Chris Jacoby and Tom Woltjen and the Commissioners welcomed them to the MPWC and they were then excused from the meeting.

**EPA Lead and Copper Rule Impacts**

Mr. Spafford reported that a new Lead and Copper rule has been proposed. He advised that it will likely be approved and he recommended it as prudent that the MPWC continue of the removal of any service which is not known not to be lead or suspected to be galvanized and to replace services based on planned road openings. Ted Brennan asked Mr. Spafford to coordinate with Merchantville and Pennsauken and share information pertaining to roads which the towns already plan to open and that he will do the same. Mr. Spafford agreed.

**Remington & Vernick Design Contract Proposal**

Tabled until the May Commission meeting.

**Approval of the Minutes**

Mr. Pat Brennan motioned, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Ali to approve the Business Meeting Minutes of March 11, 2021, the Executive Session Minutes of March 11, 2021 and the Special Meeting Minutes of March 26, 2021 and March 29, 2021. All received a unanimous roll call vote.



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**Payment of the Bills**

Mr. Pat Brennan's motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Warwick to approve the bill list in the amount of \$556,973.63, the P-Card payment of \$244.96 and the appropriation fee in the amount of \$332,118.00 dated April 8, 2021. **A unanimous roll call vote.**

Mr. Pat Brennan motioned, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Ted Brennan to approve payment of bill for Pennsauken Township, dated April 8, 2021 in the amount of \$14,013.58. **After Mr. Ali and Mr. Scavuzzo abstained; all others voted yes.**

Mr. Pat Brennan motioned, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Ali to approve payment of bill to R&V in the amount of \$52,033.60 dated April 8, 2021. **After Mr. Ted Brennan abstained, all others voted yes.**

**Correspondence.**

Memo from Michael Saraceni.

**Meeting Open to the Public:**

Former Commissioner Ronald Johnson greeted the Commissioners with no other substantive items.

A Mr. Anthony Marinelli advised as a Paul VI high school student he was researching for school about the local water utility and was scheduled to meet with Asst. Superintendent Garaguso the next day. Mr. Scavuzzo informed him that Mr. Garaguso would provide him any information he required.

There were several others from the public that chose not to identify themselves or speak.

Mr. Ted Brennan motioned, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Pat Brennan to close the public session @ 4:17pm. **A unanimous voice vote.**

Mr. Ted Brennan motioned, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Pat Brennan to enter into Executive Session @ 4:22pm. **A unanimous voice vote.**

Commissioner resumed into the open portion of the meeting @ 4:47pm.

**Staff Reports**

Mr. Killion reported that staff is to give him hourly annual reviews by 4/30/2021, to which he will discuss recommendations with the Salary Committee in May and will go to the Commissioners at the June Commission Meeting for approval.

Mr. Garaguso announced that the new Ipad's have been delivered and he will need to meet with each Commissioner to set them up.

Mr. McConnell reported that he, Mr. Killion and Mr. Spafford had a positive virtual meeting on 4/8 with the new head of the DCA's DLGS, Director Suarez regarding the upcoming Public-Private Water Main Asset Management Contract application with the LFB.

He also advised that the MPWC been served with discovery requests from the BPU staff to which he had filed responses as had Suez to a smaller set of Discovery requests served on them.





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General Counsel also advised he had been requested and granted the BPU an extension of time so that they could consider our matter for their 4/27/2021 agenda.

**Old Business:**

MPWC Policy 1250-Temporary Disability-Tabled

**New Business:**

**New Services:**

Mr. Pat Brennan motioned, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Warwick to approve the new services at 2200 Route 70 – Cherry Hill - new 4” domestic service and 6” fire service and 202 N. Park - Cherry Hill- two - 2” domestic services and two – 2” fire services and 475 Drousse Ave. – Pennsauken a new 1” irrigation service. **A unanimous roll call vote.**

Mr. Pat Brennan motioned, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Ted Brennan to approve the Resolution for the hiring of Mr. Jack Killion as C.O.O. of the MPWC. **A unanimous roll call vote.**

Mr. Ted Brennan motioned, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Ali to approve the Resolution for hiring 2 new Field Service Technicians- Dan Lovett and Chris Jacoby. **A unanimous roll call vote.**

Mr. Frank Warwick motioned, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Ali to approve the hiring for a 3<sup>rd</sup> Field Service Technician position to Tom Woltjen. **After Mr. Ted Brennan and Mr. Pat Brennan abstained, all others voted Yes.**

**Commissioners Reports**

The Commissioners welcomed Jack Killion to the MPWC. A discussion ensued. Mr. Pat Brennan requested to meet with Mr. Killion to create a new Budget spreadsheet, to which Mr. Killion agreed.

A motion was made by Mr. Brennan and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Warwick to enter into Executive Session at 5:09PM. **A unanimous roll call vote.**

The Commissioners re-entered Public Session at 5:40 PM.

A motion was made by Mr. Frank Warwick to Award the Marion Avenue Tank painting Bid to the lowest responsible bidder as Allied Painting and to reject all other bids as referenced in the Bid resolution. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joe Scavuzzo, and a **unanimous roll call vote.**

Upon a unanimous voice vote the Commissioners adjourned at 5:48pm

**Adjournment**

Prepared By:  
Carol Feriozzi  
Jack Killion