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# Minutes of the Monthly Business Meeting May 12, 2022

# ATTENDEES

<u>Commissioners:</u> Mr. Joseph Scavuzzo, President Mr. Shakir Ali, Vice President Mr. Frank Warwick, Secretary Other Attendees: Jack Killion, C.O.O. Richard Spafford, P.E., Director of Engineering Karl N. McConnell, General Counsel Brandy Eisenmann, Customer Service Director James Garaguso, Distribution Superintendent

Mr. Scavuzzo called the meeting to order at 4:10 PM.

The Roll Call of Commissioners reflected: Messrs. Scavuzzo, Ali and Warwick present; Messrs. Brennan and Perno absent.

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

## **Bid Opening for Park Ave Tank Antennae License**

Mr. McConnell informed the Commissioners that the MPWC received a qualifying bid for an initial year payment of \$53K and all other mandatory minimums from T-Mobile and staff will recommend an award.

## **Collingswood Contract Meeting**

Mr. Killion summarized the meeting and noted that the MPWC is currently in contract negotiations with Collingswood.

## I-Bank & NJEIT Financing Status – National Highway Plant Project

Mr. Killion informed the Commissioners of staff's meeting with Moody's representative regarding the MPWC's credit rating for project financing with the NJEIT. Mr. Killion noted that Moody's agent was complimentary and impressed with the MPWC. The Rating report expected next week for review and approval.

# Salary Committee Recommendations

Salary Committee presented its recommendations to Commissioners for review and comment at next month's meeting.

## **Approval of the Minutes**

A motion by Mr. Warwick and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Ali to approve the Business Meeting Minutes of April 14, 2022. A unanimous roll call vote of all present; Mr. Brennan and Mr. Perno were absent.



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## **Payment of the Bills**

A motion by Mr. Warwick and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Ali to approve payment of the bill list dated May 12, 2022, for \$753,364.34, and 15,077.44 for Merchantville Borough, and \$1,763.44 for the P-Card. A unanimous roll call vote of all present; Mr. Brennan and Mr. Perno were absent.

A motion by Warwick and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Ali to approve payment of the scholarships dated May 13, 2022, in the amount of \$4,000.00. A unanimous roll call vote of all present; Mr. Brennan and Mr. Perno were absent.

Commissioners were advised that Pennsauken High School will distribute scholarships the evening of June 9, 2022. They have requested a representative of the MPWC to present to the recipients.

A motion by Warwick and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Ali to table the bills to Pennsauken township due to lack of an unconflicted quorum. A unanimous roll call vote of all present; Mr. Brennan and Mr. Perno were absent.

### **Commission Action**

A motion by Mr. Warwick and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Ali to accept the T-Mobile bid for the Park Avenue antenna space and award to them. A unanimous roll call vote of all present; Mr. Brennan and Mr. Perno were absent.

A motion by Mr. Warwick and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Ali to approve new services as follows: 1" residential at 2550 43<sup>rd</sup> street; 6" fire service at 6713 Rudderow Ave; 6" fire service and 2: domestic service for 400 Rt. 38. A **unanimous roll call vote of all present; Mr. Brennan and Mr. Perno were absent.** 

#### **Staff Reports**

Mr. Killion advised that the new Plant Operator begins his orientation tomorrow, Friday, May 13, 2012.Mr. Killion asked for feedback from Commissioners regarding the MPWC facilities tour. All Commissioners agreed that everyone in attendance appreciated the tour.

Mr. Spafford reported that report that the new Woodbine plant is up and running with only punch list items left to address for the plant itself. Mr. Spafford informed the Commissioners that he is currently researching a resolution to the noise issue resulting from the air strippers at the new plant. The estimate to resolve the issue is \$40 thousand dollars.

Mr. McConnell reported that T-Mobile representatives have requested we go back out to bid for same long-term minimum bids for the National Highway & Woodbine antennae space as previously and they requested a June 28, 2022, return date for National Highway. Woodbine rebid will closely follow.



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## **Commissioners Reports:**

Mr. Scavuzzo thanked staff again for the preparations that went into the MPWC Facility Tour and noted that it was impressive and well received by the host communities.

### **Adjournment**

A motion by Mr. Warwick and 2nd by Mr. Ali to adjourn at 4:53 PM. Received a unanimous voice vote of all members present.

### **Submitted By:**

Brandy Eisenmann Jack Killion Karl McConnell