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Minutes of the Monthly Business Meeting September 9, 2022 ATTENDEES

Commissioners:

Mr. Joseph Scavuzzo, President Mr. Shakir Ali, Vice President Mr. Patrick Brennan, Treasurer Mr. Anthony Perno, Asst Secretary

Other Attendees:

Jack Killion, C.O.O.
Richard Spafford, P.E., Director of Engineering
Karl N. McConnell, General Counsel
Angela Waldron, Asst Finance Director
Brandy Eisenmann, Customer Service Director

Mr. Scavuzzo called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.

The Roll Call of Commissioners reflected: All Commissioners were present, except Mr. Warwick.

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

ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:

Bid Opening – Park Antennae

Mr. McConnell reported that we did receive a bid on the antenna space on the Park Avenue Tank and recommends award.

Employee Health Benefits

Mr. Killion reported that the premiums will increase by 5.89% for 2022.

Employee Benefits Agreement

Staff provided the Commissioners with the broker agreement for signature.

DCA LIHWAP Application Deadline Extension

Customer Service Director summarized the latest information obtained in a recent webinar regarding the state's relief programs with regard to payments, payment plans and enforcement of collections practices. The MPWC's service terminations are delayed through the end of the year.

2021 Audit Review

Staff presented the 2021 Draft Audit to Commissioners for review and comment. The Treasurer noted that there were no findings.

2023 Budget Review

Staff presented the draft budget for 2023 to Commissioners for review and comment.



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Approval of the Minutes

A motion by Mr. Brennan and 2nd by Mr. Ali to approve the Meeting Minutes of August 11, 2022. **A unanimous roll call vote of all present.**

Payment of the Bills

A motion by Mr. Brennan and 2nd by Mr. Perno to approve payment of the bill to in the amount of \$448,522.50; the payment of the P-Card for \$201.67; ACH transfers for the FSA and HRA accounts totaling \$3,100.00. **A unanimous roll call vote of all present.**

Staff Reports

The C.O.O. provided a proposal to the Commissioners for a potential moderator for a strategic planning session. The Treasurer proposes that he and the President schedule a meeting with the moderators to construct a program for the session. Mr. Scavuzzo asked staff to prepare some information regarding the MPWC's allocation structure ahead of the strategic planning session for the benefit of Commissioners who have not previously participated in the sessions. The Engineering Director will prepare a summary for distribution to all Commissioners.

Mr. Spafford also reported on the status of financing through the I-Bank and noted that he believes they are about ready to issue an approval to bid for the National Highway Plant project.

Mr. Spafford reported on forward process with the cross-training efforts in Collingswood and indicated that there is an individual in place learning the plant operations. He also reported that 120 Water is currently working to identify the service line materials in Collingswood.

The Superintendent noted a minor correction in his report regarding a well number.

New Business

A motion by Mr. Brennan and 2nd by Mr. Ali to approve the 125 Plan Amendment for 2022. **A unanimous roll call vote of all present.**

A motion by Mr. Brennan and 2nd by Mr. Perno to accept the bid for antennae space on the Park Avenue Water Tank Antennae Licenses Award 2022-05 to Verizon Wireless for Terms in excess of or at a minimum terms of id as set forth in bid package. A unanimous roll call vote of all present.

A motion by Mr. Brennan and 2nd by Mr. Ali to to approve the 2021 audit. A unanimous roll call vote of all present.

A motion by Mr. Brennan and 2nd by Mr. Ali to approve a new 2" domestic and 6" fire service at 2240 Rt. 70, Cherry Hill. A unanimous roll call vote of all present.



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Commissioner Reports

Mr. Brennan thanked staff, and specifically the C.O.O. for the time and effort that went into the research to secure a moderator for the upcoming strategic planning session for Commissioners. Mr. Scavuzzo echoed those sentiments and reminded staff that the management team was invited to participate in the session as their contributions and knowledge are important to the future planning of the MPWC.

Adjournment

A motion by Mr. Perno and 2nd by Mr. Brennan to adjourn at 5:04 PM received a unanimous voice vote by all in attendance.

Submitted By:

Brandy Eisenmann Jack Killion Karl McConnell