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Ph: 856.663.0043 • Fax: 856.486.7417 • www.mpwc.comMr. Joseph Scavuzzo
PresidentMr. Shakir Ali
Vice PresidentMr. Frank Warwick
Secretary/Asst
TreasurerMr. Patrick Brennan
TreasurerMr. Anthony Perno
Ass't Secretary**Minutes of the Monthly Business Meeting****February 9, 2023****ATTENDEES****Commissioners:**

Mr. Joseph Scavuzzo, President
Mr. Shakir Ali, Vice President
Mr. Patrick Brennan, Treasurer
Mr. Frank Warwick, Secretary/Asst. 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
James Garaguso, Distribution Superintendent

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

The Roll Call of Commissioners reflected:
All Commissioners were present.

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

ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:**Park Avenue Plant Design and Cost Estimate**

Mr. Spafford referred to the revised estimate provided by Remington & Vernick. There was a discussion regarding the design, cost and potential to use the existing unused space available at the current plant.

National Highway Plant Bid

The bid opening has been postponed to February 16, 2023 due to several questions and addendums.

Park Avenue Tank Painting

Mr. Spafford requested authorization to bid the painting of the Park Avenue Tank

Authorization to Purchase Vehicles

Staff requested authorization to purchase two new vehicles under state contract.

Authorization to Sell Vehicles

Staff requested authorization to sell 3 vehicles on a state approved internet auction.

Main Lining/Replacement Contract

Staff provided the year 4 contract renewal for review and approval.

RFP for Service Line Protection Plan

Mr. McConnell received one response from HomeServe USA and as it meets the requirements, staff recommends accepting the proposal.

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Ass't Secretary**Approval of the Minutes**

A motion by Mr. Brennan and 2nd by Mr. Warwick to approve the Meeting Minutes of January 12, 2023. **A unanimous roll call vote.**

Payment of the Bills

A motion by Mr. Brennan and 2nd by Mr. Ali to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$443,258.58, and for payment of the P-card in the amount of \$1,227.07, and wire transfers for the HRA account for \$5,000 and the NJEIT loans for \$68,060.91. **A unanimous roll call vote, except Mr. Perno abstained.**

A motion by Mr. Brennan and 2nd by Mr. Warwick to approve payment of bills to Pennsauken Township in the amount of \$96,887.60. **A unanimous roll call vote, except Ali and Mr. Scavuzzo recused themselves.**

A motion by Mr. Brennan and 2nd by Mr. Ali to approve payment of bills to Merchantville Borough in the amount of \$12,688.96. **A unanimous roll call vote, except Ali and Mr. Scavuzzo recused themselves.**

Staff Reports

Mr. Killion discussed some dates for making an annual presentation to the Borough Council.

Mr. Killion advised that that DillonMarcus was proposing planning sessions with MPWC staff as the next phase of the strategic planning initiative. Mr. Killion also informed that he's been working on some new ideas to help collect the remaining outstanding service line types from MPWC customers.

Mr. Brennan noted that pumpage was higher. Mr. Garaguso indicated that there aren't many vacancies in the industrial park at the moment.

Mr. McConnell informed the Commissioners that NJ American has noticed virtual public hearings on the Purchase Water Adjustment Charge increase.

New Business

A motion by Mr. Brennan and 2nd by Mr. Perno to authorize going to bid for the Park Avenue Tank Painting. **A unanimous roll call vote.**

A motion by Mr. Brennan and 2nd by Mr. Perno to purchase two new Ford F150s from the state contract. **A unanimous roll call vote.**

A motion by Mr. Brennan and 2nd by Mr. Perno authorizing the sale of three Ford Explorers on state approve internet auction. **A unanimous roll call vote.**

A motion by Mr. Brennan and 2nd by Mr. Perno to approve the year 4 contract renewal for main lining and replacement at an increased rate of 4% over year 3. **A unanimous roll call vote.**

A motion by Mr. Brennan and 2nd by Mr. Perno to award competitive contract for service line protection plans to HomeServe USA. **A unanimous roll call vote.**

Project Status Table

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Mr. Brennan inquired about the faulty radio antenna and Mr. Spafford informed the Commission that the MPWC is still waiting to receive the new equipment.

Commissioner Reports

Mr. Brennan informed the Commissioners that there would be a CD rollover this month.

Mr. Brennan also discusses an article that he shared with the C.O.O., written about Coca-Cola that contained a section emphasizing the value of water. Mr. Brennan suggested that staff obtain permission to share the article across our social media and website.

Mr. Brennan summarized a discussion that he had with the mayor of Collingswood regarding the management of their water treatment system and the role of the MPWC in the future. Mr. Spafford noted that meetings to discuss the contract with Collingswood which ends this summer must be scheduled soon.

Mr. Killion added some ideas being developed to recruit participation regarding the customer service line inventory project. He recently met with Ryan Wachter of Pennsauken Twp to discuss the possibility of filming some spots to be run on Channel 19.

Adjournment

A motion by Mr. Scavuzzo and 2nd by Mr. Perno to adjourn at 4:45 PM **received a unanimous voice vote by all in attendance. Go Birds!**

Submitted By:Brandy Eisenmann
Jack Killion
Karl McConnell