

**MPWC****MERCHANTVILLE-PENNSAUKEN WATER COMMISSION**6751 Westfield Avenue • Pennsauken, NJ 08110  
Ph: 856.663.0043 • Fax: 856.486.7417 • www.mppwc.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****March 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:**

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 Tank Painting Bid**

Mr. Spafford summarized the results of the bid opening noting that one bidder had a fatal defect and staff recommend they be rejected for failing to list the mandated electrical contractor required for that portion of the work. All other bids exceeded the budgeted amount, so Mr. Spafford recommended that the project be rebid.

**National Highway Plant Bid**

Mr. Spafford noted that bids were received and opened and that the MPWC need not wait for approval from the Trust if it choose to award it conditioned on their approval. It was recommended that the Commission could award contingent or just wait until next meeting.

**Lead Service Line Replacement – Project Discussion**

There was a discussion regarding the financing of the service line replacement. Mr. Spafford indicated that his current understanding of the State's proposed portion of financing the project could potentially result in \$1 million in principal forgiveness. The Commissioners decided to table the discussion for their upcoming strategic planning session.

**DillonMarcus Strategic Planning**

There were two information gathering sessions held with all employees this week.

**Approval of the Minutes**

A motion by Mr. Brennan and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Warwick to approve the Meeting Minutes of February 9, 2023 A **unanimous roll call vote.**

**Payment of the Bills**

A motion by Mr. Brennan and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Perno to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$426,396.32, and for payment of the P-card in the amount of \$1,430.00. A **unanimous roll call vote.**

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A motion by Mr. Brennan and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Warwick to approve payment of bills to Pennsauken Township in the amount of \$11,892.21. **A unanimous roll call vote, except Ali and Mr. Scavuzzo recused themselves.**

**Bid Openings**

A motion by Mr. Brennan and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Ali to reject all Tank Painting bids as recommended and authorize to rebid the project. **A unanimous roll call vote.**

**Staff Reports**

Mr. Garaguso indicated that pumpage has dropped, this typically being an odd month but that there is nothing out of the ordinary. Mr. Spafford answered a Commission inquiry as to the redesign of the Park Avenue Plant and indicated that there will be a design meeting to discuss in the near future. General Counsel indicated that the MPWC has finally received today a proposed draft survey for an easement for the new Chick-fil-A being built on Rt. 70.

**New Business**

A motion by Mr. Brennan and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Warwick authorizing the creating of a new position titled Operations Assistant, and to advertise internally prior to advertising for external applicants to fill the position. **A unanimous roll call vote.**

A motion by Mr. Brennan and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Perno to approve new 2" domestic and 8" fire services at 9175 River Road, Pennsauken. **A unanimous roll call vote.**

**Project Status Table**

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 but that the issue has been escalated.

**Commissioner Reports**

In honor of Women's History Month, Mr. Ali offered thanks and praise for the women working at the MPWC. Mr. Brennan indicated that staff would be meeting with 1<sup>st</sup> Colonial Bank to discuss rates and services. Mr. Perno noted that he recently experienced a water quality violation at his place of business in Burlington County and that it created an opportunity to reflect on the excellent work that the MPWC has done to stay ahead of potential violations based on new regulations. Mr. Scavuzzo offered thanks and appreciation to the women of the MPWC.

**Adjournment**

A motion by Mr. Scavuzzo and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Perno to adjourn at 4:44 PM **received a unanimous voice vote.**

**Submitted By:**

Brandy Eisenmann

Jack Killion

Karl McConnell