

**MPWC****MERCHANTVILLE-PENNSAUKEN WATER COMMISSION**6751 Westfield Avenue • Pennsauken, NJ 08110
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****April 14, 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:

John Killion, Sr., C.O.O.
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**

Staff recommends accepting the lowest responsive bidder, US Tank.

National Highway Plant Bid

MPWC expects to receive DEP approval any day to award the project to MBE Mark III. Staff recommends conditionally approving award of the project with a contingency of receiving NJDEP approval. Mr. Brennan inquired what portion might be funded from the state of NJ. The C.O.O. expects \$1 million dollars but Staff will confirm and report back.

GAC Replacement at Marion Avenue

Staff indicated that there is some breakthrough at the Marion Avenue plant and that it is time to replace the GAC. Staff is seeking permission to bid with a budget of \$250K.

Regulation 1006-Application for Water Service Regulation Revisions

Mr. McConnell summarized the proposed changes for the Commissioners. A discussion ensued regarding requirements for materials used on both sides of the service for new applicants. Staff research possible further revisions and report back.

Delaware River Chemical Spill

Mr. Killion summarized actions taken by the MPWC with regard to the NJAWC interconnect at the time of the chemical spill in the Delaware River. Mr. Brennan expressed some concerns with regard to the timeframe and manner in which the MPWC customers were notified that their water supply was not affected. It was agreed that should the MPWC experience another urgent situation or emergency that the Reverse 911 be utilized more quickly. The discussion included suggestions to review the MPWC's emergency response plans and procedures and the interconnect agreement terms with NJAWC.

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Ass't Secretary**Collingswood Meeting**

Mr. Brennan summarized the meeting noting that Collingswood's proposal will need to be measured against the MPWC's actual costs to provide services. Staff is preparing that data and the MPWC will respond with its proposal for continued negotiations.

DillonMarcus Strategic Planning Session

Staff reminded the Commission of their scheduled Planning session on Saturday, May 13, 2023.

Financial Disclosure Statements

Mr. Killion provided Commissioners and staff with their login information to complete the annual Financial Disclosure Statements.

EPL Training for Commissioners

Mr. Killion will be reaching out to Commissioners regarding this training, which will result in credits back to the MPWC from the JIF.

Permission to Hire Summer Help

Staff seek permission to hire four (4) individuals to fill seasonal positions.

Salary Committee – Hourly Reviews Meeting

The Salary Committee determined to meet with staff on April 26, 2023.

Approval of the Minutes

A motion by Mr. Brennan and 2nd by Mr. Perno to approve the Meeting Minutes of March 9, 2023, business meeting. **A unanimous roll call vote.**

Payment of the Bills

A motion by Mr. Brennan and 2nd by Mr. Perno to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$567,146.07, and for payment of the P-card in the amount of \$40.36. **A unanimous roll call vote.**

A motion by Mr. Brennan and 2nd by Mr. Perno to approve payment of bills to Pennsauken Township in the amount of \$380.00. **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 \$460.00. **A unanimous roll call vote.**

Correspondence

There was a discussion regarding the letter outlining services provided by First Colonial Bank.

Bid Openings

A motion by Mr. Brennan and 2nd by Mr. Warwick to award the bid for the Park Avenue Tank Painting to to lowest responsive bidder ,US Tank Painting \$496,900.00. **A unanimous roll call vote.**

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Ass't Secretary**Old Business**

A motion by Mr. Brennan and 2nd by Mr. Warwick authorizing a conditional award with a contingency of receiving NJDEP approval of the National Highway Plant Upgrade project to MBE Mark III for \$7,677,000.00. **A unanimous roll call vote.**

New Business

A motion by Mr. Brennan and 2nd by Mr. Ali authorizing staff to go out for a bid for GAC replacement at the Marion Avenue Plant. **A unanimous roll call vote.**

A motion by Mr. Brennan and 2nd by Mr. Perno to approve the changes to MPWC Regulation 1006 as submitted. **A unanimous roll call vote.**

A motion by Mr. Brennan and 2nd by Mr. Perno to approve recruiting for four (4) seasonal positions. **A unanimous roll call vote.**

New Services

A motion by Mr. Brennan and 2nd by Mr. Warwick to approve a 4" domestic service and a 6" fire service on Garden Park Blvd. **A unanimous roll call vote.**

A motion by Mr. Brennan and 2nd by Mr. Warwick to approve three (3) 1" domestic services at 8301 Corbett Rd. **A unanimous roll call vote, except Mr. Ali recused himself.**

Project Status Table

Mr. Garaguso noted that the faulty Neptune antenna has been replaced.

Commissioner Reports

Mr. Brennan thanked staff for the efforts taken to improve communications. Mr. Brennan also noted that he had discussed with Mr. Killion that the MPWC host communities are potentially to receive federal funding for certain projects, as well as Collingswood for their Comly Plant. Mr. Brennan noted that it may be a good time to research a renewal of the interconnect with Collingswood.

Mr. Brennan complimented staff on this year's CCR report.

Adjournment

A motion by Mr. Warwick and 2nd by Mr. Perno to adjourn at 5:17 PM **received a unanimous voice vote by all in attendance.**

Submitted By:Brandy Eisenmann
Jack Killion
Karl McConnell