

**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****May 11, 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, Engineering Director
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:**Proposed PFAS Rule - Discussion**

Mr. Spafford summarized the proposed new rule which will significantly reduce the allowable limits for PFNA's. Mr. Spafford recommends "lease to buy" of the required mobile carbon units, similar to those tested at National Highway plant as immediate temporary use ahead of full plant design at two affected sites.

ASR Permit Cancellation

Mr. Spafford recommended letting go of the ASR well permit as it does not currently benefit us in any way, and notes that the MPWC can go back and re-permit the well in the future if necessary.

National Highway Treatment Plant Upgrades Construction- Contract

Contract for MBE Mark III has been prepared for Commission signature. Pre-con meeting is scheduled for May 17, 2023, at which point the DEP will walk the MPWC through the loan process. It is anticipated that the MPWC will find out details about any potential principle forgiveness after the loans are funded.

Park Avenue Tank Painting - Contacts

Contracts have been prepared for Commission signature for Award to US Tank Painting for \$496,900.00.

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Ass't Secretary**CD Rollover-Signatures Required**

The MPWC will roll over a CD from a current rate of 1% to the rate of 4% for 90 days.

Salary Committee Recommendations

Mr. Killion noted that he would be distributing revised information for review and comment by all Commissioners, as recommended by the Salary Committee.

Approval of the Minutes

A motion by Mr. Brennan and 2nd by Mr. Warwick to approve the Business Meeting Minutes of April 13, 2023..
A unanimous roll call vote.

Payment of the Bills

A motion by Mr. Brennan and 2nd by Mr. Perno to approve payment of a capital expense of \$88,086.00 for the purchase of vehicles, dated April 24, 2023. **A unanimous roll call vote.**

A motion by Mr. Brennan and 2nd by Mr. Perno to approve payment of bills dated May 11, 2023 for \$684,851.23, and to Merchantville Borough in the amount of \$12,688.96 and for payment of the P-card for \$1,508.85. **A unanimous roll call vote.**

A motion by Mr. Brennan and 2nd by Mr. Perno to approve payment to Pennsauken Township for \$98,502.23.
A unanimous roll call vote, except Ali and Mr. Scavuzzo abstained.

Correspondence

Mr. Killion informed the Commissioners that he received notice that Mr. Warwick has tendered his resignation effective June 30, 2023 as he will be retiring from Pennsauken School District on that date and by NJPERS regulation he must resign his position as MPWC Commissioner in order to receive his pension.

Staff Reports

Mr. Killion distributed revised salary committee recommendations to all Commissioners. Mr. Killion initiated a discussion regarding the MPWC's potential participation in a class action lawsuit first presented to Commissioners several years ago prior in response to spill fund act and the significantly increased financial obligations to the MPWC in response to groundwater contamination. Mr. Killion also noted that he and Mr. Spafford would be attending a lead line replacement seminar on May 24, 2023. Mr. Killion reported on discussions surrounding the upcoming Collingswood contract renewal.

Mr. Spafford noted that he would refamiliarize about the specifics of the NJAW interconnect and terminating of the current Commodity-Demand Agreement with them

Mr. Brennan polled the Commissioners on whether anyone had any suggestions for what should be included on the project status table going forward. The Commissioners agreed that they would have a better understanding of those potential items after the upcoming Strategic Planning session.

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Old Business

A motion by Mr. Brennan and 2nd by Mr. Perno authorizing Final award of the National Highway Plant project without any contingency to MBE Mark III for \$7,677,000.00. **A unanimous roll call vote.**

Commissioner Reports

Mr. Ali congratulated Mr. Warwick on his upcoming retirement. Staff and Commissioners echoed those sentiments. Mr. Brennan thanked Mr. Warwick for his time and efforts while serving on the Commission. Mr. Scavuzzo noted that he was looking forward to the upcoming Strategic Planning session.

Adjournment

A motion by Mr. Ali and 2nd by Mr. Brennan to adjourn at 4:48 PM **received a unanimous voice vote by all in attendance.**

Submitted By:

Brandy Eisenmann
Jack Killion
Karl McConnell