

Mr. Joseph Scavuzzo  
PresidentMr. Shakir Ali  
Vice PresidentMr. Frank Warwick  
SecretaryMr. Patrick Brennan  
TreasurerMr. Anthony Perno  
Ass't Secretary/ Treasurer**Minutes of the Monthly Business Meeting****June 8, 2023****ATTENDEES****Commissioners:**

Mr. Joseph Scavuzzo, President  
Mr. Shakir Ali, Vice President  
Mr. Frank Warwick, Secretary  
Mr. Patrick Brennan, Treasurer  
Mr. Anthony Perno, Ass't Secretary/Treasurer

**Other Attendees:**

Jack Killion, C.O.O.  
Richard Spafford, P.E., Director of Engineering  
Karl N. McConnell, General Counsel  
James Garaguso, Distribution Superintendent  
Colleen O'Brien, Customer Support Supervisor  
Joyce Peirce, Director of Finance  
Angela Waldron, Ass't Finance Director

Mr. Scavuzzo called the meeting to order at 4:03 PM.

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

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

**Bid Opening & Award – Carbon Replacement at National Highway Plant:**

Mr. Spafford reported that only one bid was submitted for this project and the low bidder was Calgon Carbon for \$130,000.

**Permission to Bid Leased Cardon Filters for Browning Rd Plant**

Mr. Spafford reported PFAS at the site have increased and MPWC will need to install carbon filter treatment. It was also reported that it is intended to purchase the filters at the end of the lease if financially prudent.

**RFPs for Annual Contracts**

Mrs. Peirce reported that the contracts are due back on June 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Collingswood Proposal**

Mr. Killion explained the proposal discussed with Collingswood for the next three years' operation. There are two options open to Collingswood under the Agreement. Year One(1) is for MPWC management and compensation of \$250,000.00. In Year Two (2), if they have their own personnel properly licensed and qualified to reduce the MPWC role, the compensation shall decrease to \$87,500.00 or MPWC personnel shall be the licensed operator for \$155,000.00. Year three (3) shall offer the same choices as Year 2. The MPWC is awaiting Collingswood's written draft. Mr. Perno asked if the amounts discussed in the proposal account for rising costs Mr. Spafford stated that those items were accounted for within the three year proposal.

**MPWC Regulation 1006 – Revision for Review and Approval**

A discussion ensued regarding minor changes that still needed to be made prior to approval. Mr. McConnell will make the changes and submit them for approval at the July Commission Meeting.

**Lead Service Information from CDM Smith Seminar**

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Mr. Spafford reported that he and Mr. Killion attended this seminar in Hightstown. A discussion ensued with the Commission and Staff of the new rulings put out by the EPA and how to handle the new changes going forward.

**Browning Road Engineering Agreement**

Mr. Spafford reported that the agreement was sent to him just moments prior to this meeting and that he had not yet reviewed the information. He informed the Commission that he did forward the agreement to them for review as well.

**Salary Committee Approval of Recommendations**

Mr. Scavuzzo reported that the Salary Committee received no questions or comments from the Commissioners.

**Strategic Planning Committee Session Dates**

Two dates were agreed upon for the next Strategic Planning Meetings. Two dates were set for the event in case a second session is needed. Both meetings will be advertised accordingly.

**Approval of the Minutes**

A motion by Mr. Brennan and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Perno to approve the Business Meeting Minutes of May 11, 2023. **A unanimous roll call vote of all present.**

**Payment of the Bills**

A motion by Mr. Brennan and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Warwick to approve payment of the bill list dated May 26, 2023, for \$12,354.12; bill list dated June 8, 2023, for \$351,667.79; and the P-Card, for \$900.20. **A unanimous roll call vote of all present; Mr. Ali and Mr. Scavuzzo abstained.**

A motion by Mr. Brennan and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Warwick to approve payment of the bill to Pennsauken Township dated June 8, 2023, for \$1,140.00. **A unanimous roll call vote of all present; Mr. Ali and Mr. Scavuzzo abstained.**

**Bid Openings:****Carbon Replacement at Marion Plant**

A motion by Mr. Brennan and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Ali to Award the contract on the bid for the Marion Avenue Plant Carbon Replacement to Calgon Carbon for \$130,000. **A unanimous roll call vote of all present.**

**Staff Reports**

Mr. Killion thanked Mr. Perno for his assistance reviewing the proposed retainer agreement for the class action lawsuit regarding PFAS contaminating drinking water. Mr. Killion reported that the MPWC commercial has been completed and shared regarding the lead service lines, and echoed Mr. Brennan's earlier comments that these efforts are to help the customers.

Mr. Brennan commented on pumpage increasing over the last two months and that this April and May have been the best they have been in the past ten years. Mr. Garaguso stated that the lack of rain as attributed to that increase. Also, with Philadelphia having a chemical spill, Pepsi had an increase in their bottled water production.

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Ph: 856.663.0043 • Fax: 856.486.7417 • www.mpwc.comMr. Joseph Scavuzzo  
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Mr. Brennan asked why the residential property on Cove Road was having a 6" service installed. Mr. Garaguso explained this is to feed the multiple hydrants on the property until the customer is able to draft from the river. Once drafting begins, there will only be a boiler house and bathroom being fed at this location.

Mr. Spafford reported to the Commission that there has been a formal protest for the National Highway Plant Bid. Mr. Spafford stated that he would have further information to report to the Commission after a scheduled meeting that is tomorrow, June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Mr. Brennan asked if an attorney needed to be present for this, Mr. Spafford stated he would do so if necessary.

Mr. McConnell asked for a formal resolution Awarding a Non-Fair and Open Professional Services Contract to Special Counsel Team regarding the MDL litigation in The USDC in South Carolina for PFNA contamination of ground water and authorizing the execution of the Agreement A motion by Mr. Brenna and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Perno. **A unanimous roll call vote of all present.**

Mr. McConnell asked for permission to accept the received Deed of Easement for Garden State Pavilions. Mr. Brennan requested that this be tabled until he could review the Deed.

Mr. McConnell asked for a resolution setting a minimum Bid for Marion Avenue Antennae Use License successor Contract starting in 2025. The space is currently with T-Mobile. A motion by Mr. Brennan and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Perno to set the initial minimum bid at \$55,000.00 and a 3% escalator. **A unanimous roll call vote of all present.**

Mr. Brennan asked Mr. McConnell to explain the payments to Conrail for the Commissioners that may not be aware. Mr. McConnell explained the payments are for the Easement Agreements with Conrail at National Highway Water Tank and the Access driveway to the Marion Avenue Facility from Park Avenue.

Mrs. Peirce asked for permission to pay off the BAN loan early. A discussion ensued regarding the matter. It was agreed that Mrs. Peirce process the potential number and report back next month.

**Old Business**

A motion by Mr. Warwick and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Ali to approve the Salary Committee Recommendation. **A unanimous roll call vote of all present; Mr. Brennan abstained.**

No action is needed at thistime regarding the Collingswood Proposal until the draft is received.

**New Business**

A motion by Mr. Brennan and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Ali to go out for Bid to Lease Carbon Filters for Browning Rd Plant. **A unanimous roll call vote of all present.**

**New Services**

A motion by Mr. Brennan and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Perno to approve all proposed new services. **A unanimous roll call vote of all present.**

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**Project Status****Neptune 360 Antennas**

Mr. Brennan commented that the antennas seem to be a good customer improvement. Mr. Spafford commented that the areas not picking up signals will be mapped out to find the ideal places for the remaining antennas to be placed.

**Commissioner Reports**

Mr. Warwick stated that it has been a pleasure to work with the Commission and Staff.

Mr. Brennan thanked Mr. Warwick for his time and efforts while on the Commission. It was also mentioned to have Summer Help get as many hydrants painted as possible this summer with the lack of them during the pandemic, it is easy to see the poorly looking hydrants.

Mr. Scavuzzo thanked all the Commission and Staff and wished all a happy Father's Day.

**Adjournment**

A motion by Mr. Scavuzzo and 2nd by Mr. Brennan to adjourn at 5:06 PM. **Received a unanimous voice vote of all members present.**

**Submitted By:**

Colleen O'Brien  
Jack Killion  
Karl McConnell