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**Minutes of the Monthly Business Meeting
January 11, 2024
ATTENDEES**

Commissioners:

Mr. Joseph Scavuzzo, President
Mr. Patrick Brennan, Treasurer
Mr. Shakir Ali, Vice President
Mr. George Piperno, Secretary
Mr. Anthony Perno, Asst. Secretary/Asst. Treasurer

Other Attendees:

Mr. Jack Killion, C.O.O.
Mr. Richard F. Spafford, P.E., Engineering Director
Mr. James Garaguso, Distribution Superintendent
Mrs. Brandy Eisenmann, Customer Service Director
Mrs. Joyce Peirce, Finance Director
Mrs. Angela Waldon, Asst. Finance Director

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

A roll call of Commissioners reflected: All Commissioners present.

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

ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:

Annual Maintenance Contracts - Signatures

Mr. Spafford noted that about half of the contracts were returned and are prepared for Commission signatures.

Final 2024 Budget Approval – Signatures & Resolution

Mrs. Peirce informs the Commission that the final budget is prepared for signatures and asks for a Resolution to adopt.

Employee Benefit Contributions

Mr. Brennan noted that all Commissioners have received the new data prepared by staff. There is a discussion regarding the options and recommendation to approve new rates to be effective with the first pay of February.

Mrs. Waldron will prepare notifications to the employees.

Approval of the Minutes

A motion by Mr. Brennan and 2nd by Mr. Perno to approve the minutes of the Business meeting & the Executive Session of December 14, 2023. **A unanimous roll call vote of all present.**



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Approval of the Bills

A motion by Mr. Brennan and 2nd by Mr. Piperno to approve payment of bills dated January 11, 2024 in the amount of \$1,340,776.99; also the P-card for \$1,974.50; also electronic transfers as follows: FSA account dated December 14, 2023 for \$751.00, the HRA account dated December 29, 2023 for \$8,700.00 and for the I-Bank for \$64,354.24. **A unanimous roll call vote of all present.**

A motion by Mr. Brennan and 2nd by Mr. Perno to approve payment of bills for Pennsauken Township dated January 11, 2024 in the amount of \$1,710.00. **A roll call vote approval except Mr. Ali and Mr. Scavuzzo who abstained.**

Staff Reports

Mr. Killion informed the Commissioners that staff recently met with the DOT to discuss the Rt. 70 main replacement project. The meeting was very positive, the project plans are being finalized and staff should have more information regarding the financing of the project shortly. Mr. Brennan made note that Collingswood ran an article in the Retrospect regarding their commitment to the water system. Mr. Spafford informed the Commission that his meeting with Collingswood administration has been postponed and that he will report back once the meeting has been rescheduled. Mr. Brennan inquired of Mr. Spafford as to whether the MPWC can test for microplastics. Mr. Spafford said that he will make the arrangements and bring results back to the Commission when available. Mrs. Waldron informed the Commissioners that an internal candidate applied for the open position in the Finance department, and that she would be sending letters to the Mayors regarding the opening for Plant Operator.

Old Business

A motion by Mr. Brennan and 2nd by Mr. Perno to approve by Resolution the 2024 Budget. **A unanimous roll call vote of all present. Resol. #2024-_____**

New Business

A motion by Mr. Brennan and 2nd by Mr. Perno to approve the Y2 rates for employee benefit contributions, effective the first pay period of February 2024. **A unanimous roll call vote of all present.**

Project Status Table

Two new Neptune antennas at the Marion Avenue plant will be installed in the next two weeks while the Westfield Ave antenna is still on hold awaiting the electrician.



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Commissioner Reports

Mr. Ali noted that he received an email from Sean Fitzgerald regarding annual training for Commissioners and informed everyone that his username and password has changed and it would likely be the same for the others. Mr. Brennan asked Mr. Killion and Mr. Spafford if the employment contract negotiations are moving forward and they noted that the process is progressing smoothly. Mr. Scavuzzo informed staff that a recent HomeServe mailing had some confusing language in it regarding the billing/invoicing of the plans and asked staff to address the issue with HomeServe.

Adjournment

A motion by Commissioner Piperno and 2nd by Commissioner Ali to adjourn at 4:38 PM. **A unanimous voice vote of all present.**

Submitted By:

Brandy Eisenmann
Jack Killion