

MPWC

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**Minutes of the Monthly Business Meeting
February 8, 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
Karl N. McConnell, General Counsel
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 4:00 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:

Marion Avenue Tank Interior Painting

Staff requests permission to bid for interior tank painting for the Marion Avenue tank.

Plant Projects – Park & Browning, Bond Counsel

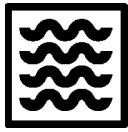
Staff requests Commissioners recommendation of Bond Counsel for the plant projects.

Camden County Educational Service – Permission to Participate

Mr. McConnell requests permission to participate in the co-op for purchasing. This also initiated a discussion regarding investigating partnering with the local vocational and technical schools for trades resources.

Scholarships – Request to Participate from Pennsauken High School

Staff received a request to participate in the scholarship awards for the current school year. A discussion ensued regarding the amount of the scholarship awards since they were last increased in 2014. Commissioner Piperno proposed increasing the amount per scholarship for both Pennsauken and Haddon Heights High schools.



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Approval of the Minutes

A motion by Mr. Brennan and 2nd by Mr. Perno to approve the minutes of the business meeting January 11, 2024. **A unanimous roll call vote of all present.**

Approval of the Bills

A motion by Mr. Brennan and 2nd by Mr. Piperno to approve payment of bills dated February 8, 2024 in the amount of \$954,341.71; also to Merchantville Borough for \$13,694.61; also the P-Card for \$589.00; and wire transfers for the HRA account for \$165,300.00 and the FSA account for \$14,269.00. **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 February 8, 2024 in the amount of \$104,946.25. **A roll call vote approval except Mr. Ali and Mr. Scavuzzo who abstained.**

Staff Reports

Mr. Spafford informed the Commissioners that the MPWC has \$95K budgeted for vehicles for the year and after evaluating the fleet, staff is recommending the purchase of a new dump truck. The MPWC's dump truck is 16 years old. Mr. Spafford received a quote for \$91,521.00 and requests permission to go out for bid. Mr. Brennan inquired about the status of the Route 70 main replacement project and Mr. Spafford indicated that the bid package is being put together and he is still waiting on the final numbers for funding.

Project Status Table

The new Neptune antenna has been installed at the Marion Avenue plant with the Westfield antenna to follow. Mr. Brennan inquired as to the RFQ for marketing and staff indicated that it is still being developed.

Commissioner Reports

Mr. Brennan indicated that the MPWC's cash position is up \$1.8M from last year and noted that project reimbursements are being received. The Commissioners discussed paying some of the upcoming project expenses with cash rather than to borrow for everything. Mr. McConnell noted that PFAS expenses previously invoiced and invoiced through May can be submitted for consideration to the PFAS "Special Needs Fund". Mr. Brennan informed the Commissioners that Merchantville would be celebrating its 150 year birthday and inquired about a sponsorship from the MPWC for \$1,000.00, to which the Commissioners agreed.

Old Business

A motion by Mr. Brennan and 2nd by Mr. Piperno to approve an employment contract between the MPWC and the Director of Engineering as prepared. **A unanimous roll call vote of all present. Resolution #2024-04**

New Business

A motion by Mr. Brennan and 2nd by Mr. Perno to approve participating in the Camden County Educational Services Co-op for Purchasing. **A unanimous roll call vote of all present. Resolution #2024-03**



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A motion by Mr. Perno and 2nd by Mr. Piperno to approve an increase to the high school scholarship awards to \$1,500.00 each. **A unanimous roll call vote of all present.**

A motion by Mr. Brennan and 2nd by Mr. Ali to approve going out for bid for the purchase of a new dump truck. **A unanimous roll call vote of all present.**

Adjournment

A motion by Commissioner Piperno and 2nd by Commissioner Ali to adjourn at 5:08 PM. **A unanimous voice vote of all present.**

Submitted By:

Brandy Eisenmann
Karl McConnell
Jack Killion