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MERCHANTVILLE-PENNSAUKEN WATER COMMISSION

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**Minutes of the Monthly Business Meeting
March 12, 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 – Bids Received

Staff recommends awarding the bid to the low bidder – Allied Painting.

Approval of the Minutes

A motion by Mr. Piperno and 2nd by Mr. Brennan to approve the minutes of the business meeting February 8, 2024. **A unanimous roll call vote of all present.**

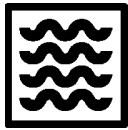
Approval of the Bills

A motion by Mr. Brennan and 2nd by Mr. Piperno to approve payment of bills dated March 12, 2024 in the amount of \$1,349,740.06 and for the P-Card for \$895.13. **A unanimous roll call vote of all present.**

A motion by Mr. Brennan and 2nd by Mr. Piperno to approve payment of bills for Pennsauken Township dated March 12, 2024 in the amount of \$1,045.00. **A roll call vote for approval except Mr. Ali and Mr. Scavuzzo who abstained.**

A motion by Mr. Brennan and 2nd by Mr. Ali to approve payment of bills for Merchantville Borough dated March 12, 2024 in the amount of \$460.00. **A unanimous roll call vote of all present.**

A motion by Mr. Brennan and 2nd by Mr. Piperno to approve payment of bills for Thomas Woltjen dated March 12, 2024 in the amount of \$174.00. **A roll call vote approval except Mr. Brennan who abstained.**



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Staff Reports

Mr. Killion informed Commissioners of a request for sponsorship by the MPWC for the Merchantville 150th Anniversary celebration, and reminded them to complete their annual training this month.

Mrs. Waldron informed the Commission that the RFP for Marketing has been posted and sent out with a response date of April 9, 2024. Mr. Brennan and Mr. Piperno initiated a discussion about the MPWC's allocation. Staff assured the Commissioners that the allocation is continuously monitored and the MPWC is in no current danger of exceeding allocation limits.

Mr. Spafford informed the Commission that the design for the Route 70 main project in partnership with the DOT is complete but there are no firm numbers as of this date. The MPWC was invited to a breakfast for their participation in the project along Rt. 70 and was presented with an award that morning. It was discussed that the award would be advertised to the public through all of our media / social media sources.

Commissioners inquired of Mr. Spafford if there was any information available on the sampling for microplastics. Mr. Spafford indicated that the sample was sent to a lab in California, currently the only state testing for microplastics, and that results were expected to take approximately three months. Mr. McConnell informed the Commissioners that our Special Counsel, Kevin Madonna, Esq. had been requesting of Mr. Spafford and him any information regarding both our 1,4 dioxane well readings and the closest area contamination sites, known area producers, and DEP designated sites near us for use in drafting complaint and venue for our action in that regard.

New Business

A motion by Mr. Brennan and 2nd by Mr. Piperno to award the bid for interior tank painting of the Marion Avenue tank to Allied Painting for \$285,000.00. **A unanimous roll call vote of all present. Resolution #2024-05**

Project Status Table

Marketing RFP is out.

Mr. Spafford will distribute to Commissioners renderings of the Park Avenue plant structure from R&V. The National Highway plant is expected to be online sometime in July.

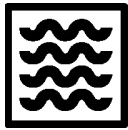
Commissioner Reports

Mr. Piperno informed Commissioners and staff that he has submitted his resignation and that this would be his last meeting. Noting that he's served as MPWC Commissioner in the past, he continues to recognize what a unique organization this is and his current service just reinforces his opinion. Mr. Piperno praised the organizational structure of the MPWC and commended management and hourly staff for their efforts and reminded staff to never become complacent. Mr. Perno wished everyone a happy Pi Day.

Mr. Ali thanked Mr. Piperno for his service to the Commission and stated that it has truly been a privilege to service alongside of him.

Mr. Ali congratulated Ms. Peirce of her upcoming retirement and also noted that there will be a Memorial Day ceremony in Pennsauken this year and requests the MPWC's participation in the wreath laying.

Mr. Brennan wished Mr. Piperno well and noted that he will miss his phone calls and advice. Mr. Scavuzzo echoes the sentiments of the other commissions and wishes Mr. Piperno well and thanked him for his service.



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Adjournment

A motion by Commissioner Brennan and 2nd by Commissioner Perno to adjourn at 4:42 PM. **A unanimous voice vote of all present.**

Submitted By:

Brandy Eisenmann

Karl McConnell

Jack Killion



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