

**MPWC****MERCHANTVILLE-PENNSAUKEN WATER COMMISSION**

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Minutes of the Monthly Business Meeting
September 14, 2023
ATTENDEES

Commissioners:

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

Other Attendees:

Mr. Jack Killion, C.O.O.
Mr. Richard F. Spafford, P.E., Engineering Director
Mr. Karl N. McConnell, General Counsel
Mr. James Garaguso, Distribution Superintendent
Mrs. Brandy Eisenmann, Customer Service Director
Ms. 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, except Mr. Brennan.

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

ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:**2022 Draft Audit**

The draft audit was provided for review and comment by Commissioners.

2024 Draft Budget

The draft budget for 2024, which includes a proposed residential water rate increase of 3% was distributed to Commissioners for review and comment with the intent to approve at the next meeting.

Employee Health Benefits Renewal

Mr. Killion reported that the rate for renewal of employee health benefits for 2024 will be 4.39% overall.

Proposed Rate Adjustments for 2024

As noted in the draft budget, staff is proposing a rate adjustment of 3%.

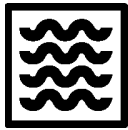
Approval of the Minutes

A motion by Mr. Perno and 2nd by Mr. Ali to approve the Business Meeting Minutes of the September 14, 2023 meeting. **A unanimous roll call vote of all present.**

Approval of the Bills

A motion by Mr. Perno and 2nd by Mr. Piperno to approve payment of bills dated September 14, 2023 in the amount of \$957,529.18 and for the P-card in the amount of \$242.90. **A unanimous roll call vote of all present.**

Payments to Pennsauken Township were tabled.

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Staff Reports

Mr. Spafford reported that NJ DOT is still considering the replacement of water mains along Route 70 and is moving forward with the project plan and design. Mr. Spafford is anticipating a formal response from Suez regarding the delay of the main contract by one year and will report back when he has more information.

Mr. McConnell noted that he is providing a Resolution and a Agreement for renewal of membership in the NJUA both of which require signatures.

Mrs. Waldron reported to the Commissioners that Conner Strong recommends moving back to the state disability plan for the coming year. The supplemental plan will continue.

Mr. Killion noted that staff has continued to communicate with Dillon Marcus regarding the Strategic Plan. Mr. Killion summarized the staff report of changes that been implemented as a direct result of the DillonMarcus session and noted that Strategic Plan are being finalized and reported on in the coming weeks.

New Business

A motion by Mr. Piperno and 2nd by Mr. Perno to approve the NJUA membership renewal by Resolution & their Agreement. **A unanimous roll call vote of all present.**

A motion by Mr. Perno and 2nd by Mr. Piperno to approve a Non-Fair and Open Appointment of Kevin Madonna, Esq. as Special Counsel for the Dioxane litigation and approving the contingent Retainer agreement. **A unanimous roll call vote of all present.**

Commissioner Reports

Mr. Scavuzzo informed the Commissioners that staff has been in communication with Pennsauken PD to potentially use the antenna located at Westfield Ave & 47th Street as a site for a Neptune meter antennae.

Adjournment

A motion by Mr. Scavuzzo and 2nd by Mr. Ali to adjourn at 4:30 PM. **A unanimous voice vote of all present.**

Submitted By:

Brandy Eisenmann
Karl McConnell
Jack Killion