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Ph: 856.663.0043 • Fax: 856.486.7417 • www.mpwc.comMr. 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****February 14, 2025****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:

Mr. Jack Killion, C.O.O.

Mr. Richard F. Spafford, P.E., Engineering Director

Mr. James Garaguso, Distribution Superintendent

Mr. Karl McConnell, General Counsel

Sean Fitzgerald, Safety Coordinator

Ms. Angela Waldon, Finance Director

Mrs. Jeannine Hershey, Asst. Finance Director

Mr. Scavuzzo called the meeting to order at 4:02 PM.

A roll call of Commissioners reflected Mr. Perno was absent.

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

SHARP Award

Darcea Messier & James Revak, both from PEOSH, attended the beginning portion of the meeting. They presented a SHARP (Safety & Health Achievement Recognition Program) award to the MPWC. Darcea noted that this was an incredible accomplishment by a public agency and the attainment of the award was large part due to Sean Fitzgerald's diligence in making our safety program successful. Darcea also stated that a public employer had not been able to attain the award within the last decade, and is u. The MPWC received a certificate and a flag and with the SHARP status, would not be subject to an OSHA inspection for the next two years from this date. Frank Sinatra from Pennsauken Township was also in attendance and took photographs of the awarding of the flag and certificate.

Imbue Website Development

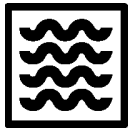
Janine Banks, Account Manager & Darrell Christmas, Creative Director, both from Imbue Creative in Lambertville, NJ attended the beginning portion of the meeting. They introduced themselves to the Commission as they received a tour from Rich Spafford, Engineer and would be updating the website over the next few months.

2024 Revenue & Expense Report

Per Commissioner Brennan's recommendation, the 2024 Revenue & Expense Report was included with the Commission package. Mr. Brennan felt that these documents offered a good snapshot of where our fiscal position currently lies.

Galvanized Service Line Replacement– Bid Results

Mr. Spafford provided the summary bid tabulations and stated that Miller Pipeline was the low bidder and was seeking Commission approval to award.

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Calgon Carbon Filter Purchase

While the Commission has already authorized the purchase of the carbon filtration units from Calgon, Mr. Spafford noted that the final purchase invoice would be forthcoming for approval.

Commission-Level Participation – 100th Anniversary

Mr. Spafford requested that in addition to Jeannine Hershey and himself, he was looking for a Commissioner to take part in the development of the 100th Anniversary activities and planning. Mr. Brennan volunteered to participate.

P-Card Resolution

Angela Waldron noted that the current purchasing card issued under the State Contract had expired on January 31st, 2025 and that she is seeking approval to move to US Bank under the new State Contract.

I-Bank Resolution – Final Bond Closing for National Highway

Mr. Brennan stated that there would be a conditional approval to move the project forward, but that the Commission would like assurances that the 1 million dollars in principal forgiveness continued to apply to this project. Mr. Spafford agreed and stated he would request clarification.

Approval of the Minutes

A motion by Mr. Brennan and 2nd by Mr. Warwick to approve the minutes of the business meeting January 9, 2025. **A unanimous roll call vote of all present.**

Approval of the Bills

A motion by Mr. Brennan and 2nd by Mr. Ali to approve payment of bills dated February 13, 2025 in the amount of \$423,181.56, approve payment to the Borough of Merchantville in the amount of \$10,816.00 and to approve payment of the P-card in the amount of \$1,285.02. **A unanimous roll call vote of all present.**

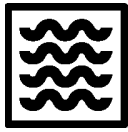
A motion by Mr. Brennan and 2nd by Mr. Warwick to approve payment of Pennsauken Township bills dated February 13, 2025 in the amount of \$82,586.40. **A roll call vote approval including Mr. Ali who invoked the Doctrine of Necessity, and Mr. Scavuzzo who abstained.**

Correspondence

A letter from Pennsauken High School requesting continued scholarship participation was introduced under correspondence. Commission agreed to participate at the same level as it has in previous years.

Meeting Open to the Public

The meeting was opened to the public at 4:27 PM. Public was no longer present.

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Staff Reports**Chief Operating Officer**

A request came in from Merchantville-Pennsauken Little League for a sponsorship. Commissioners agreed that one-time events for sponsorship might be possible, but unfortunately league participation was not possible or sustainable.

Engineer

Mr. Spafford requested two employees attend the National Conference in Boulder, CO in June 2025. He also noted all employees that have both W-2 & T-2 licenses would attend the local NJ AWWA conference next month. Mr. Spafford also provided an update on Collingswood.

General Counsel

Karl McConnell noted that there was no decision yet on the Bergen County litigation.

Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Brennan commented on how notable the award was and how much it related back to our everyday commitment to our customers. He also noted that we were still under drought restrictions according to the DEP website. He asked staff to continue to be attentive to legislation and keep our legislators aware of the product we serve. He concluded by requesting a brochure and attendance at the Borough and Township meetings to keep our parent communities informed of what is going on with the MPWC.

Commissioner Scavuzzo wished all a Happy Valentine's Day and thanked Sean Fitzgerald for his commitment to the MPWC's safety program.

Adjournment

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

Submitted By:

Angela Waldron