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**Minutes of the Monthly Business Meeting****May 8, 2025****ATTENDEES****Commissioners:**

Mr. Joseph Scavuzzo, President  
Mr. Shakir Ali, Vice President  
Mr. Frank Warwick, Secretary  
Mr. Patrick Brennan, Treasurer  
Mr. Anthony Perno, Asst 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  
Ms. Angela Waldon, Finance Director  
Mrs. Jeannine Hershey, Asst. Finance Director  
Mrs. Brandy Eisenmann, Customer Service Director  
Ms. Raven Linton, Staff Engineer

Mr. Scavuzzo called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.

A roll call of Commissioners reflected Mr. Perno who was absent at the start of the meeting, arriving at 4:15 PM.

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

**Browning Road PFAS Plant, Contingent Award**

Mr. Spafford provided the Commissioners with the list of bidders and indicated that TKT Construction was the low bidder. Mr. Spafford recommends contingent award of the project to the low bidder.

**Salary Committee Recommendations**

Mr. Brennan informs Commissioners that the salary committee has met with staff and recommendations are provided for them to review. Mr. Brennan will be absent from the June meeting and instructed Commissioners to contact Mr. Scavuzzo with any questions or comments.

**Allied Painting – Contracts Prepared for Signature**

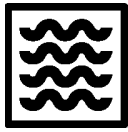
Staff provided contracts for the Cherry Hill tank painting project for signature.

**Approval of the Minutes**

A motion by Mr. Brennan and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Warwick to approve the minutes of the business meeting April 10, 2025. **A unanimous roll call vote of all present.**

**Approval of the Bills**

A motion by Mr. Brennan and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ali to approve payment of bills dated May 8, 2025 in the amount of \$491,742.23, and for payment to Merchantville in the amount of \$10,816.00, and for payment of the P-card in the amount of \$1,960.53. **A unanimous roll call vote of all present.**

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A motion by Mr. Brennan and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Warwick to approve payment of Pennsauken Township bills dated May 8, 2025 in the amount of \$82,586.40. **A roll call vote approval including Mr. Scavuzzo who invoked the Doctrine of Necessity.**

**Meeting Open to the Public**

The meeting was opened to the public at 4:31 PM. No one from the public was in attendance so the meeting was closed to the public.

**Correspondence**

Commissioners commented on the receipt of a letter of gratitude received from an MPWC customer. Mr. Garaguso explained the situation that led to the writing of that letter and noted which field employees were on site to assist. Mr. Brennan reminded staff to be sure that the letter was copied to the employee's files.

**Staff Reports****COO**

Mr. Killian thanked Mr. Scavuzzo and PPW for their assistance with hanging a new flag at the MPWC headquarters building.

**Asst Superintendent**

Mr. Brennan asked Mr. Garaguso if there was anything of significance that caused the drop in pumpage across the last month. Mr. Garaguso indicated that there was nothing specific. There was a discussion as to whether the Merchantville Country Club is still using the meters in the pump house for irrigation. Mr. Garaguso will be reaching out to inquire.

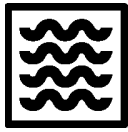
**Customer Service Director**

Mrs. Eisenmann informed the Commissioners that staff terminated services for 51 customers on Monday, May 5 for failure to comply with state mandated service line inspections. Those terminations resulted in the identification of only 3 lead/galvanized lines and all of the rest were inventoried as copper.

**Engineer**

Mr. Spafford informed the Commissioners that going forward it would be in the best interest of the MPWC to create a blanket contract with Calgon for carbon, considering how much of it will be required for running the new treatment plants. Mr. Scavuzzo questioned the approximate costs annually and Mr. Spafford estimated \$40-\$50K annually/plant.

Mr. Spafford also informed Commissioners that he was contacted by the NJDOT regarding the main replacement along Cuthbert Blvd. They requested that he work with Taylor Wiseman & Taylor to finalize the main replacement plans for this section. A quote would be forthcoming.

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Mr. Brennan noted that Collingswood elections take place May 12, 2025 and depending on the outcome, the MPWC may need to schedule a meeting to sit with the administration to determine future direction. Mr. Spafford indicated that he currently has a conference call scheduled to discuss the design of the Collingswood Hillcrest Plant.

**General Counsel**

Mr. McConnell informed the Commissioners that he had updated signature pages for the bond closing, as the date was moved up because conditions are favorable to bid right now. Mr. Brennan inquired as to the status of property transfers for Delaware Gardens and Lario Way. Mr. McConnell noted he is in the process of filing easements.

**New Services**

A motion by Mr. Brennan and 2nd by Mr. Ali to approve a 1" domestic service at 5451 Beacon Avenue. **A unanimous roll call vote of all present.**

**Award of Browning PFAS Plant**

A motion by Mr. Brennan and 2nd by Mr. Perno to award the construction of the Browning Road PFAS Plant to TKT Construction for \$7,967,870.00 contingent on I-bank approval. **A unanimous roll call vote of all present.**

**Project Status Table**

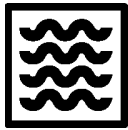
Commissioners inquired as to the status of the website redesign project. Staff indicated that they had seen a sneak peak at the almost completed project and are excited to launch it publicly later this month.

**Commissioner Reports**

Mr. Perno began by wishing a Happy Mother's Day to all of the mothers in attendance. He then went on to say that he was sorry to be missing so many meetings, which has been due in great part to a promotion he received at his full time employment. Mr. Perno announced that he would be resigning from the Commission effective immediately. Mr. Perno complimented Mr. Killion on his leadership of the MPWC and praised Mr. Spafford on his phenomenal performance as Engineering Director. Mr. Perno indicated that as both Commissioner and customer, he is very happy and proud to have been part of the organization and noted that the MPWC is an invaluable asset to the communities it serves. Mr. Perno stressed the importance of never selling the MPWC to a larger water purveyor in the future.

Mr. Ali commented in regard to the customer correspondence praising MPWC employees, that perhaps the MPWC might consider ways to incorporate such acknowledgements publicly, and even to create a way to receive regular feedback from the public.

Mr. Brennan noted that the monthly budget report was distributed this evening, but asked if it can be included either in the monthly meeting report package ahead of the meeting date. Staff will make that change. Mr. Brennan noted that the MPWC's financial health is very good at the moment and reminded staff to keep a watchful eye on spending through the end of the year.

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Mr. Scavuzzo thanked Mr. Perno for his time spent serving the Commission and noted that it's been a pleasure sitting beside and enjoying Mr. Perno's thoughtful questions and insight. Mr. Scavuzzo also wished everyone a happy Mother's Day.

A motion was made by Mr. Brennan and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Perno to move to Executive Session 4:40 PM to discuss matters of personnel. Each member voted in the affirmative in a Roll Call vote.

EXECUTIVE SESSION- separate minutes.

The Commissioners returned to public session at 5:29.

**Adjournment**

A motion by Mr. Brennan and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Perno to adjourn at 5:29 PM. **A unanimous voice vote of all present.**

**Submitted By:**

Brandy Eisenmann