

MERCHANTVILLE-PENNSAUKEN WATER COMMISSION

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Minutes of the Monthly Business Meeting June 12, 2025 ATTENDEES

Commissioners:

Mr. Joseph Scavuzzo, President
Mr. Shakir Ali, Vice President
Mr. Frank Warwick, Secretary
Mr. Patrick Brennan, Treasurer
Mr. Raymond Woods, 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 4:14 PM.

Mr. McConnell delivered the Oath of Office to Mr. Raymond Woods.

A roll call of Commissioners reflected that all were present, except for Mr. Brennan.

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

ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:

RFPs for Annual Professional Services Contracts

Mrs. Waldron noted that RFPs were due to the MPWC on June 25, 2025.

Permission to Bid Carbon Exchange

Mr. Spafford seeks Commission approval to bid on carbon exchange with an extension of up to three years in consideration of a soon to be 5th site utilizing it. This would lock in pricing for 3 years.

Sampling Violation for TTHM & HAA5s

Mr. Spafford explained that the violation was issued due to the sampling taking place in March 2024 rather than in February 2024. All of the required notifications and postings have been made.

Federal PFC Change Rule

Mr. Spafford explained the federal government rolled back it's ruling but that the state of New Jersey would remain and likely get even more strict moving forward so the MPWC would not adjust its plans to continue moving forward with plant designs to address PFCs.



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Commercial Backflow Preventer Retrofit Program

Mr. Spafford explained the rating system for backflow prevention and noted that it came to light with the Safe Drinking Water Act. Mr. Spafford is not at all concerned about backflow into the MPWC system, but from a legal standpoint, it makes great sense to move forward with creating a plan to address our service area. Mr. Spafford will arrange attendance at next month's meeting to propose services to the Commission.

Salary Committee Approval of Recommendations

Mr. Scavuzzo explained the process to Mr. Woods and indicated that the Salary Committee distributed its recommendations to the Commissioners last month for review and consideration for approval at this month's meeting.

Transfer of Deeds for MPWC Properties

Mr. McConnell indicated that he has prepared Resolutions and Deeds for execution that would transfer rights to two properties back to Pennsauken Township.

Browning Road GAC Plant Contracts

Mr. Spafford provided contracts to be signed.

Approval of the Minutes

A motion by Mr. Warwick and 2nd by Mr. Ali to approve the minutes of the business meeting and executive session of May 8, 2025. A roll call vote approval of all present except Mr. Woods who abstained.

Approval of the Bills

A motion by Mr. Warwick and 2nd by Ali to approve payment of bills dated May 17, 2025 in the amount of \$17,000.00. **A unanimous roll call vote of all present.**

A motion by Mr. Warwick and 2nd by Ali to approve payment of bills dated June 12, 2025 in the amount of \$1,363,840.83 and for the P-card totaling \$1,692.60. **A unanimous roll call vote of all present.**

A motion by Mr. Warwick and 2nd by Mr. Ali to approve payment of bills dated May 8, 2025 for Pennsauken Township in the amount of \$6,802.34. A roll call vote approval including Mr. Ali who invoked the Doctrine of Necessity, Mr. Scavuzzo recused himself.

A motion by Mr. Warwick and 2nd by Mr. Ali to approve payment of bills dated May 8, 2025 for Merchantville Borough in the amount of \$2,415.00. **A roll call vote approval, except Mr. Woods who abstained.**

Meeting Open to the Public

The meeting was opened to the public. No one from the public was in attendance so the meeting was closed to the public.



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Staff Reports

Customer Service Director

Mrs. Eisenmann reminded the Commissioners that the redesigned website has gone live and that if they have any comments, feedback ,etc. to please reach out as staff will be making adjustments in the coming weeks.

Engineer

Mr. Spafford requested clarification on whether to schedule a vendor to give a NAWSC presentation next month.

General Counsel

Mr. McConnell will file the award of the Browning Rd plant project with the Office of the State Comptroller. PFAS litigation is ongoing but there may be a resolution forthcoming.

Salary Committee Approval of Recommendations

A motion by Mr. Warwick and 2nd by Mr. Ali to approve of the salary adjustments for hourly employees as presented. A unanimous roll call vote of all present. Resolution 2025-08

Transfer of Land to Pennsauken Township - Lario Way

A motion by Mr. Warwick and 2nd by Mr. Ali to the transfer of land on Lario Way to Pennsauken Township. A unanimous roll call vote of all present, including Mr. Ali who invoked the Doctrine of Necessity, Mr. Scavuzzo recused himself. Resolution 2025-09

Transfer of Land to Pennsauken Township - Delaware Gardens

A motion by Mr. Warwick and 2nd by Mr. Ali to the transfer of land referred to as Delaware Gardens to Pennsauken Township. A unanimous roll call vote of all present, including Mr. Ali who invoked the Doctrine of Necessity, Mr. Scavuzzo recused himself. Resolution 2025-10

New Services

A motion by Mr. Warwick and 2nd by Mr. Ali to approve a 1" domestic service at 7750 Remington Avenue, Pennsauken. A unanimous roll call vote of all present.

Commissioner Reports

Mr. Scavuzzo welcomed Mr. Woods to the Commission and provided some background and insight as to the mission, vision and values of the MPWC.

Adjournment

A motion by Mr. Warwick and 2nd by Mr. Woods to adjourn at 4:53 PM. **A unanimous voice vote of all present.**

Submitted By:

Brandy Eisenmann