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Minutes of the Monthly Business Meeting**May 14, 2026****ATTENDEES****Commissioners:**

Mr. Joseph Scavuzzo, President

Mr. Patrick Brennan, Treasurer

Mr. Shakir Ali, Vice President

Mr. Frank Warwick, Secretary

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

Mrs. Jeannine Hershey, Asst. Finance Director

Ms. Raven Linton, Staff Engineer

Ms. Margaret McHugh, General Counsel

Mr. Scavuzzo called the meeting to order at 4:04 PM

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

A roll call of Commissioners reflected that all were present.

ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:**Salary Committee Recommendations**

Mr. Scavuzzo informed the Commissioners that the Salary Committee's recommendations are contained in the envelopes distributed and instructed everyone to look over the information and to contact either himself or Mr. Brennan with questions. Mr. Brennan noted that it's the MPWC's goal to retain the talent that we have and that we can't buy loyalty.

Camden County Vocational & Technical School Discussion

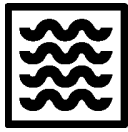
Mr. Spafford informed the Commissioners that the school was having an issue with sand in their lines. A sample was sent to the lab and confirmed as greensand. Staff spent the weekend flushing out the lines. It is unknown how this happened, but a solution has been engineered and strainers will be installed on all filters.

Collingswood Contract Renewal Discussion

Mr. Spafford informed the Commission that he met with administrative staff and they requested to renew at the same cost and Mr. Spafford advised that the MPWC was unable to do so. Collingswood came back and made a revised offer that is acceptable to the Commissioners with the addition of an escalator. Mr. Brennan noted that additional costs would be added as new plants in Collingswood are completed.

Park Ave Plant - Resolution

Staff seeks approval of a resolution approving funds for planning & design of the facility.

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Approval of the Minutes

A motion by Mr. Brennan and 2nd by Mr. Ali to approve the minutes of the business meeting of April 9, 2026. **A unanimous roll call vote of all present.**

Approval of the Bills

A motion by Mr. Brennan and 2nd by Mr. Warwick to approve payment of bills dated May 14, 2026 in the amount of \$745,622.39. **A unanimous roll call vote of all present.**

A motion by Mr. Brennan and 2nd by Mr. Warwick to approve payment of bills for the P-card dated May 14, 2026, in the amount of \$3,880.54. **A roll call vote approval of all present.**

A motion by Mr. Brennan and 2nd by Mr. Warwick to approve payment of bills for PSE&G dated May 14, 2026 in the amount of \$72,608.48 and Merchantville Borough for \$11,754.05. **A roll call vote approval of all present, except Mr. Woods abstained**

A motion by Mr. Brennan and 2nd by Mr. Warwick to approve payment of bills for Pennsauken Township dated May 14, 2026 in the amount of \$89,464.62. **A roll call vote approval of all present, except Mr. Scavuzzo & Mr. Ali, who recused themselves.**

Staff Reports

Mr. Killion complimented staff and noted how MPWC employees step up when someone is out of the office.

Mr. Brennan indicated that the high pumpage this past month could be attributed to flushing and lack of rain.

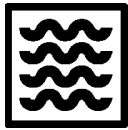
Mrs. Hershey informed the Commissioners that the field work for the audit will begin the week of May 26, 2026

New Business**Resolution**

A motion by Mr. Brennan and 2nd by Mr. Ali to approve funds for planning & design and construction of a Water Treatment Plant at the Park Avenue facility. **A unanimous roll call vote of all present.**

Advertisement for Professional Services

A motion by Mr. Brennan and 2nd by Mr. Ali to advertise RFPs for Professional Services. **A unanimous roll call vote of all present.**

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Commissioner Reports

Mr. Brennan & Mr. Scavuzzo reported on the activities of the 100th Anniversary Committee, indicating that staff has been working very hard to achieve a great celebration and that they continue to work with Imbue to get the good word out to the public.

Mr. Ali thanked staff for planning a fun night out at the Phillies game.

Mr. Brennan asked Mr. Spafford if he has an estimate of the costs to build the Park Avenue plant. Mr. Spafford predicts over \$10 million for the construction.

Executive Session

A motion by Mr. Brennan and 2nd by Mr. Woods to enter closed session at 4:45 PM for matters of personnel. **A unanimous voice vote of all present.**

Minutes of the closed session shall be kept private and not shared with the public or unauthorized individuals until there is no longer a reason to keep them confidential.

Adjournment

A motion by _____ and 2nd by _____ to return to open session and to adjourn at _____ PM. **A unanimous voice vote of all present.**

Submitted By:

Jeannine Hershey

Brandy Eisenmann