

**MANCHESTER UTILITIES AUTHORITY
MONTHLY MEETING JANUARY 10, 2011
HALEDON MUNICIPAL COMPLEX –HALEDON, NJ
7:30 P.M.**

**• MEETING CALLED TO ORDER – OPEN PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE READ
TIME: 7:32PM**

IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS LAW, ADEQUATE NOTICE OF THIS MEETING WAS PROVIDED BY A NOTICE SENT TO THE NORTH JERSEY HERALD NEWS AND THE RECORD AND THE HAWTHORNE PRESS ON FEBRUARY 11, 2010. THIS NOTICE WAS ALSO POSTED ON THE BULLETIN BOARD AT THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING ON FEBRUARY 11, 2010 AND HAS REMAINED CONTINUOUSLY POSTED AS REQUIRED BY STATUTE. IN ADDITION, A COPY OF THIS NOTICE IS AND HAS BEEN AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC AND IS ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL CLERK.

Proper notice having been given, the Secretary is directed to include this statement in the minutes of this meeting.

• FLAG SALUTE

• ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE

ROLL CALL

Present: D'Ambrosio, Chowdhury, Malgosh, Van Sickle

Absent: Zofrea

Other notable attendees: Casey Cordes, Justin Mahon, Chuck Ferraioli

• PUBLIC HEARING- 2011 CONNECTION FEE INCREASE, 2011 RATE INCREASE AND 2011 BUDGET

Motion by Van Sickle seconded by Malgosh to open public hearing concerning the above matters.

YES: D'Ambrosio, Chowdhury, Malgosh, Van Sickle

ABSTAIN:

NO: -0-

Chuck Ferraioli, the MUA Auditor

He provided testimony to support the 2011 Connection Fee of \$2,045 based upon the statutory calculation as well as the 2011 Budget of \$2,335,000. Mr. Ferraioli explained the need for the four percent (4%) rate increase was based primarily upon the Passaic Valley Water Commissions rate increase of five percent (5%) from whom the MUA purchases its water as well as the increase costs of repairs and PSE&G bills from last year.

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John Block-337 Morrissee Avenue, Haledon

Mr. Block understands with PVWC raising rates there is need of a rate increase. He states, residents are able to conserve water in order to keep their water bills lower but with the flat service charge being a fixed amount, residents are not able to conserve on this charge and recommended that the increase of rate not apply to the service charge.

Motion by Van Sickle seconded by Malgosh to close the public hearing.

YES: D'Ambrosio, Chowdhury, Malgosh, Van Sickle

ABSTAIN:

NO: -0-

MUA COMMISSIONERS RESPONSES TO PUBLIC COMMENT/INQUIRIES

Chairman D'Ambrosio states the MUA is considering rate discounts for senior citizens to implement at some point over the next few months if the Budget allows.

Motion made by Van Sickle second by Malgosh to approve the following Resolutions:

2011-01 ADOPTION OF THE 2011 CONNECTION FEE OF THE MANCHESTER UTILITIES AUTHORITY

2011-02 ADOPTION OF THE 2011 RATE INCREASE OF THE MANCHESTER UTILITIES AUTHORITY

YES: D'Ambrosio, Chowdhury, Malgosh, Van Sickle

ABSTAIN:

NO: -0-

• REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

CHAIRMAN

Victor D'Ambrosio spoke on the following:

He would like to wish everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year.

2008 Water Main Improvement Project- Contracts complete on both projects.

Thanks all Haledon residents and business owners for their patience during the 2008 Water Main Improvement Project. Thank you to the MUA and Borough staff for the additional work this project has caused, the Haledon and North Haledon PD and the Professionals for great work. He is happy to report that the Borough has adopted the Intralocal Agreement, which is being considered for adoption by the MUA at tonight's meeting. This Agreement has been negotiated for some time and hopefully addresses the needs of all parties.

438 South Side, Haledon- The resident is requesting a bill adjustment. The Chairman reviewed and recommends issuing the credit.

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15 E. Barbour Street- MUA requested 2 estimates for repair to water service, homeowner has not responded over two months even after letters were sent to their attention to address this matter. He suggests rescheduling the Reorganization Meeting to February 21, 2011 subject to the availability of the meeting room.

Motion by Van Sickle second by Malgosh to issue a billing credit to 438 South Side Avenue and to reschedule MUA Reorganization meeting to February 21, 2011.

YES: D'Ambrosio, Chowdhury, Malgosh, Van Sickle

ABSTAIN:

NO: -0-

TREASURER

No report at this time.

SUPERINTENDENT

Angelo Passafaro submitted report and is on file.

ENGINEER

Justin Mahon submitted report and is on file.

447 Belmont Avenue- Recommends MUA to seek easement.

Motion by Van Sickle second by Malgosh to award contract in the amount of \$11,400 to Pile Test Inc. subject to the proper documentation being submitted.

YES: D'Ambrosio, Chowdhury, Malgosh, Van Sickle

ABSTAIN:

NO: -0-

ATTORNEY

Casey Cordes submitted report and is on file.

Subcontractor for APS has filed a Municipal Mechanic Lien on the job, which has submitted to APS's Bond Company.

AUDITOR

Chuck Ferraioli spoke on the following:

Discussion held on implementation of 2011 Rates.

Discussion of Temporary Note of \$1,500,000 which is due in early February to be paid down to \$1,200,000 and rolled into another Note.

• **CORRESPONDENCE**

1. State of Soil Conservation Committee/Report of Compliance
2. Borough of Haledon Resolution #2010-206
3. USDA/Refund for Duplicate Loan Payment for Loan No. 91-03

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4. NJDEP/Submission of OEO-002 and Contractor's Procurement Activity
5. USDA/Approval Outlay Report #25
6. List of members of the AWWA New Jersey Section
7. NH Office of the Mayor/follow up letter
8. Badger Meter/Service Renewal
9. Planning Board Application/570 Manchester Ave., Hawthorne
10. Planning Board Application 460-468 Haledon Ave., Haledon
11. Public Hearing Notices
12. Borough of Haledon Ordinance # 12-2-2010

The listed Correspondence were reviewed and accepted by the MUA Board.

A motion was made by Van Sickle seconded by Malgosh to Accept and File Correspondence.

YES: D'Ambrosio, Chowdhury, Malgosh, Van Sickle

ABSTAIN:

NO: -0

• COMMITTEE REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

INTRALOCAL SERVICE AGREEMENT COMMITTEE-

RULES AND REGULATION COMMITTEE- Chairman indicates that the revisions to these items will be focused on once the Intralocal Service Agreement is finalized.

LITIGATION COMMITTEE- If necessary, an update will be provided in Executive Session.

• OLD BUSINESS

1. 15 E. Barbour Street-Service Repair
2. 438 South Side Ave., Haledon/Issue credit on account
3. Any Other Matters Concerning Financing

• NEW BUSINESS

1. Request for Qualifications for the 2011 term.
2. Water System Connection Application/27 Church Street & 485 Haledon Ave.

• PUBLIC COMMENT

Motion by Van Sickle seconded by Malgosh to open public hearing.

YES: D'Ambrosio, Chowdhury, Malgosh, Van Sickle

ABSTAIN:

NO: -0-

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No Members of the Public Appeared.

Motion by Van Sickle seconded by Malgosh to close the public hearing.

YES: D'Ambrosio, Chowdhury, Malgosh, Van Sickle

ABSTAIN:

NO: -0-

RESOLUTIONS TO BE PASSED BY CONSENT

- 2011-03 AUTHORIZATION TO APPROVE FOR PAYMENT THE WATER OPERATING BILLS AS SET FORTH IN THE WATER OPERATING BILLS LIST DATED JANUARY 10, 2011**
- 2011-04 AUTHORIZATION TO APPROVE FOR PAYMENT THE USDA 2-2 BILLS AS SET FORTH IN THE USDA 2-2 BILLS LIST DATED JANUARY 10, 2011**
- 2011-05 AUTHORIZATION TO APPROVE FOR PAYMENT THE NJEIT 2008 WATER MAIN IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT BILLS AS SET FORTH IN THE NJEIT 2008 WATER MAIN IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT BILLS LIST DATED JANUARY 10, 2011**
- 2011-06 APPROVAL OF AND AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE A DEBT SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE MANCHESTER UTILITIES AUTHORITY AND THE BOROUGH OF HALEDON**
- 2011-07 APPROVAL OF AND AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE AN INTRALOCAL SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE MANCHESTER UTILITIES AUTHORITY AND THE BOROUGH OF HALEDON**
- 2011-08 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$1,200,000 AUTHORITY TEMPORARY FUNDING NOTES, SERIES 2011 OF THE MANCHESTER UTILITIES AUTHORITY**

Motion by Van Sickle seconded by Malgosh to pass the Resolutions by Consent.

YES: D'Ambrosio, Chowdhury, Malgosh, Van Sickle

ABSTAIN:

NO: -0-

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**• EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR CERTAIN SPECIFIED PURPOSES: LITIGATION
AND/OR CLAIMS, CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS, PERSONNEL, OTHER**

WHEREAS, the MUA is a public body subject to the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act requires a Resolution of this MUA in the event the MUA determines it has a need and is permitted by law to exclude the public from an executive session;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the MUA that the public be excluded from its meeting for the purpose of discussing matters covered under N.J.S.A. 10:4-12B, set forth as follows:

- A. CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS
- B. LITIGATION

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the public shall not be admitted to the portion of the meeting at which time the foregoing matters will be discussed, and it is not known when or if the matters to be discussed in closed session can be disclosed to the public; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that at the conclusion of Executive Session, formal action may be taken.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the within shall take effect immediately upon passage and publication as provided by law.

TIME 8:52PM

Motion by Van Sickle seconded by Malgosh to go into executive session as indicated above.

YES: D'Ambrosio, Chowdhury, Malgosh, Van Sickle

ABSTAIN:

NO: -0-

TIME: 9:20PM

Motion by Van Sickle seconded by Malgosh to reconvene the regular meeting

YES: D'Ambrosio, Chowdhury, Malgosh, Van Sickle

ABSTAIN:

NO: -0-

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• MEETING ADJOURNED

Motion by Van Sickle seconded by Malgosh to adjourn meeting.

YES: D’Ambrosio, Chowdhury, Malgosh, Van Sickle

ABSTAIN:

NO: -0-

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise Wahad
Recording Secretary

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