

**MANCHESTER UTILITIES AUTHORITY
MONTHLY MEETING MARCH 13, 2017
HALEDON MUNICIPAL COMPLEX –HALEDON, NJ
7:30 P.M.**

TIME: 7:35 PM

• MEETING CALLED TO ORDER – OPEN PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE READ

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 FEBRUARY 17, 2017. THIS NOTICE WAS ALSO POSTED ON THE BULLETIN BOARD AT THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING ON FEBRUARY 17, 2017 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, Van Sickle, Flach, Moczo

Absent: Zofrea

Other notable attendees: Casey Cordes, Attorney
Justin Mahon, Engineer
Robert De Block, Licensed Operator

• REVIEW OF MINUTES:

Motion by Van Sickle seconded by Chowdhury to approve the Minutes and Executive Session Minutes for February 13, 2017.

YES: D’Ambrosio, Chowdhury, Flach, Van Sickle, Moczo

ABSTAIN:

NO: -0

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• REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

CHAIRMAN

Victor D'Ambrosio spoke on the following:

He wished Commissioner Zofrea a speedy recovery from a fall. The Authority will send a get well card to him.

He reminded residents to clear fire hydrants from snow during the expected snowstorm in order to help assist the local volunteer fire departments.

He left a message for Haledon DPW Department to ensure their readiness for the upcoming snowstorm.

The lead letter for customers is done and will be sent.

The Authority is following up on the flushing time that is currently set at Hunter Road.

The Authority is advising the 417 Heights Drive, Haledon customer with the pressure issue that an individual booster would help the situation and is continuing to research additional measures for a long term solution.

ENGINEER

Justin Mahon submitted report, which is on file and addressed any questions.

He advised that the 2014 Improvements Project financing is in the final stages.

ATTORNEY

Casey Cordes submitted report, which is on file and addressed any questions.

AUDITOR

Chuck Ferraioli did not attend meeting.

LICENSED OPERATOR

Robert De Block submitted report, which is on file.

The Licensed Operator's designee has completed lab proficiency testing.

He is addressing the DEP Comments concerning the Lead and Copper Sampling Plan.

He advised that there was an accident at 500 W. Broadway, Haledon, which resulted in the need for a controlled shutdown of 4 services.

• CORRESPONDENCE

1. FWCC/Bank Certification
2. Haledon/Public Notice-Roe Street Fields
3. DEP/Lead & Copper Sampling Plan-Technical Deficiency

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The listed Correspondence were reviewed and considered by the MUA Board.
Motion made by Flach seconded by Moczo to Accept and File Correspondence.
YES: D’Ambrosio, Chowdhury, Flach, Van Sickle, Moczo
ABSTAIN: -0-
NO: -0-

• COMMITTEE REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

1. RULES AND REGULATION COMMITTEE- Commissioner Flach provided an overview of the Committee’s meeting with representatives from Badger Meter. She explained the benefits and possibility of initiating a Pilot Program using cellular based metering service for the Authority’s 32 largest accounts. Discussion was held.
2. INTRALOCAL SERVICE AGREEMENT NEGOTIATION COMMITTEE- The Authority approved the Agreement and is waiting for the Borough to act.

• OLD BUSINESS

1. 417 Heights Drive, Haledon- Low water pressure-Discussed under Chairman’s Report.
2. Argent Associates/Basic Power Unit technology
3. Water Connection Application/920 Belmont Ave., NH-181 Units- Under Review by Professionals
4. Water Connection Application/960 Belmont Ave., NH-34 Townhomes – Under Review by Professionals

• NEW BUSINESS

1. Water Conservation Plan – Engineer provided for review.

• PUBLIC COMMENT

Motion made by Van Sickle seconded by Chowdhury to open public hearing.
YES: D’Ambrosio, Chowdhury, Flach, Van Sickle, Moczo
ABSTAIN: -0-
NO: -0-

No Public Comments.

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Motion made by Van Sickle seconded by Flach to close public hearing.

YES: D’Ambrosio, Chowdhury, Flach, Van Sickle, Moczo

ABSTAIN: -0-

NO: -0-

MUA COMMISSIONERS RESPONSES TO PUBLIC COMMENT/INQUIRES

None.

RESOLUTIONS TO BE PASSED BY CONSENT

2017-19 AUTHORIZATION TO APPROVE FOR PAYMENT THE WATER OPERATING BILLS AS SET FORTH IN THE WATER OPERATING BILLS LIST DATED MARCH 13, 2017

2017-20 AUTHORIZATION TO APPROVE FOR PAYMENT THE MANCHESTER UTILITIES AUTHORITY ESCROW ACCOUNT BILLS LIST DATED MARCH 13, 2017

2017-21 AUTHORIZATION TO APPROVE FOR PAYMENT THE NJEIT 2014 WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT BILLS AS SET FORTH IN THE NJEIT 2014 WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT BILLS LIST DATED MARCH 13, 2017

Motion made by Chowdhury seconded by Van Sickle to pass the Resolutions by consent.

YES: D’Ambrosio, Chowdhury, Flach, Van Sickle, Moczo

ABSTAIN: -0-

NO: -0-

• 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;

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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. LEGAL- North Haledon Board of Education v. MUA
- B. CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS- Passaic Valley Water Commission Agreement

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: 8:12PM

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

YES: D'Ambrosio, Chowdhury, Flach, Van Sickle, Moczo

ABSTAIN: -0-

NO: -0-

TIME 8:28PM

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

YES: D'Ambrosio, Chowdhury, Flach, Van Sickle, Moczo

ABSTAIN: -0-

NO: -0-

TIME 8:29PM

• MEETING ADJOURNED

Motion by Van Sickle seconded by Chowdhury to adjourn meeting

YES: D'Ambrosio, Chowdhury, Flach, Van Sickle, Moczo

ABSTAIN: -0-

NO: -0-

Respectfully Submitted,
Denise Wahad
Recording Secretary

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