

**MANCHESTER UTILITIES AUTHORITY
MONTHLY MEETING JUNE 13, 2016
HALEDON MUNICIPAL COMPLEX –HALEDON, NJ
7:30 P.M.**

TIME: 7:32 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 11, 2016. THIS NOTICE WAS ALSO POSTED ON THE BULLETIN BOARD AT THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING ON FEBRUARY 11, 2016 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, Van Sickle, Flach

Absent: Chowdhury, Zofrea

Other notable attendees: Casey Cordes, Attorney
Justin Mahon, Engineer
Mike Mondello, Engineer
Angelo Passafaro, Licensed Operator

• REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

CHAIRMAN

Victor D'Ambrosio spoke on the following:

He regretfully accepted Commissioner Malgosh's resignation from the Authority board. Commissioner Malgosh was an original Commissioner from when the Authority was created in 2004. He worked very hard in his position and will be missed. He gave his best wishes to Commissioner Malgosh.

All schools have taken responsibility to perform their own lead testing. The Authority is continuing to receive more information regarding lead testing procedures.

The Heights Tank issues will be discussed in the Licensed Operator or Engineer reports.

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The financing for the 2014 Improvements Project is closing this week. Discussion was held concerning the Licensed Operator transition. Discussion was held concerning the 960 Belmont easement. The issue is still under Engineer and Attorney review. He received the Draft Financial Statement and is reviewing same.

ENGINEER

Justin Mahon submitted report, which is on file and addressed any questions. On June 7, the cleaning and disinfecting of the Heights Tank occurred. The project was completed. Higher pressures were experienced by some customers around the time of the project; however, the pressures were due to a valve malfunction and not the cleaning and disinfection project. He had a discussion with the Developer's Engineer concerning the 960 Belmont easement and is waiting for revised documents. He provided an update on the 2014 Improvements Project – the Pre-Construction Meeting will be scheduled before July 7; Notice to Proceed will be issued approximately a week after the meeting; and the Engineer will prepare a letter to users that they may experience an increase in pressure along with other possible consequences that will be hand delivered to customers.

ATTORNEY

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

AUDITOR

Chuck Ferraioli did not attend meeting.

LICENSED OPERATOR

Angelo Passafaro submitted report, which is on file. He explained that the Central Avenue Pump Station needs rehabilitation. He recommended a temporary shutdown of the station to hypoxy the pipes as a temporary fix. He met with a contractor on Friday to discuss this work. He is working on the NJDEP Compliance issues.

• CORRESPONDENCE

1. 920 Belmont Acquisition, LLC/Letter of Interpretation- establish boundary line of freshwater wetlands
2. 960 Belmont Ave Letter/Attorney Letter-Deed of Easement
3. Attorney opinion Letter/2016 Construction Loan Program of the NJEIT
4. NJDEP/Expired Permit Missing Construction Completion Certification (CCC)- Gatherings
5. NJDEP/Monitoring Schedule Changes-wrong information

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6. Auditor/USDA Form RD 442-2
7. Commissioner Resignation Letter/Muhammad Malgosh
8. Borough of Haledon Resolution/Accept Resignation of M. Malgosh
9. Association of Environmental Authorities/ NJ Watchdog
10. Passaic County 2016 Resurfacing Projects/preconstruction meeting 6/16/16
11. North Haledon Planning Board/173 Ballentine Drive, NH
12. North Haledon Zoning Board/35 Grant Drive, NH
13. Totowa Notice of Hearing/617 Preakness Ave., Totowa
14. North Haledon Zoning Board/252 Manchester Ave., NH

The listed Correspondence were reviewed and considered by the MUA Board.
Motion made by Van Sickle seconded by Flach to Accept and File Correspondence.

YES: D'Ambrosio, Flach, Van Sickle

ABSTAIN: -0-

NO: -0-

• COMMITTEE REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

1. RULES AND REGULATION COMMITTEE-Meeting monthly.
2. INTRALOCAL SERVICE AGREEMENT NEGOTIATION COMMITTEE- Update provided in Executive Session.

• OLD BUSINESS

1. Argent Associates/Basic Power Unit technology-under Engineer Review
2. Water Connection Application/617 Preakness Ave., Totowa- under Engineer Review
3. Water Connection Application/276 Belmont Ave., Haledon under Engineer Review
4. Water Connection Application/920 Belmont Ave., NH-181 Units under Engineer Review
5. Water Connection Application/960 Belmont Ave., NH-34 Townhomes under Engineer Review

• NEW BUSINESS

1. High Mountain Presbyterian Church Letter/200,202,204 Squaw Brook Road-connect to public utilities-MUA Engineer to respond to request

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• PUBLIC COMMENT

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

YES: D'Ambrosio, Flach, Van Sickle

ABSTAIN: -0-

NO: -0-

Michele DeMarco
415 Heights Drive.
Haledon, NJ 07508

Ms. DeMarco states she received a letter about MUA work to be done on June 7, 2016. On Monday, June 6, 2016 she claims her water heater broke, the toilet filled up with brown sediment and had no water pressure in the kitchen. The plumber estimates repairs to be approximately \$500-\$600.

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

YES: D'Ambrosio, Flach, Van Sickle

ABSTAIN: -0-

NO: -0-

MUA COMMISSIONERS RESPONSES TO PUBLIC COMMENT/INQUIRES

Chairman advised her to file a Tort Claim Notice. It is his understanding that the increase in pressure in her area was not due to the work being done but was the result of a valve malfunction in the system. Generally it is not the Authority's responsibility for damages resulting from things that they are unaware of; however, she should file the Notice and the MUA will forward it to the insurance company for review.

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RESOLUTIONS TO BE PASSED BY CONSENT

Motion by Van Sickle seconded by Flach to add Resolution 2016-30 entitled **“AUTHORIZATION OF APPROVE FOR PAYMENT THE ESCROW BILLS LIST AS SET FORTH IN THE ESCROW BILLS LIST DATED JUNE 13, 2016”**.

YES: D’Ambrosio, Flach, Van Sickle

ABSTAIN: -0-

NO: -0

2016-28 AUTHORIZATION TO APPROVE FOR PAYMENT THE WATER OPERATING BILLS AS SET FORTH IN THE WATER OPERATING BILLS LIST DATED JUNE 13, 2016

2016-29 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 JUNE 13, 2016 *CONDITIONED UPON THE CLOSING AND FUNDS BEING AVAILABLE*

2016-30 AUTHORIZATION OF APPROVE FOR PAYMENT THE ESCROW BILLS LIST AS SET FORTH IN THE ESCROW BILLS LIST DATED JUNE 13, 2016

Motion by Van Sickle seconded by Flach to pass Resolutions by Consent as Amended.

YES: D’Ambrosio, Flach, Van Sickle

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;

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:

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A. CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS-
Interlocal Service Agreement with Haledon
Licensed Operator 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: 8:18

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

YES: D'Ambrosio, Flach, Van Sickle

ABSTAIN: -0-

NO: -0-

TIME: 9:02 PM

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

YES: D'Ambrosio, Flach, Van Sickle

ABSTAIN: -0-

NO: -0-

TIME 9:03 PM

• MEETING ADJOURNED

Motion by Van Sickle seconded by Flach to adjourn meeting

YES: D'Ambrosio, Flach, Van Sickle

ABSTAIN: -0-

NO: -0-

Respectfully Submitted,
Denise Wahad
Recording Secretary

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