

**MANCHESTER UTILITIES AUTHORITY  
MONTHLY MEETING AUGUST 14, 2017  
HALEDON MUNICIPAL COMPLEX –HALEDON, NJ  
7:30 P.M.**

**TIME: 7:30 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, Moczo, Van Sickle

Absent: Flach, Zofrea

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

**• REVIEW OF MINUTES: HELD OVER FOR REVIEW**

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**• REPORTS AND DISCUSSION**

**CHAIRMAN**

Victor D'Ambrosio spoke on the following:

He provided an update on the Water Meter Replacement Pilot Program. Discussion held regarding implementing new measurement from cubic feet to gallons. It was decided that gallons are easier for users to understand so that would be tried in the Pilot Program.

The Central Avenue Tank repair part has been received so that will be completed soon.

Haskell Paving has provided a bill for services rendered at the Stone Industries property.

He had a few items for discussion in Executive Session.

**ENGINEER**

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

He also discussed the updated Capital Improvement Plan. After discussion, the Chairman expressed a desire to break the projects down to two projects each for \$2 million dollars for consideration by the Board. Mr. Mahon will provide a revised plan for consideration.

Issues concerning the water line in Pompton Road was discussed. There is one water line that services three homes, which results in very low water pressure in the homes. The recommendation is that three separate lines be installed to each home with three curb stops. The customers will be contacted to determine if this change will be acceptable.

The MUA received notice of the North Haledon paving project; however, it is not a concern of the MUA since there are no current project plans in the area.

Haskell Paving bill was discussed. Mr. Mahon recommended payment of the bill as a repair out of the water operating account.

**ATTORNEY**

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

Ms. Cordes provided an update on the Committee Meeting.

**AUDITOR**

Chuck Ferraioli did not attend meeting; however, the Chairman spoke with him and he advised that revenues were down so that the Budget will be tightening towards the end of the year.

**LICENSED OPERATOR**

Robert De Block submitted report, which is on file.

He discussed the changes in the orthophosphate testing procedures.

He reviewed housekeeping items with the DPW staff.

He solicited quotations for two new cellular based alarm systems to service the old filter plant and the Central Avenue pump station. The quotes were discussed and agreed upon.

He will provide the summer intern with a list of calls for the lead and copper sampling pool.

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**• CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Notice of Freshwater Wetlands Letter of Interpretation Application-Line Verification/Michelle Court, North Haledon
2. Meeting Minutes/Pre-Construction Meeting-Ballentine Drive, North Haledon Section 2 Improvements

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

Motion made by Van Sickle seconded by Chowdhury to Accept and File Correspondence.

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

ABSTAIN: -0-

NO: -0-

**• COMMITTEE REPORTS AND DISCUSSION**

1. RULES AND REGULATION COMMITTEE- Update provided under Attorney Report.
2. INTRALOCAL SERVICE AGREEMENT NEGOTIATION COMMITTEE- Still awaiting the Borough of Haledon to act on the form of Agreement.

**• OLD BUSINESS**

1. Water Connection Application/555 Preakness Ave., Totowa-Held pending additional information for Engineer.
2. Water Connection Application/920 Belmont Ave., NH-181 Units –Awaiting information.
3. Water Connection Application/960 Belmont Ave., NH-34 Townhomes-Application now under DEP review.

**• NEW BUSINESS**

1. Repair invoices at Stone Industries by Haskell Paving Co. & AAA Plumbing-Discussed under reports.
2. Cellular Sensaphone Sentinel Monitoring System for Verizon Wireless-Discussed under reports.

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**• PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

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

ABSTAIN: -0-

NO: -0-

*Muhmoud Kanann  
220 Pompton Road  
Haledon, NJ 07508*

*Mr. Kannan has discussed with MUA in the past of low water pressure in his home. He states the water issues are getting worse. He is concerned as he has three children and first day of school is quickly approaching. He states the water does not reach the second floor bathroom and would like this addressed.*

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

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

ABSTAIN: -0-

NO: -0-

**MUA COMMISSIONERS RESPONSES TO PUBLIC COMMENT/INQUIRES**

The Chairman again explained that there is one water line that services three homes, which results in very low water pressure in the homes. The recommendation is that three separate lines be installed to each home with three curb stops. The customers will be contacted to determine if this change will be acceptable. If not, the Engineer will review what if any changes can be made for this one customer.

**RESOLUTIONS TO BE PASSED BY CONSENT**

**2017-39      AUTHORIZATION TO APPROVE FOR PAYMENT THE WATER  
OPERATING BILLS AS SET FORTH IN THE WATER OPERATING  
BILLS LIST DATED AUGUST 14, 2017**

**2017-40      AUTHORIZATION TO APPROVE FOR PAYMENT THE MANCHESTER  
UTILITIES AUTHORITY ESCROW ACCOUNT BILLS LIST DATED  
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Motion made by Van Sickle seconded by Chowdhury to pass the Resolutions by consent.

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

ABSTAIN: -0-

NO: -0

**TIME: 8:25PM**

**• 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. LEGAL – 19 Paterson Avenue Bankruptcy Matter
- B. CONTRACT NEGOTIATION – Borough Staffing Issues

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: 8:27PM**

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

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

ABSTAIN: -0-

NO: -0-

**TIME 8:58PM**

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

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

ABSTAIN: -0-

NO: -0-

**TIME 8:59PM**

**• MEETING ADJOURNED**

Motion by Van Sickle seconded by Chowdhury to adjourn meeting

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

ABSTAIN: -0-

NO: -0-

Respectfully Submitted,  
Denise Wahad  
Recording Secretary

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