

**MANCHESTER UTILITIES AUTHORITY
MONTHLY MEETING MARCH 11, 2019
HALEDON MUNICIPAL COMPLEX –HALEDON, NJ
7:30 P.M.**

TIME: 7:34 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 12, 2019. THIS NOTICE WAS ALSO POSTED ON THE BULLETIN BOARD AT THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING ON FEBRUARY 12, 2019 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

Absent: Flach, Moczo

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

• REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

CHAIRMAN

Victor D'Ambrosio discussed the following:

Deferred updates to the Professionals. However, he was informed that the Borough hired a new billing clerk for the Authority's operations. The Borough has not formally notified the Authority of the new hire as of this date.

ENGINEER

Justin Mahon submitted report, which is on file and discussed the following items:

Discussion was held on 2 projects that will need to be addressed in the next 30 days: (1) Installation of a flusher/sampling station for the Authority's dead end main at Reservoir Drive to

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satisfy NJDEP mandated sampling for water quality; (2) replacement or removal of a broken valve at intersection of Belmont Avenue and High Mountain Road.

Policy for estimated bills needs resolution prior to issuing Camp Veritans letter.

The Auditor advised that the financing funds for the 2018 Capital Improvements Project are still frozen. There are over 900 projects on the priority list. The Authority's projects are listed at #185 and #453. However, the environmental plan and bid specifications must be finalized for the projects to be considered for financing.

ATTORNEY

Casey Cordes submitted report, which is on file and discussed the following items:

Water bill dispute has been received for 908 Belmont Avenue. Need to investigate matter and thereafter a response will be prepared.

AUDITOR

Robert McNinch discussed the following:

The Audit is underway. There is a new requirement to schedule unfunded health benefits, which will likely not affect the Authority; however, it was taken under advisement.

LICENSED OPERATOR

Robert De Block submitted report, which is on file and discussed the following items:

The February trihalomethane results were lower than prior years. The possible factors are the increased flushing or PVWC adjustments.

An alarm on March 5, 2019 at the Heights Tank was responded to and is still under review.

The Reservoir Pump Station Compressor failed so a temporary compressor was installed to maintain operation. The Operator recommended installation of a new control panel; however, the replacement is not critical.

The paperwork to complete the name change (Borough of Haledon to MUA) for the air permit for the old Filter Plant has been submitted to the NJDEP.

• CORRESPONDENCE

1. 920 Belmont Avenue, North Haledon 'Will Serve' Request
2. North Haledon Public Hearing Notice/987 Belmont Avenue, North Haledon
3. Water Dispute Letter/Account # 2439-0

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

YES: D'Ambrosio, Choudhury, Van Sickle

ABSTAIN: -0-

NO: -0-

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• COMMITTEE REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

1. OPERATIONS COMMITTEE- Many of the items addressed in the Engineer’s Report were discussed and resolved in the Committee Meeting.
2. INTRALOCAL SERVICE AGREEMENT NEGOTIATION COMMITTEE- Draft still under review by the Borough of Haledon.

• OLD BUSINESS

1. Residential Water Service Charges – On Hold
2. Water Connection Application/920 Belmont Ave., NH – no new action.

• NEW BUSINESS

1. Licensed Operator RFQ/Appointment – Discussion held.

• PUBLIC COMMENT

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

YES: D’Ambrosio, Chowdhury, Van Sickle

ABSTAIN: -0-

NO: -0-

No Public Present

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

YES: D’Ambrosio, Chowdhury, Van Sickle

ABSTAIN: -0-

NO: -0-

MUA COMMISSIONERS RESPONSES TO PUBLIC COMMENT/INQUIRES

None

Motion made by Van Sickle seconded by Chowdhury to add Resolution 2019-18 entitled “AUTHORIZATION TO APPOINT DE BLOCK ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, LLC AS LICENSED OPERATOR”

YES: D’Ambrosio, Chowdhury, Van Sickle

ABSTAIN: -0-

NO: -0-

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RESOLUTIONS TO BE PASSED BY CONSENT

**2019-17 AUTHORIZATION TO APPROVE FOR PAYMENT THE WATER
OPERATING BILLS AS SET FORTH IN THE WATER OPERATING
BILLS LIST DATED MARCH 11, 2019**

**2019-18 AUTHORIZATION TO APPOINT DE BLOCK ENVIRONMENTAL
SERVICES, LLC AS LICENSED OPERATOR**

Motion made by Van Sickle seconded by Chowdhury to pass the Resolutions by Consent as amended.

YES: D’Ambrosio, Chowdhury, 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:

A. CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS

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.

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

YES: D'Ambrosio, Chowdhury, Van Sickle

ABSTAIN: -0-

NO: -0-

TIME 8:37PM

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

YES: D'Ambrosio, Chowdhury, Van Sickle

ABSTAIN: -0-

NO: -0-

TIME 8:38PM

• MEETING ADJOURNED

Motion by Van Sickle seconded by Chowdhury to adjourn meeting

YES: D'Ambrosio, Chowdhury, Van Sickle

ABSTAIN: -0-

NO: -0-

Respectfully Submitted,
Denise Wahad
Recording Secretary

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