

**MANCHESTER UTILITIES AUTHORITY  
MONTHLY MEETING MAY 13, 2019  
HALEDON MUNICIPAL COMPLEX –HALEDON, NJ  
7:30 P.M.**

**TIME: 7:33PM**

**• 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, Flach,  
Absent: Moczko

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 items:

Thanked Commissioner Van Sickle for chairing the last meeting in his absence.

The Draft Consumer Confidence Report is under review and should be finalized by the end of the month.

Deferred to the professionals for discussion of the following items: Updates on obtaining financing for the Capital Improvement Projects; Various Billing Disputes/Issues; Brown water complaint received and addressed by the Engineer.

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**ENGINEER**

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

He hopes to complete the bid specifications for the valve exercising project by the end of May.

Assistance was provided to the MUA to resolve brown water complaint from 63 Squawbrook.

Status report was provided to the North Haledon Mayor.

Assisted Operators in the elimination of a broken valve at the intersection of Belmont Avenue and High Mountain Road that was leaking water into Molly Ann Brook.

Initiated work to render the renovation of the Heights Tank “bid ready” based upon authorization at the prior meeting. The project is ranked number 188 on the NJEIFP priority list which may be high enough to receive financing in 2019.

Work to render the replacement of the High Service Pump Station “bid ready” remains on hold. The project is ranked number 457 on the NJEIFP priority list which is unlikely to be high enough to receive financing in 2019.

No new information was provided regarding the status of NJEIFP funding. Discussion was held on alternative financing options.

**ATTORNEY**

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

Updates were provided regarding 19 Paterson Avenue bankruptcy filing and the 960 Belmont Avenue Easement documents.

**AUDITOR**

Robert McNinch discussed the following:

Discussion was held concerning the DRAFT Financial Statements.

Financial Projections for 2019 were reviewed and discussed.

**LICENSED OPERATOR**

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

First Quarter TTHM results were received and calculations are all below the 80ug/L limit.

Draft CCR was discussed.

Repairs to the Verizon lease line between Central Avenue and the Filter Plant has improved conditions.

The Emergency/Repair Contractor was mobilized to repair a water main break on Woodside Avenue on May 3. 31 services were impacted by the controlled shutdown. All follow-up samples were absent for Total Coliform.

The Emergency/Repair Contractor was mobilized to repair a water main break on Sherwood Avenue on May 7. 18 services were impacted by the controlled shutdown. All follow-up samples were absent for Total Coliform.

Final re-submittal of the Lead & Copper and WQP Sampling Plans is anticipated on May 22.

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The air permit for the generator servicing the Filter Plant has been completed and uploaded to the NJDEP.

**• CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Hudson Essex Passaic Soil Conservation District/Active Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Plan Certification

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

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

ABSTAIN: -0-

NO: -0-

**• COMMITTEE REPORTS AND DISCUSSION**

1. OPERATIONS COMMITTEE- Commissioner Flach advised that the Committee continues to address operational goals. A tour of the Passaic Valley Water Commission facilities took place and discussion was held concerning the group’s impressions. The next meeting date has not been determined.
2. INTRALOCAL SERVICE AGREEMENT NEGOTIATION COMMITTEE- Nothing new to update.

**• OLD BUSINESS**

1. Water Dispute Letter/Account # 2439-0 - Under review by the Attorney & Staff.
2. Residential Water Service Charges - On Hold.
3. Water Connection Application/920 Belmont Ave., NH-181 Units - Nothing new to report.

**• NEW BUSINESS**

1. Water Dispute Letter/Account #691-0 – The account history will be reviewed and a response will be provided.

**• PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

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

ABSTAIN: -0-

NO: -0-

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*No Public Present*

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

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

ABSTAIN: -0-

NO: -0

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

*None*

**RESOLUTIONS TO BE PASSED BY CONSENT**

Motion made by Van Sickle seconded by Chowdhury to add Resolution 2019-22 entitled “**APPROVAL OF ARCADIS PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES IN ACCORDANCE WITH ITS PROPOSAL FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES RELATED TO REPLACEMENT OF THE HIGH SERVICE PUMP STATION AND REHABILITATION OF THE HEIGHTS WATER STORAGE TANK.**”

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

ABSTAIN: -0-

NO: -0-

**2019-21      AUTHORIZATION TO APPROVE FOR PAYMENT THE WATER OPERATING BILLS AS SET FORTH IN THE WATER OPERATING BILLS LIST DATED MAY 13, 2019**

**2019-22      APPROVAL OF ARCADIS PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES IN ACCORDANCE WITH ITS PROPOSAL FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES RELATED TO REPLACEMENT OF THE HIGH SERVICE PUMP STATION AND REHABILITATION OF THE HEIGHTS WATER STORAGE TANK.”**

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

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

ABSTAIN: -0-

NO: -0-

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**• MEETING ADJOURNED**

Motion by Van Sickle seconded by Chowdhury to adjourn meeting

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

ABSTAIN: -0-

NO: -0-

Respectfully Submitted,  
Denise Wahad  
Recording Secretary

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