

**MANCHESTER UTILITIES AUTHORITY
MONTHLY MEETING AUGUST 12, 2019
HALEDON MUNICIPAL COMPLEX –HALEDON, NJ
7:30 P.M.**

TIME: 7:32PM

• 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, Van Sickle, Flach, Moczo

Absent: Chowdhury

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:

He deferred to the professional reports for updates on new and ongoing matters.

ENGINEER

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

Arcadis is monitoring hydrant tagging by the DPW staff now in progress and required for completion in advance of October 19, 2019.

920 Belmont Avenue Project – met with Applicant regarding the project on August 1. Applicant needs to provide updated application information. Arcadis provided template for the Developers Agreement. Arcadis will provide estimate for bonds.

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Arcadis issued a letter to the North Haledon Planning Board concerning 794 High Mountain Avenue.

Arcadis issued a letter to the North Haledon Planning Board concerning 475 & 495 High Mountain Avenue.

Arcadis issued a letter regarding 890 High Mountain Avenue advising that only 40 pounds of pressure would be available and therefore a plumber should be consulted.

31 Grand Summit is submitted but awaiting fees to be paid prior to review.

Badger representatives owe the MUA a project plan concerning the switch to a different radio endpoint that will require additional hardware and software upgrades. Commissioner Flach explained the discussions that the Operations Committee had with the Badger representatives at the Committee's last meeting. The MUA's existing "Read Center" will no longer be supported after June 2020; therefore, the process to change to the Beacon system must be formulated soon. The Engineer has recommended that any new meter purchases should be the meters with the cellular endpoints.

ATTORNEY

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

Discussion was held concerning delinquent accounts and the possibility of instituting lien sales again in the Boroughs of Haledon and North Haledon in order to assist in collecting these large sums owed to the MUA.

AUDITOR

Robert McNinch discussed the following:

There may be no update on IBank funding until the Spring of 2020. The first 100 projects have been approved and are proceeding; however, all other projects are waiting.

The 2020 Budget projections have begun. The 2019 Passaic Valley Water Commission billings are approximately \$80,000.00 higher than anticipated due to the significant undetected water main leaks that the MUA has experienced this year.

Cash flow is low due to the timing of the substantial debt service payment this month; however, billing collections for the month have been good so there is no reason for concern.

LICENSED OPERATOR

Robert De Block discussed the following items:

The Neal work was completed last week and as a result, there have been no false alarms.

There has been no response from the DEP on the approval of the MUA's WQS Plan.

Work has begun on the new hydrant flushing schedule. The schedule should be finalized this week.

Discussions were held with representatives of John Garcia regarding a hydrant on Squaw Brook in order to maximize water quality benefits and minimize the impact on new paving in that area.

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• REVIEW OF MINUTES:

Motion by Van Sickle seconded by Flach to approve the Minutes for April 8, 2019.

YES: Flach, Van Sickle, Moczo

ABSTAIN: D'Ambrosio

NO: -0-

Motion by Van Sickle seconded by Flach to approve the Minutes for June 10, 2019 and Minutes for July 15, 2019.

YES: D'Ambrosio, Flach, Van Sickle

ABSTAIN: Moczo

NO: -0-

• CORRESPONDENCE

1. Engineer Letter/794 High Mountain Road, NH
2. Engineer Letter/475 & 495 High Mountain Road, NH

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

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

ABSTAIN: -0-

NO: -0-

• COMMITTEE REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

1. OPERATIONS COMMITTEE- Commissioner Flach reported that the last meeting focused on the Badger discussions. The next meeting is August 19th.
2. INTRALOCAL SERVICE AGREEMENT NEGOTIATION COMMITTEE- Nothing new to report.

• OLD BUSINESS

1. Brown Water & Sediment Issue-Squaw Brook Road, NH – Discussed in Licensed Operator Report
2. Water Dispute Letter/Account # 2439-0
3. Residential Water Service Charges - Held
4. Water Connection Application/920 Belmont Ave., NH-181 Units – Under Engineer Review

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• NEW BUSINESS

1. Water Connection Application/31 Grand Summit Ave., Haledon-Awaiting Escrow
2. Water Request Letter/Account # 3363-0 – Discussion held

• PUBLIC COMMENT

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

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

ABSTAIN: -0-

NO: -0-

No public present

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

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

ABSTAIN: -0-

NO: -0-

RESOLUTIONS TO BE PASSED BY CONSENT

**2019-30 AUTHORIZATION TO APPROVE FOR PAYMENT THE WATER
OPERATING BILLS AS SET FORTH IN THE WATER OPERATING
BILLS LIST DATED AUGUST 12, 2019**

Motion made by Van Sickle seconded by Flach to pass the Resolution by Consent.

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

ABSTAIN: -0-

NO: -0-

• MEETING ADJOURNED

Motion by Van Sickle seconded by Flach to adjourn meeting

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

ABSTAIN: -0-

NO: -0-

TIME: 8:13PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise Wahad

Recording Secretary

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