

**MANCHESTER UTILITIES AUTHORITY
MONTHLY MEETING OCTOBER 21, 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, Chowdhury, Van Sickle, Flach arrived 7:40PM

Absent: Moczso

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:

The Engineer has provided proposals regarding the meter replacement options. There are multiple issues going on: the current software will not be compatible in the Summer of 2020; the battery life will be ending; and some meters were never updated during the last meter replacement project. Financing options need to be considered.

The 2019 Budget is extremely tight. There was a significant water main break, which took some time to locate at a cost of approximately \$80,000.00. In addition, there was approximately \$30,000-\$40,000 in costs for emergencies due to the malfunctioning alarms. The MUA may not be able to limit the annual rate increase to 2% especially when the Passaic Valley Water Commission has consistently issued rate increases in the range of 4-5%.

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The Licensed Operator is working on removing some of the Verizon lines which are no longer needed to operate the system, which will result in a cost savings.

He requested that the Borough conduct the lien sale on behalf of the MUA; however, there is no update.

He sent a letter to the Haledon Board of Education concerning their accounts.

He sent a letter to the Borough regarding the Grand Summit Right-of-Way.

Unaccounted for water numbers were down before the significant water main break; however, after that break the numbers are trending upward. This issue is under the Engineer's review.

The valve program notice was sent out to the Boroughs that the MUA provides service to.

The customer at 71 Terrace Avenue emailed the Chairman to commend the MUA staff in addressing their issues. He thanked the Operators for their work.

ENGINEER

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

Arcadis is in the process of reviewing the recently proposed revisions to the federal Lead and Copper Rules. The new EPA rules include galvanized piping; sets new sample pool requirements and mandates testing at schools and child care facilities.

Discussion held concerning the October 16th Meter Replacement Memo.

Discussion held concerning the October 21st 27 Jasper Memo.

Discussion held concerning Cross Connection Control costs and implementation of program to address same.

Obtaining quotes and formulating a plan to address the repair of the Central Avenue Pump Station suction header.

Recommended approval of service connection application for 807 High Mountain Road subject to conditions set forth in his letter.

Recommended approval of service connection application for 31 Grand Summit subject to conditions set forth in his letter.

Recommended awaiting approval of service connection application for 920 Belmont pending completion of Developers Agreement.

Provided update on 960 Belmont project.

Received information on 25 Schnell Court; however, that property is outside of the MUA service area.

ATTORNEY

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

Update provided on delinquent accounts.

AUDITOR

Robert McNinch discussed the following:

Discussion held concerning the 2019 and 2020 Budgets.

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LICENSED OPERATOR

Robert De Block discussed the following items:

The Verizon Lease Lines are in the process of being reviewed to identify the accounts that can be canceled.

NJDEP issued a violation for failure to submit the OEL Report for TTHMs. The OEL was previously submitted. Contact will be made with the Department to determine next steps.

Since the NJDEP E2 System has returned to service all laboratory results appear to have been posted and appear on Drinking Water Watch.

The Annual Water Quality Accountability Act Certification prepared by Arcadis was reviewed by the Licensed Operator, executed by the Chairman and submitted to the NJDEP on October 18th.

• REVIEW OF MINUTES:

Motion by Van Sickle seconded by Chowdhury to approve the Minutes and Executive Minutes for September 9, 2019.

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

ABSTAIN: -0-

NO: -0-

• CORRESPONDENCE

1. North Haledon Zoning Board/25 Schnell Court, NH
2. Engineer Correspondence/555 Preakness Avenue, Totowa

Motion 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 has been addressing many of the operational issues previously discussed during the meeting. The next Committee Meeting is scheduled for November 4th at 10:00 a.m.
2. INTRALOCAL SERVICE AGREEMENT NEGOTIATION COMMITTEE- Nothing to update.

• OLD BUSINESS

1. Water Connection Application/31 Grand Summit Ave., Haledon – Discussed in Engineers Report

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2. Residential Water Service Charges – Held for consideration
3. Water Connection Application/920 Belmont Ave., NH-181 Units – Discussed in Engineers Report

• NEW BUSINESS

1. Water Connection Application/807 High Mountain Road, North Haledon – Discussed in Engineers Report
2. Purchase Fire Hydrants-stock needed – quote for 6 hydrants is approximately \$15,492.00.
3. Renew Edmunds Annual Support Maintenance Services – the charge is \$150.00 per hour for support services.

Motion made by Van Sickle seconded by Chowdhury to authorize the purchase of 6 Fire Hydrants.

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

ABSTAIN: -0-

NO: -0-

Motion made by Chowdhury seconded by Van Sickle to renew Edmunds Annual Support Maintenance Services.

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

ABSTAIN: -0-

NO: -0-

• PUBLIC COMMENT

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

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

ABSTAIN: -0-

NO: -0-

Jose Diaz

31 Grand Summit Ave., Haledon

Requests information concerning the next steps on his water connection application.

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

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

ABSTAIN: -0-

NO: -0-

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COMMISSIONERS RESPONSES

Chairman advised Mr. Diaz that the application is being recommended for approval tonight. After the approval, he must pay the connection fee and he will receive the Resolution approving the application subject to conditions. Depending upon installation decision, at the very least, he must advise the MUA so that the proper inspections of the installation takes place.

RESOLUTIONS TO BE PASSED BY CONSENT

2019-32 AUTHORIZATION TO APPROVE FOR PAYMENT THE WATER OPERATING BILLS AS SET FORTH IN THE WATER OPERATING BILLS LIST DATED OCTOBER 21, 2019

2019-33 APPROVAL OF THE WATER CONNECTION APPLICATION FOR 31 GRAND SUMMIT AVENUE, HALEDON SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS

2019-34 APPROVAL OF THE WATER CONNECTION APPLICATION FOR 807 HIGH MOUNTAIN ROAD, NORTH HALEDON SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS

Motion made by Van Sickle seconded by Chowdhury amend and add Resolution 2019-34 entitled “**APPROVAL OF THE WATER CONNECTION APPLICATION FOR 807 HIGH MOUNTAIN ROAD, NORTH HALEDON SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS**”

YES: D’Ambrosio, Chowdhury, Flach, Van Sickle
ABSTAIN: -0
NO: -0-

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-

TIME 9:13PM

• 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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