

**MANCHESTER UTILITIES AUTHORITY  
MONTHLY MEETING MARCH 9, 2015  
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, THE RECORD AND HAWTHORNE PRESS ON FEBRUARY 20, 2015. THIS NOTICE WAS ALSO POSTED ON THE BULLETIN BOARD AT THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING ON FEBRUARY 20, 2015 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, Zofrea

Absent: Malgosh

Other notable attendees: Casey Cordes, Attorney  
Justin Mahon, Engineer

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Motion to nominate and elect Vice-Chairman of the Authority was held over due to Commissioner Malgosh's absence.

**• REVIEW OF MINUTES**

Motion by Van Sickle seconded by Flach to approve the Minutes and Executive Minutes for February 19, 2015.

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

ABSTAIN: -0-

NO: -0-

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**• REPORTS AND DISCUSSION**

**CHAIRMAN**

Victor D’Ambrosio spoke on the following:

He explained that the Bond Counsel proposals were rejected at the last meeting due to the pricing proposals being unclear. A new Request for Qualifications was advertised, which was clearer as to the MUA's needs. The new proposals will be considered at the April meeting.

The MUA is on schedule for NJEIT financing for the 2014 Water Improvement System project.

There was a fire on Roe Street. He thanked all parties involved in getting the fire under control. The Fire Chief indicated that it was difficult to find the hydrant due to the snow cover. He asked residents to do their part in clearing the hydrants so that the firefighters can have access to them.

Bids on portable radios should be forthcoming. Joanne is looking into pricing under the State Contract as well.

Retainer Agreements were received from the Engineer and Attorney for review and approval.

**ENGINEER**

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

920 Belmont Avenue is requesting a letter confirming that the MUA can provide service to the project; however, no escrow has been paid so that the Engineer can begin his formal review.

**ATTORNEY**

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

**AUDITOR**

Chuck Ferraioli did not attend meeting.

**LICENSED OPERATOR**

Angelo Passafaro submitted report, which is on file.

**• CORRESPONDENCE**

1. NJDEP Flood Hazard Area Individual Permit and Freshwater Wetlands General Permit No. 10B/Replacement of North Haledon Ave. Culvert over Squaw Brook
2. MP/397 Haledon Avenue, Haledon-Capacity Charge
3. John Hudak, ESQ.,LLC/Bond Counsel Services
4. Wyckoff Board of Adjustments/301 Sicomac Ave., Wyckoff

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5. Fronzuto Law/Project No. 16003001-014:2014 Water System 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, Flach, Van Sickle, Zofrea

ABSTAIN: -0-

NO: -0-

**• COMMITTEE REPORTS AND DISCUSSION**

1. RULES AND REGULATION COMMITTEE- No report for this meeting.
2. INTRALOCAL SERVICE AGREEMENT NEGOTIATION COMMITTEE- The Attorney advised that the DRAFT was forwarded to the Borough for review; however, she is awaiting a response from the Borough's attorney regarding the status.

**• OLD BUSINESS**

1. 59 Post Street, Haledon-Service Replacement –Chairman will follow-up by letter.
2. 920 Belmont Ave., North Haledon/Correspondence - Discussed under Engineer's Report. Also, Commissioner Flach stated that the North Haledon Planning Board has confirmed that the MUA will own the meters and pipes. In addition, a Dawn Avenue connection is being considered for a second point of connection for service.
3. FWCC/Bank Certification- Needs Chairman's signature.
4. MP/Operational Evaluation Report - The report addressed the issue at James Court, which was discussed at the February meeting.
5. North Haledon Board of Education Bill was raised by Commissioner Zofrea. The Chairman advised that the issue would be discussed in closed session due to the negotiation potential of this bill.

**• NEW BUSINESS**

1. Commissioner Flach asked if the MUA was testing for salt content in the water. The Engineer advised that PVWC tests regularly. The MUA tests once a year, which is what is mandatory for secondary substances like salt.

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**• PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

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

ABSTAIN: -0-

NO: -0-

*Mary Mayer  
635 Belmont Ave.  
Haledon, NJ 07508*

*Mrs. Mayer states as she drives around Haledon she sees different color rings on fire hydrants and would like to know what the colors rings signify. She also mentioned there has been prior discussion on the painting of the fire hydrants and was wondering when this would be addressed.*

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

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

ABSTAIN: -0-

NO: -0-

**MUA COMMISSIONER RESPONSES TO PUBLIC COMMENT/INQUIRIES**

The Chairman responded that the color ring indicates the flow pressure and coordinates with the fire department's information so that they are aware of the colors and amounts.

The Chairman also advised that the MUA purchased paint for North Haledon and gave them the paint for the hydrants; however, the painting has not yet been done. The Chairman will follow-up with the Mayor of North Haledon as to when this may be completed.

Commissioner Flach recommended that winter advisory notices include the request to shovel out hydrants next year to try to avoid any future problems with this issue.

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**RESOLUTIONS TO BE PASSED BY CONSENT**

**2015-21 AUTHORIZATION TO APPROVE FOR PAYMENT THE WATER OPERATING BILLS AS SET FORTH IN THE WATER OPERATING BILLS LIST DATED MARCH 9, 2015**

**2015-22 AUTHORIZATION TO APPROVE FOR PAYMENT THE MANCHESTER UTILITIES AUTHORITY ESCROW ACCOUNT BILLS LIST DATED MARCH 9, 2015**

Motion by Van Sickle seconded by Chowdhury to pass Resolutions by Consent.

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

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:

- CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS- (1) Interlocal Agreement with North Haledon for water lien sale services; (2) North Haledon Public School Delinquent Bills; (3) 920 Belmont Avenue Project

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.

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IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the within shall take effect immediately upon passage and publication as provided by law.

**TIME: 8:05PM**

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

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

ABSTAIN: -0-

NO: -0-

**TIME: 8:49PM**

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

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

ABSTAIN: -0-

NO: -0-

**• MEETING ADJOURNED**

**TIME 8:50PM**

Motion made Van Sickle seconded by Zofrea to adjourn meeting.

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

ABSTAIN: -0-

NO: -0-

Respectfully Submitted,  
Denise Wahad  
Recording Secretary

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