

**MANCHESTER UTILITIES AUTHORITY
MONTHLY MEETING AUGUST 10, 2015
HALEDON MUNICIPAL COMPLEX –HALEDON, NJ
7:30 P.M.**

TIME: 7:32 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, Malgosh, Van Sickle

Absent: Flach, Zofrea

Other notable attendees: Casey Cordes, Attorney
 Justin Mahon, Engineer
 Angelo Passafaro, Licensed Operator
 Chuck Ferraioli, Auditor

• REVIEW OF MINUTES

Motion by Malgosh seconded by Chowdhury to approve the Minutes and Executive Minutes for July 13, 2015.

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

ABSTAIN: -0-

NO: -0-

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• REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

CHAIRMAN

Victor D’Ambrosio spoke on the following:

He deferred to the professionals for updates on the Agenda items; however, he had two items for Executive Session: Contract Negotiations/Potential Litigation involving the North Haledon Board of Education and the property owner of 59 Post Street.

ENGINEER

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

He reviewed the 2014 Capital Improvements Project, which has been delayed to the NJDEP review of the project. The new anticipated bid advertisement is likely the Fall of 2015 and therefore work will likely not start until the Spring of 2016.

He is working with the Licensed Operator to identify water leaks in the system.

The Kemp valve installation has been completed; therefore, that project can be closed out.

ATTORNEY

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

She confirmed that the Kemp work had been completed to the property owner’s satisfaction according to his attorney.

North Haledon has forwarded the signed Interlocal Services Agreement for the use of the Borough’s tax collector for the 2015 MUA water utility lien sale.

AUDITOR

Chuck Ferraioli spoke on the following:

He reported that the billings are approximately \$127,104.00 less than this time last year. The major monthly billing difference was in January when in 2015, \$14,076 was billed versus \$130,980 in 2014. If this holds out until the end of this year, the MUA may have a deficit. He is unconcerned about this year; however, if this trend continues next year, there will be financial concerns. He has discussed the matter with the Chairman and both agree that obtaining a Note to cover the shortfall does not make fiscal sense due to the high costs involved in such a venture. The Chairman is going to research the matter with Joanne in order to determine whether or not there may have been a computer problem with the billing system was upgraded.

LICENSED OPERATOR

Angelo Passafaro submitted report, which is on file and highlighted the following:

He advised that part of the Clearwell work has been done; however, it still has not been fully completed.

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• CORRESPONDENCE

1. United Meters Buyers-for scrap meters
2. NJDEP/NH Renewed Physical Connection Permit No. 1201-WPC150001
3. NJDEP/Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Program-Final FFY2015 Priority System
4. DCA Letter/Desk Review of the 2014 Audit Report
5. Planning Board/2 John Street Associates, LLC
6. Zoning Board of Adjustment/81 Stanley Ct., NH
7. NH Public Hearing/154 & 176 Oakwood Ave., North Haledon MUA
8. NH Zoning Board/53 Dawn Ave., NH
9. NJEIT/Participation in the Trust's 2013A Financing Program-CD version of Closing Documents

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, Malgosh, Van Sickle
ABSTAIN: -0-
NO: -0-

• COMMITTEE REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

1. RULES AND REGULATION COMMITTEE- No Report.
2. INTRALOCAL SERVICE AGREEMENT NEGOTIATION COMMITTEE- The Chairman and Attorney advised that the Borough of Haledon currently has a revised DRAFT and the MUA is awaiting a response.

• OLD BUSINESS

1. Water Connection Application/276 Belmont Ave., Haledon- Engineer is waiting for information from the Applicant.
2. 59 Post Street, Haledon-Service Replacement-Discussion held in Executive Session.
3. Interlocal Services Agreement Between the Borough of North Haledon & MUA – Discussed under the Attorney Report.

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• NEW BUSINESS

1. 920 Belmont Acquisitions, LLC/Water Connection Application – Under Engineering Review.
2. 1180 High Mountain Road, North Haledon/ Proposal-5 New Doors – One quote was received. The Licensed Operator will obtain two more quotes.
3. 368 Hobart Avenue, Haledon/Correspondence- The Licensed Operator advised that a sanitary line collapsed; however, a report will be needed from the Borough of Haledon’s DPW Superintendent. Denise Wahad will notify property owner of the need to file the proper Tort Claim form.

• PUBLIC COMMENT

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

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

ABSTAIN: -0-

NO: -0-

*Mrs. Jean Lezott
56 Sherwood Avenue
Haledon, NJ 07508*

Mrs. Lezott states the water coming from the tap in her home is horrible. The water in the kitchen is cloudy but the water in her bathrooms isn’t as bad. Mrs. Lezott brought two pots with her to show the MUA that over the last four months how the water has stained the inside of her aluminum pots.

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

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

ABSTAIN: -0-

NO: -0-

MUA COMMISSIONER RESPONSES TO PUBLIC COMMENT/INQUIRIES

The type of water change that was experienced in the four month period is generally due to a change in chemistry; however, there has been no change in the property owner’s service area. There may be a difference in chlorine residual. There is no service loop in that area so the fact

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that it is a dead end may also have something to do with the issue. The Licensed Operator will follow-up with the property owner and check the hydrant in the area.

RESOLUTIONS TO BE PASSED BY CONSENT

- 2015-33 AUTHORIZATION TO APPROVE FOR PAYMENT THE WATER OPERATING BILLS AS SET FORTH IN THE WATER OPERATING BILLS LIST DATED AUGUST 10, 2015**
- 2015-34 AUTHORIZATION TO APPROVE FOR PAYMENT THE MANCHESTER UTILITIES AUTHORITY ESCROW ACCOUNT BILLS LIST DATED AUGUST 10, 2015**
- 2015-35 AUTHORIZATION TO APPROVE FOR PAYMENT THE NJEIT 2011 WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT BILLS AS SET FORTH IN THE NJEIT 2011 WATER MAIN IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT BILLS LIST DATED AUGUST 10, 2015**
- 2015-36 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL OF THE INTERLOCAL SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH NORTH HALEDON**

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

YES: D'Ambrosio, Chowdhury, Malgosh, 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:

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- A. LEGAL- Billing Issue Involving North Haledon Board of Education
- B. CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS – Ongoing 59 Post Street service issue

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.

TIME 8:09PM

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

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

ABSTAIN: -0-

NO: -0-

TIME 8:29PM

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

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

ABSTAIN: -0-

NO: -0-

TIME 8:31PM

• MEETING ADJOURNED

Motion made Van Sickle seconded by Chowdhury to adjourn meeting.

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

ABSTAIN: -0-

NO: -0-

Respectfully Submitted,
Denise Wahad
Recording Secretary

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