

**MANCHESTER UTILITIES AUTHORITY
MONTHLY MEETING OCTOBER 16, 2017
HALEDON MUNICIPAL COMPLEX –HALEDON, NJ
7:30 P.M.**

TIME: 7:31 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 AND THE RECORD FEBRUARY 17, 2017. THIS NOTICE WAS ALSO POSTED ON THE BULLETIN BOARD AT THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING ON FEBRUARY 17, 2017 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, Flach, Moczo, Van Sickle

Absent: Chowdhury, Zofrea

Other notable attendees: Casey Cordes, Attorney
Justin Mahon, Engineer
Robert De Block, Licensed Operator

• REVIEW OF MINUTES:

Motion by Van Sickle seconded by Flach to approve Minutes and Executive Session for September 11, 2017.

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

ABSTAIN:

NO: -0-

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• REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

CHAIRMAN

Victor D'Ambrosio spoke on the following:

He stated that he had a few items for Executive Session discussion.

The scrap meters have been sold for approximately \$1,300.00.

The wireless system has been installed at the filter plan.

The Fall hydrant flushing has been completed.

He deferred to the professionals on other agenda items.

ENGINEER

Justin Mahon submitted report, which is on file and addressed any questions.

He is still investigating the pressure issues raised on the property at 220 Pompton Road. Pressure in the street is 80/90 pounds per square inch, which is more than acceptable. There may be a service problem located either between the main and the curb box or in the dwelling. The next step is to test pressure from the hose, which should have in the next two weeks.

24 Ross Lane was discussed.

555 Preakness is under review.

The Committee is examining the criteria for updates on the Capital Improvement Plan and will make recommendations to the Board.

The Easement Items listed in his report are on-going issues.

The Alarm Call List was discussed.

ATTORNEY

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

Meter Replacement Pilot Program discussed.

19 Paterson Avenue collection matter discussed.

AUDITOR

Chuck Ferraioli did not attend meeting.

Chairman advised that the revenues are still down from this time last year.

LICENSED OPERATOR

Robert De Block submitted report, which is on file.

The Water Sampling Plan requirements will begin in January 2018.

New cellular based alarms were installed and some issues were experienced; however, they have been addressed. The notification list has been discussed and updated.

The motor for the reservoir pump station failed. The order for a new meter was placed and once received will be installed by the Licensed Operator. Hopefully this will take place next week.

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A meeting will be held to discuss how to address the recently received high Thm results. The likely answer is to perform more extensive flushing of the system.

• CORRESPONDENCE

1. Pre-Construction Meeting/Ballentine Drive North Haledon, Section 3 Improvements
2. USDA Letter/Exemption from Quarterly Reporting Requirements

The listed Correspondence were reviewed and considered by the MUA Board. Motion made by Van Sickle seconded by Flach to Accept and File Correspondence.

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

ABSTAIN: -0-

NO: -0-

• COMMITTEE REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

1. RULES AND REGULATION COMMITTEE- Water Meter Replacement Pilot Program discussed in greater detail. Phase II of the program have been discussed and are being considered for recommendation to the Board. The new Website was reviewed and comments were submitted to Denise Wahad. The Updated Capital Improvement Plan was discussed. The meetings will now be mid-month instead of the same day of the meeting in order to promote greater efficiency.
2. INTRALOCAL SERVICE AGREEMENT NEGOTIATION COMMITTEE- No update since waiting for a response from the Borough of Haledon.

• OLD BUSINESS

1. Water Connection Application/555 Preakness Ave., Totowa-Under Review
2. Water Connection Application/920 Belmont Ave., NH-181 Units- Under Review
3. Water Connection Application/960 Belmont Ave., NH-34 Townhomes (Approval & Signature Needed)-Under Review

• NEW BUSINESS

1. 1. Water Connection Application/24 Ross Lane, North Haledon- Under Review

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• 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-

MUA COMMISSIONERS RESPONSES TO PUBLIC COMMENT/INQUIRES

None.

RESOLUTIONS TO BE PASSED BY CONSENT

**2017-44 AUTHORIZATION TO APPROVE FOR PAYMENT THE WATER
OPERATING BILLS AS SET FORTH IN THE WATER OPERATING
BILLS LIST DATED OCTOBER 16, 2017**

**2017-45 AUTHORIZATION TO APPROVE FOR PAYMENT THE
NJEIT 2014 WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT
BILLS AS SET FORTH IN THE NJEIT 2014 WATER MAIN
IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT BILLS LIST DATED
OCTOBER 16, 2017**

Motion made by Van Sickle seconded by Flach to pass the Resolutions by consent.

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

ABSTAIN: -0-

NO: -0

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**• 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:

- A. CONTRACT NEGOTIATION – Staffing Concerns
- B. OTHER- Billing Issues

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: 8:27PM

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

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

ABSTAIN: -0-

NO: -0-

TIME 8:56 PM

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

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

ABSTAIN: -0-

NO: -0-

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• MEETING ADJOURNED

Motion by Van Sickle seconded by Flach to adjourn meeting

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

ABSTAIN: -0-

NO: -0-

Respectfully Submitted,
Denise Wahad
Recording Secretary

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