# MANCHESTER UTILITIES AUTHORITY MONTHLY MEETING: MAY 13, 2024 CONDUCTED ELECTRONICALLY VIA ZOOM CONFERENCING 7:30 P.M.

#### TIME:

### • MEETING CALLED TO ORDER - OPEN PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE READ

STATEMENT OF PUBLIC NOTICE-TAKE NOTICE that adequate notice of this meeting has been provided in accordance with N.J.S.A. 10:4-8 and N.J.S.A. 10:4-10 as follows: A notice of the meeting was prominently posted on the bulletin board at the Haledon Municipal Building, located at 510 Belmont Avenue, Haledon, NJ on February 16, 2024. A copy of the Annual Meeting Notice was advertised on February 18, 2024 in the North Jersey Herald News and The Record.

A LINK AND A TELEPHONE NUMBER TO JOIN THE MEETING VIRUTALLY CAN BE ACCESSED ON THE MUA WEBSITE AT <u>WWW.MUAWATER.NET</u>. ELECTRONIC PROVISIONS HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED FOR THE PUBLIC TO PARTICIPATE DURING THE PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION OF THE MEETING.

Formal Action will be taken.

Proper notice having been given, the Secretary is directed to include this statement in the minutes of this meeting.

#### • FLAG SALUTE

#### • ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE

Victor D'Ambrosio, Commissioner Dewan Chowdhury, Commissioner Geraldine Flach-Sybesma, Commissioner Carlos A. Moczo, Commissioner Anthony Smith, Commissioner

# • PROFESSIONAL REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

1. CHAIRMAN REPORT- Victor D'Ambrosio, Commissioner

# PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that there is important information regarding: BILL ASSISTANCE AND ARREARAGE FORGIVENESS PROGRAMS

The State Low Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) can help you pay arrears for your water and sewer bills. The program may also be able to help address tax liens due to water and sewer arrears. To get more information and apply, go to *waterassistance.nj.gov* or call NJ211.

The application period for the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs' Low Income Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) is currently closed.

People can apply online through the DCAid application portal at <a href="https://njdca-housing.dynamics365portals.us/en-US/dcaid-services/">https://njdca-housing.dynamics365portals.us/en-US/dcaid-services/</a>. Those without computer or internet access can call 1-800-510-3102.

Please review this special Notice in its entirety at our website at <a href="www.muawater.net">www.muawater.net</a> or contact Water Billing Clerk, Rama Jamoukha, by calling her at (973) 942-6538 extension 2 or emailing her at <a href="mailto:rjamoukha@haledonboronj.com">rjamoukha@haledonboronj.com</a> for additional information.

## **BILL ASSISTANCE AND ARREARAGE FORGIVENESS PROGRAMS**

- 1. ENGINEER REPORT Jerry Mitchell P.E., ARCADIS, Inc. /Malcolm Pirnie
- 2. ATTORNEY REPORT Casey Anne Cordes, Esq., Fronzuto Law Group
- 3. AUDITOR REPORT- Robert McNinch, CPA
- 4. LICENSED OPERATOR- Robert De Block, LO

## • COMMITTEE REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

1. OPERATIONS COMMITTEE-Next meeting May 29, 2024

#### CORRESPONDENCE

- 1. North Haledon Planning Board/50 Oakwood Ave., North Haledon
- 2. Fresh Water Wetlands Letter of Interpretation Verification/Christian Health Care
- 3. Haledon Planning Board/431 Haledon Ave., Haledon

Motion made by	seconded by		to Accept and File Correspondence.
ROLL CALL VOTE			
D'Ambrosio Chowdhury	Flach Moczo	Smith	

### • OLD BUSINESS

- 1. Water Connection Application/431 Haledon Ave., Haledon
- 2. Passaic River Coalition/Annual Membership Request
- 3. 225 Pompton Road/Water Bill Dispute
- 4. 27 Jasper Street, Haledon-Time Extension Request -Letter sent March 27, 2024
- 5. LIHWAP Language Requirements

#### PUBLIC HEARING

Motion by	secon	ded by _		to open the public hearing.
ROLL CALL	VOTE			
D'Ambrosio	Chowdhury	Flach	Moczo	Smith
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Motion by	secon	ded by		to close the public hearing.
ROLL CALL		_		,
D'Ambrosio	Chowdhury	Flach	Moczo	Smith
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### MUA COMMISSIONERS RESPONSES TO PUBLIC COMMENT/INQUIRIES

# RESOLUTIONS TO BE PASSED BY CONSENT

2024-23 AUTHORIZATION TO APPROVE FOR PAYMENT THE WATER OPERATING BILLS AS SET FORTH IN THE WATER OPERATING BILLS LIST DATED MAY 13, 2024

Motion by	secon	ided by	to	o pass the Resolutions by Consent.	
ROLL CALL	VOTE				
D'Ambrosio	Chowdhury	Flach N	Moczo	Smith	

# • 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. PERSONNEL
- B. LEGAL
- C. CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS
- D. OTHER

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.

Motion by ROLL CALL			to go into executive session as indicated above.
D'Ambrosio	Chowdhury Flach	Moczo	Smith
Motion by ROLL CALL			to reconvene the regular meeting.
D'Ambrosio	Chowdhury Flach	Moczo	Smith
• MEETING	ADJOURNED		
Motion by	seconded by		to adjourn.
ROLL CALL	VOTE		
D'Ambrosio	Chowdhury Flach	Moczo	Smith

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