MANCHESTER UTILITIES AUTHORITY MONTHLY MEETING: JANUARY 13, 2025 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 Islam Muzibul, Commissioner

• <u>PUBLIC HEARING-</u> 2025 CONNECTION FEE INCREASE 2025 RATE INCREASE 2025 BUDGET

Motion by ______ seconded by _____ to open the public hearing. ROLL CALL VOTE D'Ambrosio Chowdhury Flach Moczo Smith

Motion by ______ seconded by _____ to close the public hearing. ROLL CALL VOTE D'Ambrosio Chowdhury Flach Moczo Smith

• 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 <u>https://njdca-housing.dynamics365portals.us/en-US/dcaid-services/</u>. Those without computer or internet access can call 1-800-510-3102.

Please review this special Notice in its entirety at our website at <u>www.muawater.net</u> or contact Water Billing Clerk, Rama Jamoukha, by calling her at (973) 942-6538 extension 2 or emailing her at <u>rjamoukha@haledonboronj.com</u> 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 February 5, 2025

• CORRESPONDENCE

- 1. NJDEP/Water Conservation and Leak Detection
- 2. Planning Board/396 Haledon Avenue, Haledon
- 3. Notice of Hearing/18 Squaw Brook Road, North Haledon
- 4. Notice of Hearing/412 Southside Avenue, Haledon

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

• OLD BUSINESS

- 1. LIHWAP Language Requirements
- NEW BUSINESS
 - 1. Go Organic Vegetation/2025 Season Service
 - 2. PVWC Correspondence/Rate Increase
 - 3. Municipal Maintenance Co./Price Quote- 515 Pump

• PUBLIC HEARING

Motion by ______ seconded by ______ to open the public hearing. ROLL CALL VOTE D'Ambrosio Chowdhury Flach Moczo Smith Muzibul Motion by ______ seconded by ______ to close the public hearing.

ROLL CALL VOTE D'Ambrosio Chowdhury Flach Moczo Smith Muzibul

MUA COMMISSIONERS RESPONSES TO PUBLIC COMMENT/INQUIRIES

RESOLUTIONS TO BE PASSED BY CONSENT

2025-01 AUTHORIZATION TO APPROVE FOR PAYMENT THE WATER OPERATING BILLS AS SET FORTH IN THE

WATER OPERATING BILLS LIST DATED JANUARY 13, 2025

- 2025-02 **ADOPTION OF THE 2025 CONNECTION FEE**
- 2025-03 **ADOPTION OF 2025 RATE INCREASE**
- **ADOPTION OF THE 2025 BUDGET** 2025-04

2025-05 **RATIFICATION OF THE EMERGENCY DECLARATION TO PROCURE AND PURCHASE PRINTING SERVICES FOR 2024 PUBLIC NOTIFICATIONS**

_ seconded by _____ to pass the Resolutions by Consent. Motion by ROLL CALL VOTE D'Ambrosio Chowdhury Flach Moczo Smith Muzibul

• 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.

seconded by ______ to go into executive session as indicated above. Motion by ROLL CALL VOTE D'Ambrosio Chowdhury Flach Moczo Smith Muzibul

seconded by ______ to reconvene the regular meeting. Motion by ROLL CALL VOTE

D'Ambrosio Chowdhury Flach Moczo Smith Muzibul

• MEETING ADJOURNED Motion by ______ to adjourn. ROLL CALL VOTE D'Ambrosio Chowdhury Flach Moczo Smith Muzibul

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