

**MANCHESTER UTILITIES AUTHORITY
MONTHLY MEETING APRIL 12, 2021
HALEDON MUNICIPAL COMPLEX –HALEDON, NJ
7:30 P.M.**

TIME: 7:33PM

• MEETING CALLED TO ORDER – OPEN PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE READ

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that in accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et. seq. you are hereby advised that the Manchester Utilities Authority advertised its Annual Meeting Notice on February 14, 2021 in the North Jersey Herald News and The Record. The Annual Meeting Notice was also posted on the Bulletin Board at the Municipal Building and has remained continuously posted as required by statute.

This public meeting is being conducted due to the current situation involving the COVID-19 virus and directives of State and County governments that restrict public gatherings and direct residents of New Jersey to stay at home.

The electronic public meetings will be held via Zoom conferencing (<https://zoom.us>). A link to attend each meeting electronically and/or telephonically will be posted on the website of the Manchester Utilities Authority (www.muawater.net) as well as on the door to the municipal building located at 510 Belmont Avenue. These postings will include the meeting identification number and passcode to join the meeting.

All attendees will be automatically muted upon entering the virtual meeting, everyone will have the opportunity to be unmuted in order to speak and be heard during the Public Comment portion of the meeting. At that time, the Chairman will give the members of the public an opportunity to make any statements during the public hearing. Each member will be fully heard. Afterwards the Public Comment hearing shall be closed and the Commissioners may respond. All relevant meeting documents for the meeting, if any, shall be posted prior to each meeting on the website of the Manchester Utilities Authority: www.muawater.net.

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: Chowdhury, Flach, Moczko

Absent: D'Ambrosio, Van Sickle

Other notable attendees: Casey Cordes, Attorney
Jerry Mitchell, Engineer
Robert De Block, Licensed Operator

Commissioner Chowdhury presided over the Meeting due to the Chairman's absence.

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• REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

CHAIRMAN

Victor D’Ambrosio did not attend meeting and no report was submitted.

ENGINEER

Jerry Mitchell submitted report, which is on file and discussed the following items:

The Leak Detection Program located approximately twelve (12) leaks that are being prioritized for repair.

Discussion held regarding the request for approval for Arcadis to prepare an Application, on behalf of the MUA, to the NJ Board of Public Utilities to seek a Grant under NJ’s Clean Energy Program “Acoustical Testing Pilot Program.” The purpose of the pilot program is to enable water utilities to “purchase or lease advanced acoustic monitoring technology to provide permanent leak monitoring of their water system. This pilot program will provide funding on a competitive basis to enable Water Utilities to realize water, energy and cost savings through a more effective and efficient detection system; thus, enabling them to more expeditiously address leaks in their water systems.” “The pilot program primarily seeks to address water and energy losses in urban and older suburban communities with significant evidence of water leakage that are located in overburdened communities.” Applications must be submitted by May 15, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

Motion by Flach seconded by Moczo to Authorize ARCADIS to complete an Application for the New Jersey’s Clean Energy Program.

YES: Chowdhury, Flach, Moczo

ABSTAIN: -0-

NO: -0-

ATTORNEY

Casey Cordes submitted report, which is on file and discussed the following items:

The standby operators’ stipend began Friday.

There have been several landlords requesting that the MUA discontinue water service; however, the MUA cannot be involved in landlord/tenant disputes and cannot discontinue water service for these reasons.

AUDITOR

Robert McNinch did not attend meeting and no report was submitted.

LICENSED OPERATOR

Robert De Block discussed the following items:

Verizon inadvertently discontinued service to the cellular lines used by the cellular modems between various sites. MUA operations staff monitored operating conditions and operated the

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system by hand for the duration of the outage. MUA staff worked with Verizon and Neal Systems to restore the lines.

The MUA received a notice on March 24th that the Proficiency Testing results report to the ERA were not transmitted to the NJDEP. It appears the wrong box was checked on when to send the results. Although the results were accurate and timely, they will need to be completed and sent again.

Follow-up was done with PVWC regarding the meter readings at the Granite Avenue interconnection. PVWC will send an emailed explanation to the Licensed Operator and Engineer. The Lead and Copper Sampling (June – September) participation letters have been sent to the targeted sample locations.

• CORRESPONDENCE

1. Totowa Zoning Board of Adjustment/555 Preakness Ave., Totowa

Motion by Moczo seconded by Flach to Accept and File Correspondence.

YES: Chowdhury, Flach, Moczo

ABSTAIN: -0-

NO: -0-

• COMMITTEE REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

1. OPERATIONS COMMITTEE- Discussion focused on grant application and various other issues relating to non-revenue water. Next meeting is April 28th at 10:00 a.m.

• OLD BUSINESS

1. Water Dispute/879 High Mountain Road, North Haledon – Chairman was directing response so discussion held until next meeting.
2. Water Dispute/ 79 Mountain Avenue, Haledon - Chairman was directing response so discussion held until next meeting.
3. ARCADIS/Professional Engineering Services Heights Tank Improvements – hold until next meeting.

• NEW BUSINESS

1. New Jersey Board of Public Utilities Division of Clean Energy/Possible Grant Money for Acoustic Testing Pilot – Discussed under Engineer Report.
2. Water Bill Adjustment Request/375 Southside Avenue, Haledon – Discussed under Attorney Report
3. Borough of North Haledon/Overlook Ave. & 2021 Road Improvement Program Notice – Engineer to review and respond.

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• PUBLIC COMMENT

Motion made by Moczo seconded by Flach to open public hearing.

YES: Chowdhury, Flach, Moczo

ABSTAIN: -0-

NO: -0-

No Public Present

Motion made by Moczo seconded by Flach to close public hearing.

YES: Chowdhury, Flach, Moczo

ABSTAIN: -0-

NO: -0-

MUA COMMISSIONERS RESPONSES TO PUBLIC COMMENT/INQUIRES

None

RESOLUTIONS TO BE PASSED BY CONSENT

**2021-15 AUTHORIZATION TO APPROVE FOR PAYMENT THE
WATER OPERATING BILLS AS SET FORTH IN THE
WATER OPERATING BILLS LIST DATED APRIL 12, 2021**

**2021-16 AUTHORIZATION TO APPROVE FOR PAYMENT THE
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ACCOUNT BILLS LIST DATED APRIL 12, 2021**

Motion made by Moczo seconded by Flach to pass the Resolutions by Consent.

YES: Chowdhury, Flach, Moczo

ABSTAIN: -0-

NO: -0-

• MEETING ADJOURNED

TIME 8:07PM

Motion by Flach seconded by Moczo to adjourn meeting.

YES: Chowdhury, Flach, Moczo

ABSTAIN: -0-

NO: -0-

Respectfully Submitted,
Denise Wahad,
Recording Secretary

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