

**MANCHESTER UTILITIES AUTHORITY
MONTHLY MEETING MARCH 14, 2022
CONDUCTED REMOTELY VIA ZOOM CONFERENCING
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 18, 2022 in the North Jersey Herald News and The Record. The Annual Meeting Notice was also posted on the Bulletin Board at the Municipal Building on February 18, 2022 and has remained continuously posted as requirement by statute. Formal Action will be taken.

This electronic 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.

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: D'Ambrosio, Chowdhury, Flach, Moczo

Absent: Van Sickle

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

• REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

CHAIRMAN

Victor D'Ambrosio discussed the following items:

The Billing Clerk has experienced a medical emergency and will be out of work for approximately two (2) weeks.

The necessary work for the acoustical program to start has been delayed by approximately three (3) months. The cost of Garcia performing the work is being evaluated; however, additional costs are an obvious concern.

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Service response letters were sent to homeowners in North Haledon concerning the PFAs contamination issues and additional analysis is continuing by the professionals.

Billing matters will be held and reviewed with the Billing Clerk upon her return to the office.

The State has introduced a program to assist in the repayment of delinquent water accounts for qualifying customers. Additional information is being gathered and will be distributed as soon as possible.

The position of Treasurer is still pending since Commissioner Flach may not be able to fill the position. She is awaiting her employer's review of the situation.

ENGINEER

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

Action Items discussed: (1) Recommendation to bid Valve and Hydrant Inspection Services contract; (2) Request for authorization to use Garcia Construction under the Emergency Services/Maintenance Contract to complete the cleaning/GPS/exercising of valves to install the remaining loggers for the Acoustic Leak Detection Program.

Engineer is coordinating with the staff to complete cleaning and exercising of as many valves as possible for logger installation and prior to the paving on Central Avenue.

The flow meter at 27 Church Street at the Cerna Laundromat is fully operational with date for the month of January indicating a flow of about 250,000 gallons which has resulted in revenue increasing by about \$1,200 per month. Additional data is being collected so that a recommendation can be made as to this account.

920 Belmont Avenue, North Haledon: Contractor is working on the final punch list.

555 Preakness Avenue, Haledon: Disinfection procedures are being prepared by the Contractor for review and approval.

PFAs Investigation: The property owner survey is being finalized this week for distribution.

ATTORNEY

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

Prepared Contract for 2022 Water Distribution System–Maintenance Construction and Emergency Repairs Contract award.

Work is continuing with the Billing Clerk to prioritize and address the delinquent accounts in the most efficient way possible. Utility shut off grace period is March 15, 2022 for residential customers.

AUDITOR

Robert McNinch was not present and there was no report submitted.

LICENSED OPERATOR

Robert De Block submitted report, which is on file and discussed the following items:

TTHM: First Quarter TTHM results have been received and they exceed the Locational Running Annual Average (LRAA) for both James Court and Preakness Avenue. While the First Quarter

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results were 49.6 ug/L at Preakness and 38 ug/L at James Court, the LRAA remains above the 80 ug/L limit, 82 ug/L and 85 ug/L respectively. The Licensed Operator and Engineer continue to work together in evaluating and sampling both locations. The data will assist in recommendations for potential infrastructure improvements to reduce the TTHMs. The staff is continuing daily flushing at James Court. Public notifications have been mailed and new ones will be completed this week.

Non-Revenue Water: The 4” meters for Camp Veritans and Stone Industries will be completed on March 16. A meeting has been requested with PVWC to review purchased water questions along with the existing data and interconnections.

Lead & Copper: Work is continuing to update the Lead Service Line Inventory.

8:24PM Carlos Moczo lost connection.

• REVIEW OF MINUTES

Motion by Flach seconded by Chowdhury to approve the Minutes for January 10, 2022.

YES: D’Ambrosio, Chowdhury, Flach

ABSTAIN:-0-

NO: -0-

Motion by _____ seconded by _____ to approve the Minutes and Executive Minutes for February 14, 2022. --**HELD OVER LACK OF QUORUM TO APPROVE.**

• CORRESPONDENCE

1. North Haledon 2022 Road Improvement Program-Overlook Ave Section 2
2. NJDEP/2023 Lab Certification Program
3. North Haledon Zoning Board/56 Hillside Drive, NH
4. Haledon Board of Adjustment/78 Church Street, Haledon
5. Haledon Board of Adjustment/61 Norwood Street, Haledon

Motion made by Flach seconded by Chowdhury to Accept and File Correspondence.

YES: D’Ambrosio, Chowdhury, Flach

ABSTAIN:-0-

NO: -0-

• COMMITTEE REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE- Commissioner Flach made the North Haledon Mayor aware of the PFAs survey that was being sent out to certain homeowners in North Haledon. Next meeting scheduled for April 6, 2022.

• OLD BUSINESS

1. Water Bill Dispute/Account /909 Belmont Ave., North Haledon-Chairman to address.

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2. Water Bill Dispute/account 54 Main Ave., No. Haledon- Chairman to address.
3. North Haledon Request/Tower-No reply from North Haledon Police Chief.
4. ARCADIS/Professional Engineering Services Heights Tank Improvements-Held pending financing.

• **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Water Bill Dispute/49 Hunter Rd., No. Haledon- Chairman to address.
2. Water Bill Dispute/74 Linda Vista Ave., No. Haledon- Chairman to address.

• **PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

YES: D'Ambrosio, Chowdhury, Flach

ABSTAIN: -0-

NO: -0-

No Public Present

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

YES: D'Ambrosio, Chowdhury, Flach

ABSTAIN: -0-

NO: -0-

MUA COMMISSIONERS RESPONSES TO PUBLIC COMMENT/INQUIRES

None

RESOLUTIONS TO BE PASSED BY CONSENT

**2022-14 AUTHORIZATION TO APPROVE FOR PAYMENT THE
WATER OPERATING BILLS AS SET FORTH IN THE
WATER OPERATING BILLS LIST DATED MARCH 14, 2022**

**2022-15 AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE THE BID FOR VALVE
AND HYDRANT INSPECTION SERVICES**

Motion by Chowdhury seconded by Flach to add **RESOLUTION 2022-15** entitled
**“AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE THE BID FOR VALVE AND HYDRANT
INSPECTION SERVICES.”**

YES: D' Ambrosio, Chowdhury, Flach

ABSTAIN: -0-

NO: -0

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Motion by Chowdhury seconded by Flach to pass Resolutions by Consent as Amended.

YES: D' Ambrosio, Chowdhury, Flach

ABSTAIN: -0-

NO: -0

TIME 8:55PM

• MEETING ADJOURNED

Motion by Flach seconded by Chowdhury to adjourn meeting.

YES: D' Ambrosio, Chowdhury, Flach

ABSTAIN: -0-

NO: -0

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise Wahad,

Recording Secretary