

**MANCHESTER UTILITIES AUTHORITY  
MONTHLY MEETING AUGUST 11, 2025  
CONDUCTED REMOTELY VIA ZOOM CONFERENCING  
7:30 P.M.**

**TIME: 7:34PM**

**• 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 12, 2025. A copy of the Annual Meeting Notice was advertised on February 16, 2025 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 [WWW.MUAWATER.NET](http://WWW.MUAWATER.NET). 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**

Present: D'Ambrosio, Chowdhury, Flach, Moczo

Absent: Smith, Muzibul

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

**• REPORTS AND DISCUSSION**

**CHAIRMAN**

Victor D'Ambrosio spoke on the following:

On Friday, August 8, 2025, the Manchester Utilities Authority ("MUA") experienced an unprecedented and catastrophic event that severely impacted its water distribution system. The MUA's sole water provider, Passaic Valley Water Commission ("PVWC") suffered a significant water main break that impacted its ability to provide water to the MUA system. As a result, by Saturday, August 9<sup>th</sup>, the MUA's customers, both residents and businesses, were completely without water.

The MUA's professionals are doing the best that they can to address this situation; however, those efforts are limited by PVWC's inability to provide water.

The Interconnections in Hawthorne and Wayne have helped.

Once PVWC provides water, a Boil Water Advisory will be in effect until the NJDEP provides clearance. The water lines will need to be slowly refilled in order to avoid breaks. Customers will be advised to conserve water initially and only use as needed.

PVWC advised the MUA a half hour ago that the break was fixed; however, there is no timetable on when PVWC will be able to provide water to the MUA system.

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The MUA professionals are working around the clock to provide solutions and to be ready when PVWC provides the water.

The MUA asks for our customers' patience and be assured that the MUA will be making every effort to ensure that this doesn't happen again.

Please be advised that fire hydrants are not working; however, water drafting is being done to pull from other water sources.

The MUA would like to thank the following individuals and entities who have provided their support during this challenging time: MUA Licensed Operator; Gerard Denny; Dave Quaglietta; Nick Earle; Haledon Mayor Johnson; North Haledon Mayor George; Haledon OEM Coordinator, Carlos Aymat; Haledon Deputy OEM Coordinator, George Guzman, Jr.; North Haledon OEM Deputy Coordinator, Lt. Anthony Conforti; Township of Wayne; Borough of Hawthorne; PVWC; Borough of Woodland Park; NJDEP; Haledon Police Department; North Haledon Police Department; and the MUA Commissioners.

**ENGINEER**

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

Thanked the Chairman for providing the summary of events and everyone involved for their efforts.

**ATTORNEY**

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

Thanked all of the professionals, employees and government agencies for their assistance during this unprecedented event.

**AUDITOR**

Robert McNinch did not attend meeting.

**LICENSED OPERATOR**

Robert De Block discussed the following items:

This event was the largest that he has ever experienced. He thanked the group and stated that it has been a team effort with a group of amazing people. Time will be needed to build the pressure up in the system once PVWC can supply water. This will be a marathon and not a sprint. The re-start plan is extensive. He asks for the resident's understanding. He has spoken with many residents and the majority understand the situation. There is no time estimate for when the water will return; however, the team is working to get this done as soon as possible.

• **REVIEW OF MINUTES**

Motion made by Moczo seconded by Flach to approve the Minutes and Executive Minutes for March 10, 2025.

YES: D'Ambrosio, Chowdhury, Flach, Moczo

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ABSTAIN: -0-

NO: -0-

Motion made by Moczo seconded by Flach to approve the Minutes and Executive Minutes for June 9, 2025.

YES: D'Ambrosio, Chowdhury, Flach

ABSTAIN: Moczo

NO: -0-

- **COMMITTEE REPORTS AND DISCUSSION**

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE-Next meeting scheduled for September 3, 2025

- **OLD BUSINESS**

1. 1. Water Connection Application/987 Belmont Ave, North Haledon
2. Price Quotes Air/Water Control-Reservoir Point
3. Price Quote AC Heat Pump System/Central Avenue Pump Station-RDK AC

- **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Motion made Moczo seconded by Flach to open public hearing.

YES: D'Ambrosio, Chowdhury, Flach, Moczo

ABSTAIN: -0-

NO: -0-

*Maureen*

*Hillside Drive*

*North Haledon, NJ 07508*

*The following questions were asked: Who's job is it to check the pipes? When will Hillside have water?*

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

YES: D'Ambrosio, Chowdhury, Flach, Moczo

ABSTAIN: -0-

NO: -0-

*MUA COMMISSIONERS RESPONSES TO PUBLIC COMMENT/INQUIRES*

The Chairman explained that the water main break occurred in the system owned and controlled by PVWC. Therefore, the MUA had to wait for PVWC to make the repair (which happened today). PVWC will have to refill its system and then once cleared, the MUA can begin to refill its system.

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When you will receive water will depend upon when PVWC can pump water into our system and your property's location and elevation in the MUA system.

**RESOLUTIONS TO BE PASSED BY CONSENT**

**2025-41      AUTHORIZATION TO APPROVE FOR PAYMENT THE  
WATER OPERATING BILLS AS SET FORTH IN THE  
WATER OPERATING BILLS LIST DATED AUGUST 11, 2025**

Motion by Moczo seconded by Chowdhury to pass the Resolutions by Consent.

YES: D'Ambrosio, Chowdhury, Flach, Moczo

ABSTAIN: -0-

NO: -0-

**TIME: 8:25PM**

**• MEETING ADJOURNED**

Motion by Moczo seconded by Chowdhury to adjourn meeting.

YES: D'Ambrosio, Chowdhury, Flach, Moczo

ABSTAIN: -0-

NO: -0-

Respectfully Submitted,  
Denise Wahad, Recording Secretary