

**MANCHESTER UTILITIES AUTHORITY
MONTHLY MEETING MARCH 10, 2025
CONDUCTED REMOTELY VIA ZOOM CONFERENCING
7:30 P.M.**

TIME: 7:45PM

• 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. 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, Flach, Moczo

Absent: Chowdhury, 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:

The Billing Clerk has advised that the supplies are short on meter top so the Chairman asked for the staff to check the stock so that an order can be placed as soon as possible.

He deferred to the professionals for updates on the following topics: PFAS cost analysis; Holland Christian Homes Main Extension Project; Non-revenue Water information; Interlocal Services Agreement with the Borough of Haledon; Consumer Confidence Report.

The Water Assistance Program has ended; however, if you are seeking assistance with your water bill, apply for DCAid or call NJ211.

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ENGINEER

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

Action Items: Request to Bid the Heights Tank painting and enhance mixing system construction on April 1, 2025 (I-Bank approval received);

Request Resolution to Bid the HCH water man extension construction on April 1, 2025 (I-Bank approval anticipated);

Request Authorization to prepare Bid Documents for valve exercising (NJDEP requirement);

Request Authorization to prepare Bid Documents for hydro excavation. Continuation of lead service survey work needed for mitigation of lead and galvanized services;

Request approval to obtain quotations and award to lowest quotation for topographic survey of Circle Avenue stream;

Recommend approval of service connection for 24 Scott Court LLC subject to conditions;

Recommend MUA hire an intern to assist staff.

Operations: The PVWC billings have been corrected with the credit being applied so the MUA is now making appropriate monthly payments.

Water Quality: Professionals are preparing a plan to complete the Lead Service Line Investigation in order to seek funding for the remediation of galvanized and lead service lines.

Facilities: Coordination continues for the installation of a new flushing station on Preakness Avenue as required by NJDEP as a remedial measure for THMM exceedances. All approvals have been received and the project is being scheduled for construction under the Emergency Repair Contract.

New meter purchases are on hold pending discussion with Badger and a plan for meter replacements.

Non-Revenue Water: The annual rolling average for NRW continues to be low and will be presented at the next meeting.

Motion made by Flach seconded by Moczo to authorize ARCADIS to prepare Bid Documents for Valve Exercising Program.

YES: D'Ambrosio, Flach, Moczo

ABSTAIN: -0-

NO: -0-

Motion made by Flach seconded by Moczo to authorize ARCADIS to prepare Bid Documents for Hydro Excavation.

YES: D'Ambrosio, Flach, Moczo

ABSTAIN: -0-

NO: -0-

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Motion made by Flach seconded by Moczo to authorize ARCADIS to obtain quotes and accept a quote for topographic survey of Circle Avenue stream at a cost not to exceed \$5,000.00.

YES: D'Ambrosio, Flach, Moczo

ABSTAIN: -0-

NO: -0-

ATTORNEY

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

Highlighted items were discussed in Executive Session.

AUDITOR

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

LICENSED OPERATOR

Robert De Block discussed the following items:

Municipal Maintenance has evaluated the 575 pump and motor that was replaced. The quote to rebuild is pending.

Municipal Maintenance has received delivery of the new 515 pump. They will be scheduling installation.

Development of the Annual CCR is in progress. Water data from PVWC is needed so awaiting that information.

Disinfectant By-Products:

First quarter samples were collected on February 19. Results and LRAA for the four sample location are below the MCL.

Pace Labs has advised that the HAA5 samples were not processed properly by their facility and as such, the results were invalid. Follow-up sampling is scheduled for later this week.

• **COMMITTEE REPORTS AND DISCUSSION**

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE-Next meeting scheduled for April 2, 2025

• **CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Public Hearing Notice/68 Squaw Brook Road, North Haledon
2. NJDEP/Heights Tank Rehab/Authorization to Advertise
3. NJDEP/ Water Main Extension Permit/Permit Condition No. 5

Motion made by Flach seconded by Moczo to accept and file correspondence.

YES: D'Ambrosio, Flach, Moczo

ABSTAIN: -0-

NO: -0-

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• **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Water Connection Application/24 Richard Scott Ct., Haledon-Discussed under Engineer Report
2. Water Connection Application/987 Belmont Ave., North Haledon-Under review
3. Central Avenue Inspections/Harper Haines Price Quote

Motion made by Moczo seconded by Flach to approve Harper Haines price quote for an amount not to exceed \$5,613.20.

YES: D'Ambrosio, Flach, Moczo

ABSTAIN: -0-

NO: -0-

• **PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

YES: D'Ambrosio, Flach, Moczo

ABSTAIN: -0-

NO: -0-

No Public Present

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

YES: D'Ambrosio, Flach, Moczo

ABSTAIN: -0-

NO: -0-

RESOLUTIONS TO BE PASSED BY CONSENT

2025-18 AUTHORIZATION TO APPROVE FOR PAYMENT THE WATER OPERATING BILLS AS SET FORTH IN THE WATER OPERATING BILLS LIST DATED MARCH 10, 2025

2025-19 APPROVAL TO VOID CERTAIN CHECKS ISSUED TO PASSAIC VALLEY WATER COMMISSION

2025-20 AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE THE BID FOR THE FOLLOWING PROJECT: MANCHESTER UTILITIES AUTHORITY HEIGHTS TANK REHABILITATION, PROJECT NO. 1603001-001

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**2025-21 AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE THE BID FOR THE FOLLOWING
PROJECT: HOLLAND CHRISTIAN HOME WATER MAIN EXTENSION
PROJECT**

**2025-22 APPROVAL OF WATER CONNECTION APPLICATION FOR 24
RICHARD SCOTT COURT, HALEDON SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS**

Motion by Moczo seconded by Flach to amend and add Resolution 2025-22 entitled
“**APPROVAL OF WATER CONNECTION APPLICATION FOR 24 RICHARD SCOTT
COURT, HALEDON SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS.**”

YES: D’Ambrosio, Flach, Moczo

ABSTAIN: -0-

NO: -0-

Motion by Moczo seconded by Flach to pass the Resolutions by Consent as amended.

YES: D’Ambrosio, Flach, Moczo

ABSTAIN: -0-

NO: -0-

TIME: 8:40PM

**• 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. LEGAL-Bankruptcy Matter
- B. CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS-PVWC

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.

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IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the within shall take effect immediately upon passage and publication as provided by law.

Motion by Moczo seconded by Flach to go into executive session as indicated above.

YES: D'Ambrosio, Flach, Moczo

ABSTAIN: -0-

NO: -0-

TIME: 9:06PM

Motion by Flach seconded by Moczo to reconvene the regular meeting.

YES: D'Ambrosio, Flach, Moczo

ABSTAIN: -0-

NO: -0-

TIME: 9:06PM

• MEETING ADJOURNED

Motion by Moczo seconded by Flach to adjourn meeting.

YES: D'Ambrosio, Flach, Moczo

ABSTAIN: -0-

NO: -0-

Respectfully Submitted,
Denise Wahad, Recording Secretary