

**MANCHESTER UTILITIES AUTHORITY
MONTHLY MEETING MARCH 9, 2026
HALEDON MUNICIPAL COMPLEX – HALEDON, NJ
7:30 P.M.**

TIME: 7:30PM

• 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 13, 2026. A copy of the Annual Meeting Notice was advertised on February 13, 2026 in the North Jersey Herald News and The Record.

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: Flach, Smith, Cerna

Absent: Chowdhury, Muzibul, McKenney

Other notable attendees: Brian Horsley, Attorney
 Jerry Mitchell, Engineer
 Robert De Block, Licensed Operator

• REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

CHAIR

Geraldine Flach spoke on the following:

- The updated infrastructure summary revealing the interrelated Haledon and North Haledon systems and an estimated system upgrade cost to be further discussed by Arcadis.
- A Water Distribution System Map to be presented at the meeting by Arcadis that identifies all the current MUA lines, for internal use.
- Reference to the North Haledon potential pilot build out that leverages the current work being performed at the Holland Christian Home
- The criticality of the ensuing Asset Management Plan and Capital Improvement Plan and Resolution to approve Arcadis effort to proceed with same.
- The importance of the meter replacement project as per the Resolution to order meters using revised quote for MUA compatibility.
- The Heights Tank project status and DEP-NJ meeting.
- If assistance with water bill is needed, apply for DCAid or call 2-1-1.

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ENGINEER

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

Action Items

- Recommend approval of Payment Application 2 for Kulpeksa, under the Holland Christian Home Water Main Extension Project.
- Recommend approval of the Heights Tank Improvement time extension Change Order # 3
- Request approval of the Proposal to Update the Asset Management and Capital Improvement Plan.
- Recommend approval of the revised Badger Meter quote for meters prioritized now for replacement

ATTORNEY

Bryant L. Horsley, Esq. – Attorney submitted a report which is on file

- Bryant introduced Shabazz & Woolridge Law Group, LLP to begin serving as legal counsel to the Manchester Utilities Authority.
- Khalifah L. Shabazz, Esq. – Partner serves as the primary point of contact for substantive legal matters involving the Authority while Mr. Horsley will primarily cover Board meetings and governance matters.
- Khalifah participated in the March 4th Ops meeting.
- The legal team prepared 3 Resolutions: Badger Meter Purchase Authorization, Heights Tank Project – Change Order No. 3, and Holland Christian Home Project – Payment Application #2 and addressed other matters that arose.

AUDITOR

Robert McNinch spoke on allocating funds for the Reserve account for smaller (non I Bank) projects and kicking off the MUA's audit this month.

LICENSED OPERATOR

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

Water Main Breaks addressed:

- February 5 at Morrissee Ave. and Lake Street as previously reported at the February meeting. At the time confirmation sample results were pending and subsequently received.
 - All samples were absent for Total Coliform and Ecoli.
- February 16th Belmont Ave at stream crossing south of Buschman Ave.
 - Low level at the High Service Reservoir (575 zone) trend indicated a significant WMB; pressure was lost at the highest elevations of the 575 zone
 - Garcia Construction and mobilized and realized attempted to isolate the leak; additional valves needed to be closed to secure a full shutdown.

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- Circumstances constituted an Uncontrolled Shutdown necessitating a Boil Water Advisor; the BWA was issued in consultation with NJDEP. Repairs were completed by Garcia Construction.
- Authority staff collected samples required to lift the BWA and delivered to PVWC for analysis; upon receipt of results confirming water quality, and in consultation with the NJDEP the BWA was lifted.
- Following repairs Garcia returned to protect the main with concrete encasement.
- The Capital Improvement Report is due March 15, 2026. DES is working with the Authority Engineer and will submit electronically to NJDEP.
- Disinfectant By-Products Quarterly sampling was completed in February. The next sampling event is scheduled for May.
 - Results and (LRAA) for the four sample locations are below the MCL.
- Intermittent failures of the alarm communication at Reservoir Point from cellular reception issues; a high gain antenna was ordered.

● **OLD BUSINESS**

1. Water Connection Application/987 Belmont Avenue, Haledon-under review

● **CORRESPONDENCE**

1. NJDEP/NJ Lab Certification Program

Motion made by Smith seconded by Cerna to Accept and File Correspondence.

YES: Flach, Smith, Cerna

ABSTAIN: -0-

NO: -0-

● **COMMITTEE REPORTS AND DISCUSSION**

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE-Next meeting scheduled for April 1, 2026

● **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Engineering Services for Updating the Asset Management Plan
2. Connection Price Quote/New Computer

● **PUBLIC COMMENT**

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Motion made by Smith seconded by Cerna to open public hearing.

YES: Flach, Smith, Cerna

ABSTAIN: -0-

NO: -0-

Comments

Mayor Johnson: 510 Belmont Avenue, Haledon, NJ 07508

- Alerted the MUA to a funding opportunity that was due March 10th at 5pm

Mayor George 103 overlook North Haledon, NJ 07508

- Thanked the MUA for its efforts and affirmed the need to enhance the system with updated infrastructure including new interconnections.

Motion made by Smith seconded by Cerna to close public hearing.

YES: Flach, Smith, Cerna

ABSTAIN: -0-

NO: -0-

MUA COMMISSIONERS RESPONSES TO PUBLIC COMMENT/INQUIRIES

- The chair thanked the Mayor's for attending and requested more information regarding funding opportunity mentioned.

RESOLUTIONS TO BE PASSED BY CONSENT

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| 2026-20 | AUTHORIZATION TO APPROVE FOR PAYMENT THE WATER OPERATING BILLS AS SET FORTH IN THE WATER OPERATING BILLS LIST DATED MARCH 9, 2026 |
| 2026-21 | AUTHORIZATION TO APPROVE FOR PAYMENT THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS BILLS AS SET FORTH IN THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS BILLS LIST DATED MARCH 9, 2026 |
| 2026-22 | AUTHORIZATION TO APPROVE FOR PAYMENT THE MANCHESTER UTILITIES AUTHORITY ESCROW ACCOUNT BILLS LIST DATED MARCH 9, 2026 |
| 2026-23 | RESOLUTION RATIFYING AND AUTHORIZING EMERGENCY REPAIR SERVICES OXFORD STREET WATER MAIN REPAIR PERFORMED BY MONTANA CONSTRUCTION |

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- 2026-24 RESOLUTION RATIFYING AND AUTHORIZING EMERGENCY
SERVICES TEMPORARY CHECK VALVE INSTALLATION – 515 ZONE
PUMP PERFORMED BY DPS PUMP**
- 2026-25 AUTHORIZATION TO APPROVE CHANGE ORDER NO. 3
FOR THE CONTRACT FOR THE FOLLOWING PROJECT:
MANCHESTER UTILITIES AUTHORITY
HEIGHTS WATER TANK IMPROVEMENTS
PROJECT NO. 1603001-001**
- 2026-26 AUTHORIZATION TO APPROVE PAYMENT APPLICATION NO. 002
FOR THE CONTRACT FOR THE FOLLOWING PROJECT:
MANCHESTER UTILITIES AUTHORITY
HOLLAND CHRISTIAN HOME WATER MAIN EXTENSION
PROJECT NO. 1603001-004**
- 2026-27 AUTHORIZATION TO AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 2026-06
AND APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF WATER METER EQUIPMENT
FROM BADGER METER INC. FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED
\$26,000.00**

Motion by Smith seconded by Cerna to pass the Resolutions by Consent as amended.

YES: Flach, Smith, Cerna

ABSTAIN: -0-

NO: -0-

TIME: 9:01PM

• MEETING ADJOURNED

Motion by Smith seconded by Cerna to adjourn meeting.

YES: Flach, Smith, Cerna

ABSTAIN: -0-

NO: -0-

Respectfully Submitted,
Denise Wahad, Recording Secretary