

**MANCHESTER UTILITIES AUTHORITY
MONTHLY MEETING OCTOBER 20, 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 VIRTUALLY 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, Chowdhury, Flach, Muzibul joined @7:37pm

Absent: Smith

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

• REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

CHAIRMAN

Victor D'Ambrosio spoke on the following:

There is some work for the MUA to do after the PVWC and catastrophic emergency in August.

-Establishing new emergency interconnections. Engineer/Licensed Operator to provide update.

-Secure either a new permanent, part-time or consultant to update and enhance communications.

-Set a Budgetary Item for next year to address Emergency Supply Costs.

Congratulations to former Commission Carlos Moczo who is now on the Borough of Haledon Council. Thank you for your years of service to the MUA.

No update on the negotiations for the Interlocal Service Agreement with the Borough of Haledon. Heights Tank, Reservoir Point, and Holland Christian Homes Project updates will be provided by the Engineer.

The Borough of Haledon has requested that the MUA appoint a "Foreman" and as such, the MUA would like to appoint David Quaglietta for that role.

The Monthly Bills List is substantial since it includes the extensive costs incurred due to the PVWC water main break.

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ENGINEER

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

Action Items: Recommend approval of the water connection application for new domestic service at existing single-family dwelling at 9 Avenue C, Haledon, NJ.

Recommend approval of the water connection application for a new domestic service for existing single-family dwelling at 409 High Mountain Road, North Haledon, NJ.

Recommend approval of the water connection application for new domestic service to new Dunkin Donuts at 345 Haledon Avenue, Haledon, NJ.

Recommend approval of Brave Industrial Paint LLC, Payment Application No. 2 for payment and submission to the NJDEP for reimbursement.

Water Quality: The Heights Tank Improvements Project is complete. All testing is complete and all testing passed.

The Holland Christian Homes Water Main Extension Project Contractor has requested a time extension change order to complete the work in Squaw Brook Road and Grahame Avenue due to County and local restrictions that no paving can occur between mid-November and April 1st.

Facilities: Arcadis is proceeding with submitting the Meter Replacement Project to be ranked by the NJ I-Bank followed by preparation of bid documents.

Possible Emergency Interconnection locations were discussed.

Financing options discussed for future projects discussed.

I-Bank funded projects (currently in progress) payment process discussed.

ATTORNEY

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

Contracts: Costs are accumulating from the August water emergency. The JIFF policy was received from the Borough of Haledon and is under review for options.

Delinquent Accounts: MUA may want to consider holding lien sales for delinquent accounts. North Haledon conducts their sale in the Spring and Haledon does their sale in the Fall.

AUDITOR

Robert McNinch discussed the following:

Potential 2026 Budget reviewed and discussed.

Actual year-to-date costs were reviewed and discussed.

Potential 2026 Rate Increased was discussed.

LICENSED OPERATOR

Robert De Block discussed the following items:

Lead Service Inventory: Lead/Galvanized and unknown service letters were distributed on September 10. Certification of mailing was completed on September 19.

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Disinfectant By-Products: Quarterly sampling was completed on September 30. NJDEP will be manually adjusting our reporting results as they were collected outside of the standard sampling period due to the Boil Water Advisory issued for the PVWC water main break. Results and the LRAA for the four sample locations were below the MCL.

• **REVIEW OF MINUTES**

Motion made by Flach seconded by Chowdhury to approve the Minutes for August 11, 2025.

YES: D'Ambrosio, Chowdhury, Flach

ABSTAIN: Muzibul

NO: -0-

Motion made by Flach seconded by Muzibul to approve the Minutes and Executive Minutes for September 8, 2025.

YES: D'Ambrosio, Flach, Muzibul

ABSTAIN: Chowdhury

NO: -0-

• **CORRESPONDENCE**

1. North Haledon Planning Board/668 Belmont Avenue, North Haledon
2. Haledon Planning & Zoning Notice/292 Hobart Avenue
3. NJ DEP/Water Quality Parameter Reporting Update

• **COMMITTEE REPORTS AND DISCUSSION**

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE-Next meeting scheduled for November 5, 2025

• **OLD BUSINESS**

1. Water Connection Application/409 High Mountain Road, North Haledon-Discussed under Engineer Report.
2. Water Connection Application/9 Avenue C, Haledon-Discussed under Engineer Report.
3. Water Connection Application/345 Haledon Avenue, Haledon-Discussed under Engineer Report.
4. Water Connection Application/987 Belmont Avenue, Haledon-Under Review.

• **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Water Connection Application/431 Haledon Avenue, Haledon-Under Review.
2. J S Electrical Services Price Quote/Supply & Install LED Retrofit lighting Location --Split Rock Road, North Haledon-Approved
3. J S Electrical Services Price Quote/Supply & Install LED Retrofit lighting Location--1180 High Mountain Road, North Haledon-Approved

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4. Brent Material Co. Price Quote/ Fire Hydrants-Approved

Motion made by Flach seconded by Chowdhury to approve J S Electrical Services price quotes dated September 26, 2025 for an amount not to exceed \$2,600.00 and Brent Material Company price quote #89192 for an amount not to exceed \$26,598.88.

YES: D'Ambrosio, Chowdhury, Flach, Muzibul

ABSTAIN: -0-

NO: -0-

• **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Motion made Flach seconded by Muzibul to open public hearing.

YES: D'Ambrosio, Chowdhury, Flach, Muzibul

ABSTAIN: -0-

NO: -0-

No Public Present

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

YES: D'Ambrosio, Chowdhury, Flach, Muzibul

ABSTAIN: -0-

NO: -0-

RESOLUTIONS TO BE PASSED BY CONSENT

2025-46 AUTHORIZATION TO APPROVE FOR PAYMENT THE WATER OPERATING BILLS AS SET FORTH IN THE WATER OPERATING BILLS LIST DATED OCTOBER 20, 2025

2025-47 AUTHORIZATION TO APPROVE WATER CONNECTION APPLICATION FOR 345 HALEDON AVENUE, HALEDON SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS

2025-48 AUTHORIZATION TO APPROVE WATER CONNECTION APPLICATION FOR 9 AVENUE C, HALEDON SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS

2025-49 AUTHORIZATION TO APPROVE WATER CONNECTION APPLICATION FOR 409 HIGH MOUNTAIN ROAD, NORTH HALEDON SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS

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**2025-50 APPOINTMENT OF DAVID QUAGLIETTA AS THE
FOREMAN OF MANCHESTER UTILITIES AUTHORITY
OPERATIONS**

Motion by Chowdhury seconded by Muzibul to add Resolution 2025-50 entitled
“**APPOINTMENT OF DAVID QUAGLIETTA AS FOREMAN TO MUA OPERATORS.**”

YES: D’Ambrosio, Chowdhury, Flach, Muzibul

ABSTAIN: -0-

NO: -0-

Motion by Chowdhury seconded by Muzibul to pass the Resolutions by Consent as Amended.

YES: D’Ambrosio, Chowdhury, Flach, Muzibul

ABSTAIN: -0-

NO: -0

**• 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-Potential Reimbursement for PVWC Water Main Break Costs

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.

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

TIME: 8:55PM

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

YES: D’Ambrosio, Chowdhury, Flach, Muzibul

ABSTAIN: -0-

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

YES: D'Ambrosio, Chowdhury, Flach, Muzibul

ABSTAIN: -0-

NO: -0-

TIME: 9:33PM

• MEETING ADJOURNED

Motion by Chowdhury seconded by Flach to adjourn meeting.

YES: D'Ambrosio, Chowdhury, Flach, Muzibul

ABSTAIN: -0-

NO: -0-

Respectfully Submitted,
Denise Wahad, Recording Secretary