

## PASSAIC VALLEY WATER COMMISSION MEETING OF

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**(OPEN SESSION)**

## C O M M I S S I O N E R S        P R E S E N T :

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1 PRESIDENT FRIEND: Call the meeting to  
2 order.

3 MR. AMODIO: On the roll.

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5 (Roll call was taken, all Commissioners  
6 present respond in the affirmative. Commissioners  
7 Levine and Vannoy are not present yet)

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9 MR. AMODIO: Thank you.

10 The time is 9:36 a.m.

11 You have a quorum.

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13 All of the requirements of the Open Public  
14 Meetings Act have been met. Notices have been  
15 furnished to all Commissioners; City Clerks of  
16 Paterson, Passaic, and Clifton; North Jersey  
17 Herald News; The Record - Passaic County edition  
18 and the Commission's Executive Staff with a copy  
19 posted at the main bulletin board at the Clifton  
20 facility.

21 If you would please rise.

22 Commissioner Rodriguez...

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24 (Pledge of Allegiance)

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PRESIDENT FRIEND: Please remain standing

1 for the victims of the recent terror act.

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(Moment of Silence)

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MR. AMODIO: Members of the public.

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PRESIDENT FRIEND: Okay. Members of the public. Mr. Schleifer, yes, sir.

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MR. SCHLEIFER: Bob is going to be --

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MR. GUARASCI: He'll defer to me.

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Good morning, members of the Commission.

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My name is Bob Guarasci. I'm the CEO of New

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Jersey Community Development Corporation. You

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know us best as the agitators against the tank

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project and Levine, but our day job is to work

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with young people in the City of Paterson in a

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youth development capacity to help them learn to

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become engaged citizens of our community. And so

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we're very pleased to be here this morning to

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introduce you to three of the young people we have

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been working with as members of the Paterson Youth

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Council, which is a group of 30 young people who

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are in a yearlong leadership development program

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designed to ensure that young people have a voice

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in decision making that affects them.

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The Paterson Youth Council was able to

1 obtain grant funding from State Farm to work on  
2 important public health issues facing their  
3 community, and so members of the youth council  
4 chose the issue of lead in the water, which we all  
5 know is a public health crisis in our area. And  
6 what they decided to do was to look into it  
7 themselves by doing some sampling and coming  
8 forward with results and recommendations.

9 Throughout this entire process, Mr. Bella  
10 and members of the Commission have been  
11 extraordinarily cooperative in providing us with  
12 information and willingness to continue to work  
13 with the kids even after this project to ensure  
14 that they, (A) they continue to learn, and (B)  
15 homes that were identified potentially have the  
16 ability to work with the Commission to address the  
17 issues that have been discovered.

18 So we appreciate the graciousness of Mr.  
19 Bella and the Commission. And what I'd like to do  
20 now is ask each of our members of the youth  
21 council to introduce themselves, their name and  
22 age, their school, and then they'll launch into  
23 there presentation.

24 MR. WEAVER: My name is T'Ziah Weaver. I  
25 am sophomore at Gilmore Academy.



1 presentation to.

2 MS. CARTER: Our Journey.

3 Last year, members of the Paterson Youth  
4 Council helped to come up with the plan for water  
5 testing.

6 In October, this year's Paterson Youth  
7 Council class began to learn about the dangers of  
8 the lead in the water, and started to understand  
9 the dire situation for Paterson.

10 Beginning in December Paterson Youth  
11 Council targeted over 100 different homes to test  
12 lead levels in their water.

13 After receiving the results we created  
14 this report and will disseminate the information  
15 to the residents of Paterson.

16 MR. WEAVER: What Is Lead?

17 Lead is a naturally occurring element in  
18 the earth, and is commonly found with other  
19 naturally occurring elements such as gold, iron  
20 and silver.

21 Because lead is so abundant in the earth  
22 and because it is so easy to work with, lead has  
23 been used extensively in many products such as  
24 paint, ceramics, gasoline, pipes, solders, jewelry  
25 and cosmetics.

1                   Since the 1980s, the government has  
2 regulated the use of lead in household and  
3 worksite products to significantly reduce or  
4 eliminate the risk of exposure.

5                   MR. RUIZ: How Is Lead Harmful?

6                   Lead exposure leads to accumulations of  
7 lead in your body over time, and even small doses  
8 of lead can produce serious health effects.

9                   Unlike many other elements, lead does not  
10 naturally leave your body once you have consumed  
11 or breathed it in.

12                   The effects of lead poisoning are varied  
13 based on age, gender and the overall amount that  
14 you have been exposed to. Also, the effects of  
15 lead poisoning can vary greatly based on these  
16 same factors.

17                   MS. CARTER: What are the harmful affects  
18 of lead?

19                   Hearing impairment; auditory sensitivity  
20 decreased.

21                   Aggression, violence, hostility,  
22 anti-social or delinquent behavior.

23                   Hyperactive behaviors.

24                   Fine motor dysfunction.

25                   Constipation, diarrhea, anemia.

1 Renal disease.

2 Miscarriage, still birth, neonatal death.

3 And death.

4 MR. WEAVER: How Does Lead Affect

5 Children?

6 Children are the highest risk of  
7 developing lead poisoning, as it takes a lesser  
8 exposure to produce noticeable effects. Some of  
9 the effects include:

10 Behavior and learning problems.

11 Lower I.Q. and hyperactivity.

12 Slowed growth.

13 Hearing problems.

14 Anemia.

15 For children, any level of exposure to  
16 lead can lead to these problems so it is important  
17 to get children tested and eliminate the risk of  
18 exposure.

19 MR. RUIZ: How Does Lead Affect Adults?

20 Lead can accumulate in our bodies over  
21 time, where it is stored in bones along with  
22 calcium. The buildup of lead can result in the  
23 following:

24 Reduced growth of fetus in pregnant  
25 mothers.



1 Premature birth in pregnant mothers.

2 Cardiovascular effects, increased blood  
3 pressure and incidence of hypertension.

4 Decreased kidney function.

5 Reproductive problems in both (men and  
6 women)

7 As you can see here, we have some  
8 long-term effects of what lead does to your body,  
9 for example, we have the reproductive system where  
10 men have a loss of sperm count, have sperm  
11 abnormalities; where women have a problem with the  
12 fetus and also the growth of the fetus itself.  
13 And when it comes to children, you also have  
14 short-term damage and also long-term damage in the  
15 brain, behavioral problems, I.Q., et cetera.

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17 (Whereupon, Commissioner Levine is present  
18 at 9:43 a.m.)

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20 MS. CARTER: How Does Lead Get in Drinking  
21 Water?

22 Lead can enter into our drinking water due  
23 to the corrosion of plumbing, pipes and fixtures.

24 This usually occurs when water has either  
25 high acidity or low mineral content which leads to

1 the corrosion of pipes, solder and other fixtures.

2 Homes built before 1996 are at a much  
3 higher risk for having lead pipes and other  
4 fixtures, but even "lead free" homes may have  
5 water that is contaminated with lead.

6 MR. WEAVER: EPA's Drinking Water  
7 Requirements.

8 The EPA's goal for drinking water is to  
9 have zero lead in drinking water.

10 The standard for lead in drinking water is  
11 set at 15 parts per billion. Anything higher than  
12 this is considered to be above the safe levels and  
13 further action should be taken to avoid and reduce  
14 exposure to lead.

15 The EPA has created the Lead and Copper  
16 Rule under the Safe Drinking Act that requires  
17 corrosion control to prevent lead and copper from  
18 contaminating drinking water.

19 MR. RUIZ: How To Test For Lead.

20 Since you cannot see, taste, or smell lead  
21 dissolved in water, testing is the only sure way  
22 of telling whether there are harmful quantities of  
23 lead in your drinking water.

24 Testing kits generally cost between \$20 to  
25 \$100 but can be received for free.

1           The test itself should be done using cold  
2           water after the water has not been used for at  
3           least eight hours. This testing can usually be  
4           done first thing in the morning or in the  
5           afternoon, when returning home from work.

6           MS. CARTER: As you can see in the bar  
7           graph, Flint, Michigan's lead levels that were  
8           tested in children in Flint, Michigan are lower  
9           than the lead levels tested in children in  
10          Paterson.

11          MR. WEAVER: Paterson's Water Data.

12          Paterson Youth Council members tested 101  
13          homes within Paterson to determine the levels of  
14          lead in the water.

15          Of these homes 63 tested positive for high  
16          levels of lead, or 62.4 percent of the homes  
17          tested. (Homes with 15 parts per billion or  
18          higher)

19          The average lead levels of all homes  
20          tested were 15.59 parts per billion.

21          The highest level tested was 34.2 parts  
22          per billion.

23          As you can see in the graph, the red line  
24          is the EPA's cutoff for the elevated levels of  
25          lead in the water. Over 60 homes tested have

1 elevated levels of lead in the water.

2 MR. RUIZ: Possible Solutions.

3 Update Paterson's aging infrastructure to  
4 replace all pipes and fixtures around the city  
5 that are made of lead. This solution would be  
6 extremely costly for the city and for homeowners.

7 Install water filters in all homes and  
8 businesses throughout Paterson to ensure that  
9 water has been properly filtered prior to use.  
10 Again, this is a costly solution and would be  
11 difficult to enact on such a large scale.

12 A final solution is a public awareness  
13 campaign to inform the public of ways that they  
14 can reduce their exposure to lead in their  
15 drinking water.

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17 (Whereupon, Commissioner Vannoy is present  
18 at 9:45 a.m.)

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20 MS. CARTER: Water Filters.

21 Contrary to common belief not all water  
22 filters remove all contaminants in your water.

23 Water filters for lead have to  
24 specifically say they help reduce the lead levels.

25 Popular brands that do this are Brita and

1 Pur filters.

2 MR. WEAVER: What Can You Do?

3 Get your home water tested to determine if  
4 you have high levels of lead in your water.

5 Never cook or drink using hot water, as  
6 lead can build up in hot water heaters and cause  
7 an increase of lead in your drinking water.

8 Install water filters on faucets or only  
9 drink water that has been filtered prior to use.  
10 (Devices that are not designed to remove lead will  
11 not reduce the amount of lead in your water)

12 Run your faucets on cold for between  
13 30 seconds and two minutes to "flush" lead water  
14 out of your pipes. (The longer water sits in  
15 pipes, the higher the lead levels will be.)

16 Find out if your child's school has  
17 elevated levels of lead in their water and push  
18 your child to drink bottled water whenever  
19 possible.

20 MR. RUIZ: Common Myths.

21 Boiling your water prior to consumption  
22 will reduce the lead in your water.

23 Myth: This will actually increase the  
24 lead in your water, as lead does not evaporate.

25 Replacing part of your water system will

1 reduce the lead in your water.

2 Myth: This can actually lead to an  
3 increase in lead in your water, as the disruption  
4 caused by the work can disturb lead in pipes.

5 Children are the only ones affected by  
6 lead poisoning.

7 Myth: Prolonged exposure can lead to many  
8 health concerns for adults as well.

9 If your water meets the EPA's minimum  
10 standards it is safe to drink.

11 Myth: There is no safe level of lead for  
12 children. Even small amounts of lead exposure  
13 over a prolonged amount of time can lead to health  
14 concerns.

15 MS. CARTER: What's Next - Getting Tested.

16 Get your home and family tested.

17 Even if you do not have lead in your water  
18 there are many other ways to be exposed to lead,  
19 and the only way to remedy the situation is to  
20 know that there is a problem.

21 Tests can be received from Passaic Valley  
22 Water Commission.

23 These results will tell you whether your  
24 home water has elevated levels of lead.

25 MR. WEAVER: What's Next - Speak With

1 Officials.

2 Speak to your elected officials and let  
3 them know that you are outraged that more children  
4 in Paterson have high levels of lead in their  
5 blood than children in Flint.

6 This information comes directly from an in  
7 depth investigative report from NJ.com.

8 MR. RUIZ: What's Next - Limit Lead  
9 Exposure.

10 Take the necessary steps to ensure that  
11 your exposure to lead is limited.

12 MS. CARTER: What's Next - Spread the  
13 Word.

14 Spread the word. Let your friends and  
15 family members know that this is a problem and  
16 they need to take action to prevent lead poisoning  
17 in those they care about.

18 MR. WEAVER: Lead in School Water - Is it  
19 Fair?

20 The lead levels in our schools and our  
21 homes are higher in Paterson than other towns.

22 This begs to question: Is it fair that  
23 children in Paterson are exposed to more lead than  
24 children who live in neighboring towns?

25 Paterson has a higher level of special

1 needs children than most other districts. Lead is  
2 not necessarily the reason for the high amounts of  
3 special needs children but it is not fair that  
4 children in Paterson are exposed to high levels of  
5 lead in the water.

6 Our research during this project helps us  
7 to understand that this an issue that everyone,  
8 not just Paterson residents, should care about.

9 MR. RUIZ: Sources.

10 MR. GUARASCI: Can we take a picture?

11 Thank you. I don't know if any members of  
12 the Commission want to say anything before  
13 leaving.

14 COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: I want to commend  
15 them for a great job. Good information.

16 COMMISSIONER VANNOY: I got here late, but  
17 I learned a couple of things.

18 COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: Really great job.

19 MR. BELLA: I'd like to say it's good to  
20 see young people involved in the sciences,  
21 involved with our business, and the welfare of the  
22 community because, you know, we are a public  
23 health and public safety organization and it goes  
24 to, you know, people being active, especially  
25 young people. It's very important to us because



1 we are an organization. So I really appreciate  
2 and I offer, as I offer many times, to bring them  
3 to our treatment plant to our laboratories to see  
4 exactly how these tests are done so you can get a  
5 real feel for the organization and the work that  
6 goes into trying to do this on a regular basis,  
7 not just with lead, but bacteria and viruses and  
8 other contaminants that we work really hard and  
9 designed treatment plants. So I'd like to leave  
10 right now and take them right down there and show  
11 them. That's how important it is.

12 PRESIDENT FRIEND: We want to thank you  
13 for your involvement in the community. Maybe one  
14 day you'll be sitting around this table as a  
15 Commissioner at the Passaic Valley Water  
16 Commission, so we thank you.

17 MR. GUARASCI: Thank you, everybody.

18 COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: Thank you.

19 Thank you, Bob.

20 PRESIDENT FRIEND: Mr. Soo.

21 MR. SOO: Good morning, everybody. How  
22 are you doing today?

23 I want to talk about the tanks at Levine  
24 and the other tanking projects that are being  
25 proposed.

1 My feeling at this point is we should be  
2 addressing the cryptosporidium issue in the LT2  
3 which is part of the whole project and see what we  
4 can do to clean the water to the EPA's standard,  
5 the standard in their literature what you have to  
6 do.

7 COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: This is pre Trump  
8 or post Trump?

9 I'm being facetious.

10 MR. SOO: No, the standard was put in  
11 place some years ago with LT2.

12 COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: Because that  
13 agency is slowly but surely disappearing.

14 MR. SOO: I understand. There are phone  
15 numbers. I called down there to talk to people  
16 and non-codeless phone numbers. So I'm concerned  
17 about that. But I think that maybe instead of  
18 tanking, we can address the cryptosporidium issue  
19 directly and there's a standard for what that  
20 level has to be when it comes out of a reservoir  
21 and we should find out how much it costs and what  
22 you have to do to meet that standard. That will  
23 eliminate the controversial, and it would get us  
24 in compliance. And I think that would be a big  
25 step.

1 I read the feasibility study. Although it  
2 touches on the issue, it doesn't go into detail.  
3 The study is now you know seven, eight years ago  
4 and technology may have changed and costs may have  
5 changed. A lot of variables. So I think it  
6 should be reexamined in closer detail and get us  
7 in compliance. Right now you're serving the water  
8 to the consumers post reservoir downstream  
9 chlorination and I guess that's adequate for the  
10 time being, but we should see what it is that you  
11 have to do exactly, exactly what you need to do to  
12 come to that level of compliance.

13 COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: Point well taken.

14 MR. SOO: All right.

15 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: Let me ask you  
16 something. Can our Executive Director comment?  
17 Is there another way to even get the  
18 cryptosporidium without spending or creating a  
19 higher chlorine level?

20 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: I think David's an  
21 expert on, so please direct that to our Executive  
22 Director.

23 MR. SOO: I'm going to tell you.

24 COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: We have engineers  
25 for that.

1 MR. SOO: It's a lay opinion, I certainly  
2 would be interested in but I want to answer  
3 Commissioner Levine's question and I think you  
4 guys utilized this already. There's like a UV  
5 filter that exposes water to a light that kills  
6 the bacteria. Prior to that they have some kind  
7 of like micro fiber screening to get out some of  
8 the solids and then, you know, whatever it is, my  
9 understanding the way it works is measure the  
10 cryptosporidium in the source water, right. And  
11 then you treat based on whatever that number is.  
12 So if the number is under 0, .075, it doesn't  
13 require treatment. And this is my recollection.  
14 I could be totally wrong. And anything over .75  
15 becomes 1.

16 COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: Your point is  
17 well taken and will be taken into consideration,  
18 David, and I know, you know, how close to your  
19 heart this issue is. We have chemists and  
20 engineers here and we're going to look at all  
21 that.

22 MR. SOO: I just want to see a solution  
23 that provides quality clean water to the public.

24 COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: Right.

25 MR. SOO: But also, you know, I've been an

1 advocate for our historic district and the  
2 environment and it's worked. Remember I fought  
3 that ADP site and now that property is inside the  
4 legislative boundary of the national park.

5 COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: Right.

6 MR. SOO: So it can work. We can come up  
7 with a cooperative solution. I think this would  
8 be a good step in that direction and I advocate.

9 COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: Thanks a lot.

10 MR. SOO: Thank you very much.

11 MR. AMODIO: Motion to close public  
12 portion?

13 MR. GONZALEZ: There's other members on  
14 the list.

15 PRESIDENT FRIEND: Oh, yes, Mr. Gonzalez.

16 MR. GUARASCI: The only -- I will take an  
17 opportunity, 30 seconds, except to say even though  
18 for the most part my and my organization's  
19 relationship with this Commission has been  
20 adversarial because we do not see eye to eye on  
21 the issue of the Levine Reservoir tanks, I don't  
22 for a minute doubt your sincerity in just wanting  
23 to do what's best for water quality and the people  
24 of Paterson and I don't want you to doubt for a  
25 minute that our motives are anything other than

1 the same. It's just that we have different ways  
2 of looking at it. But please don't doubt that we  
3 are grateful to you, particularly today for your  
4 graciousness with the young people and we really  
5 look forward to working with you cooperatively  
6 even though at times it may feel a little  
7 adversarial, so thank you.

8 PRESIDENT FRIEND: Thank you.

9 Mr. Gonzalez.

10 MR. GONZALEZ: So I just want to echo what  
11 everyone actually said prior to me.

12 First, thank I'd like to Mr. Bella for  
13 being so cooperative with our organization and the  
14 youths, especially, they really took an interest  
15 in this project. As you see, they really put a  
16 lot of thought into it.

17 Bob and I and many others have been coming  
18 here for many years addressing the Levine water  
19 opposing the tanks, but I think that what Bob has  
20 said, you know, we may not see eye to eye on this  
21 project, but I think as a community based  
22 organization we're very involved and want to be  
23 helpful. We don't want to be opponents to the  
24 Passaic Valley Water Commission; we're opponents  
25 to the project and I think collaboratively we can

1           come up with a better solution than the tanks.

2                     It is in zero lot line to the national  
3 park. That's one of the issues. Another issue  
4 with the tank is that we would be spending a lot  
5 of money on tanks and reconstruction as opposed to  
6 addressing something more serious which is the  
7 lead in the pipes in Paterson. And as you see,  
8 our children do have high levels of lead in their  
9 blood.

10                    One thing this failed to mention was that  
11 in all the testing, there's a 63 percent of  
12 housing that were tested are higher levels than  
13 the standard, but it didn't mention that a hundred  
14 percent of all testing did have lead in the water.  
15 I just want to point that out.

16                    Thank you.

17                    PRESIDENT FRIEND: Okay. Thank you.

18                    COMMISSIONER BLUMENTHAL: Motion to close  
19 the public portion.

20                    COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: Second.

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22                    (Roll call was taken, all Commissioners  
23 present respond in the affirmative. Commissioners  
24 Levine and Vannoy were not in the room)

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1 MR. AMODIO: Thank you.

2 The time is 10:00 a.m.

3 We do have members of finance. Do you  
4 want to bring them in now and then we can do  
5 Howard?

6 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: Steve what brings  
7 you here today?

8 MR. MARINIELLO: Hello, everybody. Dan  
9 Mariniello. Our group met with the finance  
10 committee last week. We presented, along with  
11 Howard and Steve, an opportunity for refunding of  
12 bonds that the Commission has outstanding.

13 I'm going to hand it out so you can see  
14 which bonds we're talking about. You can take one  
15 and pass it around if you'd like.

16 These are 2009 bonds that were issued by  
17 the Commission. There's an opportunity because of  
18 the movement in rates today to refinance a portion  
19 of those bonds, two of the series of the bonds  
20 that were originally issued in 2009. It produces  
21 a savings, present value savings of over \$2  
22 million and well above the three percent threshold  
23 that the State puts on government entities issuing  
24 refinancing bonds, an average of almost 200,000 a  
25 year down to 2029.



1           As part of the results of the finance  
2           committee meeting, we went out to request pricing  
3           from underwriters. That sheet is on the second  
4           page of your package highlighted on the left-hand  
5           side. The lowest cost that was provided by the  
6           underwriters, and that was RVC Capital Markets.

7           We did get four good bids and each of them  
8           were asked to put a pricing schedule with interest  
9           rates in there and so they confirmed what we've  
10          been saying with regards to the market that the  
11          savings is real and is potential if we go out to  
12          market soon.

13          COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: Question: We're  
14          going to save about 2 million?

15          MR. MARINIELLO: Correct.

16          COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: How much is it  
17          going to cost us to --

18          COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: Louie, can you  
19          give that out? I asked.

20          MR. AMODIO: This is different.

21          MR. MARINIELLO: If you look in my packet,  
22          there's a --

23          COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: Sorry.

24          MR. MARINIELLO: -- There's a stapled  
25          booklet on the back.

1 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: I forgot my  
2 glasses.

3 MR. MARINIELLO: It says the expenses to  
4 do the deal is 208,000.

5 PRESIDENT FRIEND: There's also a payment  
6 penalty. Is that correct, on the existing bonds?

7 MR. MARINIELLO: On the existing bonds, I  
8 don't think it's a penalty. So I think --

9 PRESIDENT FRIEND: A premium.

10 MR. MARINIELLO: Not a premium. There's a  
11 cost to it because the bonds cannot be called and  
12 taken out immediately today, we have to invest  
13 monies today to the date that the bonds are called  
14 and so that is oftentimes looked at as a cost, an  
15 arbitrage cost, to do the deal. But that is all  
16 included, you know, in the \$2 million in savings.

17 COMMISSIONER BLUMENTHAL: \$2 million is  
18 after the cost?

19 PRESIDENT FRIEND: That's the question I  
20 asked the other day. The 2 million is net after  
21 all expenses and paying off the existing bonds --

22 MR. MARINIELLO: Correct.

23 PRESIDENT FRIEND: -- And expenses on  
24 the --

25 COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: The issue.

1 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: Are we extending the  
2 bonds out further?

3 MR. MARINIELLO: No.

4 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: That's my only  
5 question.

6 MR. MARINIELLO: No, they stay the same  
7 maturity date.

8 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: We're not adding ten  
9 years on --

10 COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: No.

11 MR. MARINIELLO: This is a pure  
12 refinancing savings.

13 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: It's a no brainer.

14 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: What do you need  
15 from us?

16 MR. MARINIELLO: We're going to -- I'm not  
17 sure.

18 COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: Go ahead, Howard.

19 MR. EICHENBAUM: Hi, everybody. Howard  
20 Eichenbaum, attorney with Gluck Walrath, bond  
21 counsel.

22 So one thing we need from you today in  
23 order for the Commission to issue bonds as it does  
24 with any bond issue has to adopt a bond  
25 Resolution. A bond Resolution can have a variety

1 of parts, one of which will be to authorize the  
2 bonds themselves; other parts would be to  
3 specifically designate the underwriter to approve  
4 forms of documents and so forth. Because of the  
5 nature of the procurement of the underwriter, they  
6 won't be officially designated today. We  
7 identified the underwriter that's requested.  
8 Basically, you know, they needed to file various  
9 pay-to-play forms which I believe may have been  
10 filed already, so they would be designated at the  
11 next meeting at which time other documents  
12 relating to the official statement, the escrow  
13 agreement, possible bond insurance and so forth  
14 would be approved.

15 Unlike prior financings of the Commission,  
16 the approval of the Local Finance Board is not  
17 needed in this case because of a recently approved  
18 regulation that did apply to municipalities that  
19 was just extended to authorities as of last week  
20 that basically says if you meet a variety of  
21 requirements, you don't have to go to them to get  
22 their approval or their findings. Those  
23 requirements are primarily, approximately, level  
24 savings over the terms of the bond issue which you  
25 have and two thirds vote of the governing body

1 that's approving the Resolution. And that you're  
2 not extending the debt service at all beyond any  
3 of the years that are there.

4 So all the requirements, you know, are met  
5 based upon the proposed financing and, therefore,  
6 you, you know, basically can skip a step by going  
7 to the Local Finance Board.

8 COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: So basically  
9 we're just looking for a Resolution today to  
10 proceed?

11 MR. EICHENBAUM: Yeah. Basically, what  
12 the Resolution today is, any bond Resolution  
13 requires a publication notice in the newspaper.

14 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: We need to make a  
15 motion now?

16 COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: Do we need to  
17 make a motion now?

18 MR. EICHENBAUM: Yes, yes.

19 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: I'll second.

20 PRESIDENT FRIEND: I just have one  
21 question. Okay. We talked about a prepayment  
22 penalty or whatever you want to call it on the  
23 existing bonds. Some of these bonds go out to the  
24 year 2029, I believe. Is there any payment  
25 premium in the event the rates continue to go down

1 and you want to refinance again?

2 COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: Good question.

3 MR. MARINIELLO: Typically, there's a call  
4 premium, if you want to call bonds early.  
5 Usually, that's about ten years, that's what the  
6 market looks for right now, a ten year call and  
7 we're already in 2017. These bonds go out to  
8 2029, so we probably will not have an early  
9 premium on that, these new bonds. They'll go all  
10 the way out to maturity.

11 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: He's asking if we  
12 want to pay it off before 2029 or switch to a  
13 different bond, is there a fee associated with  
14 that.

15 MR. EICHENBAUM: The way this new bond  
16 issue is set up, there will be an escrow  
17 established at closing. There will be enough  
18 money placed in the escrow with interest earnings  
19 to pay off the bonds in 2019 which is the call  
20 date of the prior bonds. So we'll have  
21 approximately a two, two and a half year period  
22 where you'll have something called negative  
23 arbitrage, where the earnings that you will  
24 generally get from the escrow is less than what  
25 you have to pay out on those bonds for the two

1 years and as a result, you have to put more money  
2 in the escrow to cover that difference. That's  
3 the penalty, but it really isn't a penalty.

4 PRESIDENT FRIEND: Okay. But the thing is  
5 you said 2019. I'm looking at the last sheet here  
6 which goes to 2029.

7 MR. EICHENBAUM: The new bonds will go to  
8 2029.

9 PRESIDENT FRIEND: Correct, we're talking  
10 about the new bond.

11 MR. MARINIELLO: The question is if you  
12 want to prepay the new bonds.

13 COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: Yes, that's a  
14 valid question.

15 MR. EICHENBAUM: In order to sell the  
16 bonds, you have to sell them with the ability to  
17 prepay. Typically, as Dan can say, most bond  
18 issues have a ten year period for possible  
19 prepayment. You can't prepay early. It's not  
20 worth trying to prepay that's why these bonds now  
21 are good to prepay.

22 PRESIDENT FRIEND: Does the bond state  
23 what the prepayment penalty is?

24 MR. EICHENBAUM: That will be determined  
25 as we proceed in the negotiations and discussions.

1 It hasn't been decided yet.

2 MR. MARINIELLO: The underwriter in his  
3 negotiations with the investors will decide: Can  
4 you get a better price if you allow for a call  
5 early or should you not allow for a call premium  
6 early and let the bonds go to maturity. The  
7 investors will give the underwriter the best and  
8 then we'll have to decide.

9 PRESIDENT FRIEND: Well, okay. Will that  
10 come back to us before we make a final  
11 determination?

12 MR. EICHENBAUM: Generally, it would not.  
13 The way this is set up, we could.

14 PRESIDENT FRIEND: I mean, if I go to the  
15 bank to get a mortgage, I know year five; four  
16 percent, three percent, two percent, I know what  
17 my prepayment penalty is.

18 MR. EICHENBAUM: Let me say one thing.  
19 The savings that Dan has suggested has indicated  
20 that's there right now are savings with the bond  
21 set up most likely without a call premium that  
22 won't be called going forward.

23 MR. MARINIELLO: With no ability to prepay  
24 the new bonds. They will go out to 2029 with no  
25 ability to prepay if rates come down again.



1           PRESIDENT FRIEND: So even if the interest  
2 rate goes down --

3           MR. MARINIELLO: Right. And the truth of  
4 the matter is, it's a short period of time, so the  
5 odds of there actually being rates going down far  
6 enough to get savings in just like three or four  
7 or five years --

8           COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: You got other  
9 costs --

10          MR. MARINIELLO: It's not typically what  
11 happens.

12          PRESIDENT FRIEND: Okay. Our total  
13 savings from now through 2029 is \$2 million.

14          MR. MARINIELLO: Right.

15          PRESIDENT FRIEND: What would happen say  
16 if the bonds did go down or we could refinance  
17 even at one percent less than what we're paying  
18 now, what would the cost to us be or the savings  
19 be?

20          MR. MARINIELLO: Well, in order to sell --  
21 you mean, if we don't do this now?

22          PRESIDENT FRIEND: I mean, what looks good  
23 today may not look so good five years from now if  
24 we have to pay a prepayment penalty in order to --

25          MR. MARINIELLO: What looks good today

1 looks great because of the way the interest rates  
2 have moved today.

3 PRESIDENT FRIEND: Right.

4 MR. MARINIELLO: So if we don't do the  
5 deal, I think that's maybe what you're suggesting,  
6 then you're taking the risk that rates are going  
7 to go down even further at some point in the near  
8 future, right, or the bigger risk that they don't  
9 and they go up and you lose all of the savings.  
10 So the suggestion --

11 PRESIDENT FRIEND: Well, they're not going  
12 to go up. We're locked in at what we are now.

13 MR. MARINIELLO: Yeah, you're going to  
14 lock yourself in in an extremely low interest rate  
15 environment and you're going to have that through  
16 2029. I mean, if you ask me, if you're asking can  
17 I put in a call provision let's say in five years,  
18 the ability to prepay these new bonds, then you're  
19 not going to get the same pricing that I'm showing  
20 you today because investors are not going to give  
21 you the low interest rates if they think you're  
22 going to call the bonds in five years. They want  
23 the security to go all the way up.

24 PRESIDENT FRIEND: I know how the system  
25 works, that's why I'm asking the questions I'm

1 asking.

2 MR. MARINIELLO: My suggestion would be,  
3 and that's why the underwriter when they're out  
4 there selling the bonds to the investors will come  
5 back and they'll know, and I'm sure the answer's  
6 going to be the investors don't want to give the  
7 ability to prepay on these new bonds.

8 PRESIDENT FRIEND: After we adopt our  
9 Resolution today, does it have to come back to us  
10 for any further approval before those bonds --

11 MR. EICHENBAUM: Yes, we will need to come  
12 back --

13 PRESIDENT FRIEND: -- To conclude the  
14 transaction, so to speak.

15 MR. EICHENBAUM: We will need to come back  
16 at least once.

17 PRESIDENT FRIEND: Pardon me?

18 MR. EICHENBAUM: We will need to come back  
19 at least once.

20 COMMISSIONER FRIEND: In the meantime then  
21 I'd like to see some type of statement showing  
22 what the additional cost -- what the cost to us  
23 would be let's say if the interest rate did drop  
24 one percent, somewhere along the line and we  
25 decided we wanted to refinance again what the

1 savings would be and what the cost would be.

2 MR. MARINIELLO: I can show you that. My  
3 one suggestion, my one thought to keep in the back  
4 of your mind is I have a feeling that if you  
5 attempt to put in a provision to allow for the  
6 prepayment of the new bonds, then you're probably  
7 not going to get any investors to want to buy  
8 these bonds.

9 PRESIDENT FRIEND: Well, I'm not saying  
10 necessarily that we want to put that provision in  
11 but I'd like to know --

12 COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: If there's an  
13 option, yeah.

14 MR. MARINIELLO: I can show you that, for  
15 sure, what the savings, what would happen if the  
16 interest rate of one percent or so dropped. I can  
17 do that. And we have till next month we'll be  
18 back with those things, so in between then.

19 PRESIDENT FRIEND: If you can get us the  
20 numbers ahead of time so we can study them before  
21 the meeting.

22 MR. MARINIELLO: Sure.

23 COMMISSIONER BLUMENTHAL: We have a motion  
24 and second on the table already.

25 MR. AMODIO: No, we don't have a motion.

1                   COMMISSIONER BLUMENTHAL: We had a motion  
2                   and second.

3                   MR. AMODIO: I didn't hear that. There  
4                   were two Resolutions, which Resolution?

5                   MR. EICHENBAUM: Bond Resolution. I  
6                   haven't described the second one yet.

7                   MR. AMODIO: Bond Resolution. Okay.  
8                   So we have Commissioner Blumenthal --

9                   COMMISSIONER BLUMENTHAL: No, Commissioner  
10                  Sanchez and Levine.

11                  MR. AMODIO: On the roll.

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13                  (Roll call was taken, all Commissioners  
14                  respond in the affirmative)

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16                  MR. AMODIO: Okay.

17                  COMMISSIONER LEVINE: You know what you  
18                  can use, Dan, for his estimation, I was going to  
19                  say use the lowest interest. I was going to say  
20                  use the lowest interest rate that's been in the  
21                  past 15 years.

22                  COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: I think this is not  
23                  an argument. You cannot predict the future. You  
24                  are based on the present. I mean, this is crazy.  
25                  We're having an argument that doesn't make any

1 sense.

2 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: You're right, you're  
3 right.

4 MR. EICHENBAUM: There is a second  
5 Resolution that we prepared on an issue that  
6 we've, you know, discussed periodically in the  
7 past with permission of the staff and permission  
8 from the professionals. One of the things the  
9 Commission and all bond issuers need to do  
10 whenever they get bonds to the public is they have  
11 to provide information, their offering document  
12 about themselves, about their finances, what's  
13 going on with them, financial results each year  
14 and so forth.

15 Each year those results have to be  
16 provided and made available to bondholders and  
17 there is a web site that the MSRB maintains that  
18 information is supposed to be brought. In the  
19 past, the Commission's trustee has been the entity  
20 who's been providing that information.

21 Regrettably at times things have been  
22 filed late or things haven't been filed at all and  
23 we discovered when a new bond issue is going out.  
24 So some issuers are now turning to the financial  
25 advisers to file this information as opposed to

1            simply having the trustee because the financial  
2            advisers typically have more involvement, the more  
3            invested with the issuer and so forth. So each  
4            bond issue typically has what's called a  
5            continuing disclosure agreement between you and  
6            the so called dissemination agent.

7                       What this second Resolution does is it  
8            basically for all your existing bond issues, it  
9            designates NW Financial as the dissemination agent  
10           who will be responsible for obtaining the  
11           information from the Commission and its  
12           professionals and for posting it, you know,  
13           hopefully, in a timely manner on the MSRB web site  
14           which is referred to as EMMA and going forward  
15           they would be designated in new Resolutions as  
16           well.

17                      So that's the second Resolution.

18           MR. AMODIO: Any questions?

19           COMMISSIONER LEVINE: I make a motion.

20           PRESIDENT FRIEND: Is that an annual  
21           appointment?

22           COMMISSIONER BLUMENTHAL: Second.

23           MR. EICHENBAUM: No, it would be an  
24           appointment per bond issue. So this designation  
25           would appoint them for all your existing public

1 bonds and then whenever you do a new public bond  
2 issue, they will be named and they will be it  
3 until they would be replaced.

4 PRESIDENT FRIEND: Okay. But that's what  
5 I'm saying, at what point can we replace?

6 MR. EICHENBAUM: You can replace any time  
7 you want.

8 PRESIDENT FRIEND: Oh, okay.

9 MR. EICHENBAUM: Next week if you wanted  
10 to but Dan wouldn't like that.

11 MR. AMODIO: Any other questions?

12 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: Motion by  
13 Commissioner Sanchez.

14 Second by Commissioner Blumenthal.

15 On the roll.

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17 (Roll call was taken, all Commissioners  
18 respond in the affirmative)

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20 MR. EICHENBAUM: Last thing I want to  
21 mention, we have regrettably not yet closed the  
22 EIT transaction. We are close, very close. The  
23 reason we haven't closed is finalizing certain  
24 details in some of the closing documents and  
25 agreements that we got just before last month's



1 meeting. Those issues are pretty much resolved.  
2 We're waiting for comments to closing documents  
3 now. The date we have penciled in almost ink is  
4 June 1st, so we're hoping to close next week. The  
5 closing documents have already been circulated.  
6 The Commission have been signed and returned to  
7 us. From our standpoint, as soon as we finalize  
8 open points on some of the closing certificates,  
9 we send the documents in and that should be it.

10 Any questions?

11 COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: Thank you for  
12 providing the Commission. I appreciate it.

13 MR. EICHENBAUM: Okay. Thank you very  
14 much.

15 MR. AMODIO: We'll move onto personnel  
16 committee.

17 COMMISSIONER VANNOY: Yes. We have a few  
18 new hires. Pumping station attendant, a laborer,  
19 key boarding clerk, and we have a person for the  
20 Legal Department which is now going to cut down on  
21 the overtime because we actually have somebody for  
22 George.

23 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: Not for George, for  
24 the Legal Department.

25 COMMISSIONER VANNOY: George is Legal.

1 PRESIDENT FRIEND: Okay. Question. Bob.

2 COMMISSIONER VANNOY: Yes, sir.

3 PRESIDENT FRIEND: Is the employee in the  
4 Legal Department going to be in the Legal  
5 Department or the Personnel Department?

6 COMMISSIONER VANNOY: Legal Department,  
7 that's it.

8 PRESIDENT FRIEND: Okay. Because she's  
9 being called an analyst trainee. I thought we had  
10 said she was going to have some type of a title  
11 dealing with either paralegal or principal  
12 stenographer or something of that nature that  
13 would fit into the Legal Department and I don't  
14 know how this title came up "analyst trainee".

15 COMMISSIONER VANNOY: Maybe we should call  
16 Jim then.

17 COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: You know, yeah, I  
18 think it's a good idea when we do discuss  
19 personnel that --

20 MR. HANLEY: I don't know anything about  
21 it.

22 COMMISSIONER VANNOY: You interviewed her.

23 MR. HANLEY: We did.

24 MR. BRISMAN: We don't know about the  
25 title.

1 MR. HANLEY: The title is paralegal.

2 PRESIDENT FRIEND: The title is what?

3 MR. HANLEY: Paralegal.

4 PRESIDENT FRIEND: That's not what it says  
5 here. It says "analyst trainee".

6 MR. HANLEY: I don't know anything about  
7 that.

8 COMMISSIONER VANNOY: Can somebody get  
9 Jim.

10 PRESIDENT FRIEND: She would be definitely  
11 in the Legal Department?

12 COMMISSIONER VANNOY: Hundred percent  
13 legal. She's not doing any personnel. We're  
14 trying to have everybody do what they're supposed  
15 to do.

16 PRESIDENT FRIEND: Because I've never seen  
17 this title for a legal position. Anyway, maybe we  
18 can go on while we're waiting for Jim.

19 Anything else?

20 MR. BRISMAN: We had a Civil Service title  
21 with respect to paralegal.

22 PRESIDENT FRIEND: Am I right, Yaacov,  
23 that was the title that we --

24 MR. BRISMAN: Yes, we had a paralegal  
25 title but Mr. Gallagher perhaps can explain this

1 title.

2 The question has arisen we're going over  
3 the personnel agenda why the new secretary for the  
4 paralegal for the Legal Department is listed as an  
5 analyst trainee as opposed to paralegal.

6 MR. GALLAGHER: That was the title that we  
7 used for Lisa.

8 PRESIDENT FRIEND: For who? But Lisa was  
9 in the Personnel Department, not in the Legal  
10 Department.

11 MR. GALLAGHER: It's a noncompetitive  
12 title.

13 MR. BRISMAN: So it doesn't require a  
14 test?

15 MR. GALLAGHER: It does not require a  
16 test.

17 MR. HANLEY: As long as I get a secretary,  
18 I don't care what you call it.

19 PRESIDENT FRIEND: What are the duties and  
20 functions of an analyst trainee?

21 MR. GALLAGHER: The analyst trainee, if I  
22 remember correctly, I can get the exact definition  
23 but it fell within the confines of doing the job  
24 duties that she conducted as we depicted  
25 initially.

1                   COMMISSIONER VANNOY: Is that the job  
2 duties of a paralegal?

3                   MR. GALLAGHER: No, paralegal is separate  
4 and competitive exam.

5                   COMMISSIONER VANNOY: No, no, I'm not  
6 saying that. I'm saying under that analyst title,  
7 the analyst trainee, I mean, would paralegal be  
8 something that they could do under analyst  
9 trainee?

10                  MR. GALLAGHER: The functions are similar.

11                  COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: Jim, could you  
12 explain what happens if we give him a paralegal?  
13 Can you just walk us, you know, like 30 seconds  
14 step procedure what happens if we hire her.

15                  MR. BRISMAN: We're getting into personnel  
16 matters that would be more appropriate for closed  
17 session. We're not in closed session yet. We're  
18 still in open session.

19                  COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: You know what,  
20 that's a very valid point.

21                  COMMISSIONER VANNOY: We'll bring that  
22 back up in closed.

23                  PRESIDENT FRIEND: I think we're ready to  
24 go into closed.

25                  MR. AMODIO: We still have the Executive

1 Director's report.

2 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: Because we have  
3 such a long meeting, can we do that last?

4 MR. AMODIO: You want to go back to that  
5 at the end and we'll go back to the Controller's  
6 Report as well?

7 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: Yes. We have a  
8 long meeting.

9 PRESIDENT FRIEND: Okay.

10 MR. AMODIO: All right. So can I have a  
11 motion to close?

12 COMMISSIONER BLUMENTHAL: Motion to close.

13 COMMISSIONER VANNOY: Second.

14 MR. AMODIO: Commissioner Blumenthal  
15 offers the following Resolution for adoption:

16 WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Open Public  
17 Meetings Act permits the exclusion of the public  
18 from a meeting in certain circumstances; and.

19 WHEREAS, the public body is of the opinion  
20 that such circumstances presently exist;

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the  
22 Commissioners of Passaic Valley Water Commission:

23 1. The public shall be excluded from  
24 discussion of the hereinafter specified subject  
25 matters; the general nature of the subject matter

1           being: Financial, Insurance, Personnel,  
2           Contracts, Negotiations, Security and Law and any  
3           other matter as may be discussed in camera.

4                   2. It is anticipated at this time that  
5           the above-stated subject matters will be ratified  
6           during public meeting following or as soon  
7           thereafter as the reason for discussion no longer  
8           exists.

9                   3. This Resolution shall take effect  
10          immediately.

11                   Second by Commissioner Vannoy.

12                   On the roll.

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14                   (Roll call was taken, all Commissioners  
15          respond in the affirmative. Commissioner Sanchez  
16          stepped out of the room)

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18                   MR. AMODIO: Will the public please leave  
19          the room and gentlemen, please close the door.

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23                   MR. AMODIO: Time is 11:18 a.m.

24                   We'll move onto the Consent Agenda.

25                   We have the minutes of Passaic Valley in

1           camera and regular public meeting held on  
2           April 19th, 2017. Do I have a motion?

3                   COMMISSIONER VANNOY: So move.

4                   COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: Second.

5                   MR. AMODIO: By Commissioner Vannoy.

6                   Second by Commissioner Sanchez.

7                   On the roll.

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9                   (Roll call was taken, all Commissioners  
10                  respond in the affirmative)

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12                  MR. AMODIO: Next does the Chair accept,  
13                  receive, and file miscellaneous purchase orders  
14                  receipts from Gregg Lucianin, Purchasing Agent,  
15                  for the period from April 3rd, 2017, to May 14th,  
16                  2017?

17                         Commissioner Friend, do you accept,  
18                  receive, and file?

19                         PRESIDENT FRIEND: Yes.

20                         MR. AMODIO: We'll move onto our regular  
21                  Resolutions.

22                         Again, let me recite these quickly.

23                         Contract 17-B-4 (Rebid) "Flocculation Aid  
24                  Dry Polymer" recommendation to award to two-year  
25                  contract to Polydyne, Inc. of Riceboro, Georgia in



1 the amount of \$362,691.00.

2 Next Resolution is Contract 17-B-8  
3 "Bituminous Cold Patch Materials" Recommendation  
4 to award a two-year contract to Newark Asphalt  
5 Corporation of Newark, New Jersey in the amount of  
6 \$150,000.00.

7 Project 17-P-65 "Professional Engineering  
8 Construction Phase Services for PVWC Lead Service  
9 Line Replacement Contract" Recommendation to award  
10 to Crew Engineers, Incorporated of Butler, New  
11 Jersey in the amount of \$358,850.00.

12 Resolution authorizing a Water Supply  
13 Agreement with Manchester Utilities Authority for  
14 Water Supply.

15 Do I have a motion?

16 COMMISSIONER BLUMENTHAL: Move it.

17 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: Second.

18 MR. AMODIO: Motion by Commissioner  
19 Blumenthal.

20 Second by Commissioner Sanchez.

21 On the roll.

22 (Roll call was taken, all Commissioners  
23 respond in the affirmative)

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25 MR. AMODIO: Thank you.

1 Summary disbursements and payrolls through  
2 May 24, 2017, in the amount of \$7,138,403.81.

3 Do I have a motion?

4 COMMISSIONER VANNOY: So moved.

5 MR. AMODIO: By Commissioner Vannoy.

6 Do I have a second?

7 COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: Second.

8 MR. AMODIO: By Commissioner Rodriguez.

9 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: What are we talking  
10 about?

11 MR. AMODIO: Disbursements.

12 On the roll.

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14 (Roll call was taken, all Commissioners  
15 respond in the affirmative)

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17 COMMISSIONER VANNOY: Yes, abstain on  
18 American Hose & Hydraulics.

19 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: Abstain on Vermont  
20 Title.

21 MR. AMODIO: Moving onto recommendations  
22 from closed session. We have New Hires.

23 Bartolo Donzella - Pumping Station  
24 Attendant.

25 Salary: \$37,000.00.

1 Range: \$25,000.00 to \$57,428.80.  
2 Edison Armstrong - Laborer.  
3 Salary: \$37,000.00.  
4 Range: \$16,307.20 to \$58,531.20.  
5 Kaitlyn Rose - Keyboarding Clerk-1.  
6 Salary: \$37,000.00.  
7 Range: \$15,015.00 to \$53,981.20.  
8 Christine Ann Vozzella - Analyst Trainee.  
9 Salary: \$60,000.00.  
10 Range: \$39,999.96 to \$69,672.46.  
11 Motion.  
12 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: So move.  
13 COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: Second.  
14 MR. AMODIO: Motion by Commissioner  
15 Sanchez.  
16 Second by Rodriguez.  
17 On the roll.  
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19 (Roll call was taken, all Commissioners  
20 respond in the affirmative)  
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22 MR. AMODIO: Thank you.  
23 Now we'll go through the professional  
24 services. We'll go through this in one vote.  
25 Project 17-P-1: Recommendation to award

1 to Johnson & Johnson as primary and Waters,  
2 McPherson, McNeill in the amount of \$190 an hour.

3 17-P-2: No proposals, that will be rebid.

4 17-P-3: GEOD Corporation; Remington  
5 Vernick; and CME Associates; \$190 an hour.

6 17-P-4: Sterling, DiSanto & Associates;  
7 \$190 an hour.

8 17-P-5: Gluck, Walrath; \$210 an hour.

9 17-P-6: PFM Asset Management; \$280 an  
10 hour.

11 17-P-7: NW Financial Group; not-to-exceed  
12 \$40,000.

13 17-P-10: Dwyer, Connell & Lisbona; Welt &  
14 Kuzemczak; Buglione, Hutton & DeYoe; and Bio &  
15 LaRocca; Law Firm of James F. Fine; \$190 per hour.

16 17-P-13: Award to Pashman Stein; \$190 an  
17 hour.

18 17-P-16: Award to DelSardo & Montanari,  
19 as primary. Piro, Zinna, Cifelli, Paris &  
20 Genitempo to finish union negotiations and backup  
21 when needed; \$190 per hour.

22 17-P-17: Recommendation to award to  
23 Leitner, Tort, DeFazio, Leitner & Brause; Bio &  
24 LaRocca; and Buglione, Hutton & DeYoe; \$190 per  
25 hour.

1 17-P-18: Recommendation to award to Del  
2 Sardo & Montanari; Nowell, Amoroso, Klein,  
3 Bierman; Weber Dowd Law; DeCotiis, FitzPatrick &  
4 Cole; Lite, DePalma, Greenberg; \$190 per hour.

5 17-P-19: Law Offices of Matthew T.  
6 Priore; Frank Donato; and Joseph F. Scancarella;  
7 \$210.

8 17-P-22: Award to Weber Dowd Law; Waters,  
9 McPherson, McNeill; DeCotiis, FitzPatrick & Cole;  
10 \$190 per hour.

11 COMMISSIONER BLUMENTHAL: Why did you skip  
12 20?

13 MR. AMODIO: I'm sorry.

14 17-P-20: Award to Fairview Insurance.

15 17-P-22: Award to Weber Dowd Law; Waters,  
16 McPherson, McNeill; DeCotiis, FitzPatrick & Cole;  
17 \$190 per hour.

18 17-P-23: Waters, McPherson & McNeill;  
19 DeCotiis, FitzPatrick & Cole; \$190 per hour.

20 17-P-25: Award to Remington, Vernick  
21 Engineers; Slaby Engineering Associates; \$190 per  
22 hour for non-PVWC projects and \$160 per hour for  
23 PVWC projects.

24 17-P-26: Howard J. Woods, Jr. &  
25 Associates; T & M not-to-exceed \$50,000.

1 17-P-27: Black & Veatch Corporation; T &  
2 M not-to-exceed \$80,000.

3 17-P-28: Black & Veatch Corporation;  
4 Process Applications; T & M not-to-exceed \$65,000.

5 17-P-29: Mott MacDonald; T & M  
6 not-to-exceed \$60,000.

7 17-P-30: Mott MacDonald; T & M  
8 not-to-exceed \$60,000.

9 17-P-31: Howard J. Woods & Associates and  
10 HDR Engineering; T & M not-to-exceed \$60,000.

11 17-P-32: Associated Technology  
12 Incorporated; Remington, Vernick as backup; T & M  
13 not-to-exceed \$120,000.

14 17-P-33: Recommendation to award to  
15 Remington, Vernick; Mott MacDonald; T & M  
16 not-to-exceed \$80,000.

17 17-P-34: Remington, Vernick; T & M  
18 not-to-exceed \$80,000.

19 17-P-35 --

20 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: Also what's his  
21 name?

22 MR. AMODIO: I'm sorry, what?

23 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: 34 they also had --

24 MR. AMODIO: I'm sorry, Alaimo Group.

25 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: And also on 17-P-16

1           that was Del Sardo you said primary. We said  
2           we're going to leave it up to, for Piro, for  
3           Legal, we'll leave it up to --

4           MR. AMODIO: Yes, I said that.

5           COMMISSIONER LEVINE: We're going to leave  
6           it up to them to decide.

7           MR. AMODIO: I know, but I said --

8           COMMISSIONER LEVINE: They don't have  
9           to --

10          MR. AMODIO: It's a matter of semantics.

11          COMMISSIONER LEVINE: A matter of  
12          semantics. We're going to leave it up to Legal to  
13          decide where to use them. Okay.

14          MR. BRISMAN: So noted.

15          MR. AMODIO: 17-P-35: Recommendation to  
16          award to CH2M Hill; T & M not-to-exceed \$80,000.

17                 17-P-36: Recommendation to award Mott  
18          MacDonald; T & M not-to-exceed 60,000.

19                 17-P-38: Recommendation to award to DMR  
20          Architects and Alaimo Group; T & M not-to-exceed  
21          \$50,000.

22                 17-P-39: Recommendation to award to  
23          Paparozzi Associates and Remington, Vernick;  
24          hourly rate of \$190 per hour.

25                 17-P-42: Recommendation to award CDM

1 Smith and French Parrello Associates; T & M  
2 not-to-exceed \$90,000.

3 17-P-46: Recommendation to award Mott  
4 MacDonald and HDR Engineering; T & M not-to-exceed  
5 \$90,000.

6 17-P-48: Recommendation to award to  
7 Superior Services; T & M not-to-exceed 93,000.

8 17-P-49 will be rebid.

9 17-P-51: Recommendation to award to  
10 Environmental Engineers & Technology; T & M  
11 not-to-exceed \$120,000.

12 17-P-55: Recommendation to award to Weber  
13 Dowd Law; \$275,000 an hour.

14 And 17-P-60 Recommendation is to rebid.

15 Okay. Any questions?

16 Motion.

17 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: So move.

18 MR. AMODIO: By Commissioner Sanchez.

19 COMMISSIONER BLUMENTHAL: Second.

20 MR. AMODIO: By Commissioner Blumenthal.

21 On the roll.

22 (Roll call was taken, all Commissioners  
23 respond in the affirmative)

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25 COMMISSIONER VANNOY: Abstain from Del



1 Sardo & Montanari.

2 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: Yes, I'm going to  
3 abstain from Bio & LaRocca.

4 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: Yes, recuse on  
5 17-P-19.

6 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: You can recuse  
7 yourself from one person.

8 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: It's easier.

9 PRESIDENT FRIEND: I'll be excused on  
10 17-P-19.

11 MR. AMODIO: Thank you.

12 Anything for good and welfare?

13 I'm sorry, Executive Director's report.

14 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: We have to reject,  
15 make a motion to reject.

16 MR. AMODIO: I did, I mentioned rejecting  
17 and rebid.

18 Okay. Executive Director's report,  
19 please.

20 PRESIDENT FRIEND: Just a question. Joe,  
21 are you going to give a report or no? Just a  
22 question.

23 Okay.

24 On page 6, I guess it is, it makes  
25 reference to replacement parts to repair and

1           replace failing meters and equipment. How do we  
2           know if the meter is failing?

3           MR. BELLA: When we read it, if it's not  
4           reading properly, that's it. If it's not reading  
5           then we know it's failing.

6           PRESIDENT FRIEND: Okay. Would that also  
7           include erratic one month high and one month low.

8           MR. BELLA: Well, that is a matter  
9           of function. Meters do not read high. They're  
10          designed that they can never read high. They only  
11          read low. So what we do annually, not test all  
12          the meters, we test them plus if we have a  
13          complaint we'll take them out and test them and  
14          generally our meters are very accurate.  
15          Occasionally, you get a meter that reads high --  
16          not reads high, reads low. I'm sorry. And we  
17          replace it or if they get a read it's zero,  
18          sometimes the meter lines are cut, sometimes the  
19          meters are jammed, not jammed, but...

20          PRESIDENT FRIEND: Okay. My only other  
21          comment is that I think the department heads  
22          should be given a copy of the minutes from the  
23          previous meetings because there were like two or  
24          three reports that were requested at the last  
25          meeting for this meeting and we didn't receive any

1 of those reports.

2 MR. BELLA: Okay.

3 PRESIDENT FRIEND: So somehow or other...

4 Anything else?

5 MR. AMODIO: Just the Controller's Report.

6 MR. WEISS: Cash on hand is 21.4 million.

7 Our account's receivable is at 19.1

8 million.

9 Our 30 days or less account's receivable  
10 is at 18.2 million, which is 95 percent. That's  
11 better than we were last year. That's good.

12 Accounts payable is at 3.3 million.

13 Our audit is in process and moving along.

14 MR. AMODIO: Any questions?

15 Motion to adjourn.

16 COMMISSIONER BLUMENTHAL: Motion to  
17 adjourn.

18 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: Second by Levine.

19 MR. AMODIO: Motion by Commissioner  
20 Blumenthal.

21 Second by Commissioner Levine.

22 Hearing no objection, the time is 11:33.

23 The next meeting is scheduled for

24 June 21st, 2017, at 9:30 a.m.

25 (Proceedings concluded)

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