

PASSAIC VALLEY WATER COMMISSION MEETING OF

FEBRUARY 28, 2018

(OPEN SESSION)

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

IDIDA RODRIGUEZ, President

RIGO SANCHEZ, Vice President

ROBERT L. VANNOY, Treasurer

JOSEPH KOLODZIEJ, Secretary

JEFFREY LEVINE **(Absent)**DAVID BLUMENTHAL **(Absent)**

GERALD G. FRIEND

A L S O P R E S E N T :

JOSEPH A. BELLA, Executive Director

GEORGE T. HANLEY, Counsel

YAACOV BRISMAN, Assistant Counsel

JAMES G. DUPREY, Director of Engineering

JAMES GALLAGHER, Personnel Director

YITZ WEISS, Comptroller

LOUIS AMODIO, Administrative Secretary

1 PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ: Meeting has been
2 called to 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 Blumenthal are absent. Commissioner
8 Sanchez is not present yet)

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10 MR. AMODIO: Thank you.

11 The time is 9:35.

12 You have a quorum.

13 Commissioner Sanchez is running late. He
14 just told me.

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

23 Please rise.

24 Commissioner Friend.

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1 (Pledge of Allegiance)

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3 MR. AMODIO: We have a member of the
4 public.

5 Sir, would you please stand.

6 Your name.

7 MR. TRIOLO: The reason why I'm here is
8 it's been over two years. I took over a house in
9 2012 and it was April that year and the house was
10 in deplorable condition. It was uninhabitable. And
11 I literally had to stand outside and work my way
12 in and take things out and I took about seven
13 dumpsters out of the house. When doing that, I
14 replaced all plumbing throughout the house.

15 I'm a flipper; I flip houses. I'm a
16 landlord. I do many different things. And I
17 always put all new plumbing throughout the house.
18 It's a two-family house, so, you know, your
19 bathrooms are stacked on top of each other. Your
20 kitchens are the same. And I was there for six
21 months almost seven days a week. Okay. Every
22 weekend I was there. Everyday I was there for
23 probably 12 to 14 hours a day. Not once did I
24 ever have the water company ever come to check the
25 water meter, not that there was any water running

1 because you couldn't put any water on. It took me
2 at least four months to get the plumbing. Okay.
3 So, finally, I get the water turned on and
4 everything was fine. I was still getting, what do
5 you call it, average, you know, bills.

6 COMMISSIONER VANNOY: Estimated bills.

7 MR. TRIOLO: Estimated bills, thank you.

8 Went on for a couple of years and what
9 happened was, they came in one day and they
10 changed the water meter. Okay. So now my bills
11 from estimated were actually lower, you know,
12 because I have a policeman and a fireman, a
13 Paterson fireman and a Paterson policeman that
14 live in the house. They're not around much, you
15 know. I mean, there's no children in the house.
16 And so not a lot of water's being used. Then all
17 of a sudden I get a bill for in the area of
18 \$2,400, \$2,500.

19 They said, well, you know, you had a spike
20 in your water. Now, I estimated that to be about
21 77,000 gallons of water would have run through my
22 basement. I think I would have known if I had
23 77,000 gallons running through my house.

24 So I called up here, I complained and
25 said, well, where's the old meter. We don't have

1 it. What do you mean you don't have it. I'm just
2 going to take your word for it that I had a
3 problem with my water line when I have all new
4 plumbing throughout the house. And I didn't get
5 anywhere.

6 I made a few phone calls. I called Mr.
7 Gallagher and I was going to get a call back on
8 Monday and I till today never got that call back.

9 All right. And I had an attorney, John
10 Duch, write a letter. And, unfortunately, John
11 passed away while he was working on this. His
12 brother Tom, he ran for Congress. He was kind of
13 busy and stuff, so... This has kind of gone by
14 the wayside. I can't get any answers. There's no
15 one that can show me any proof that you have.

16 I said, listen, I know people that work
17 for Haledon Water Company and SUEZ Water Company.
18 I own other properties --

19 PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ: I'm going to stop
20 you.

21 MR. TRIOLO: Go ahead.

22 PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ: Sorry, I didn't get
23 your name.

24 MR. TRIOLO: Ron Triolo, T-r-i-o-l-o.

25 COMMISSIONER FRIEND: Where's the property

1 located?

2 MR. TRIOLO: It's in Prospect Park. 319
3 North Sixth Street.

4 I own other properties and I deal with
5 other water companies and yes, your meters could
6 make a mistake. They could have a problem.
7 Something could be misread, you never know.
8 There's nothing in the world that's perfect a
9 hundred percent of the time.

10 PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ: When did you get
11 this bill?

12 MR. TRIOLO: It's right here.

13 COMMISSIONER FRIEND: Madam Chair, if I
14 may?

15 PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ: Sure.

16 COMMISSIONER FRIEND: I thought there was
17 a request at the last meeting that Mr. Gallagher
18 be present at the meetings.

19 PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ: For personnel
20 issues, yes.

21 MR. TRIOLO: 7/15/2015.

22 PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ: Excuse me,
23 7/15/2015.

24 MR. TRIOLO: And I've been paying the
25 interest, which from my calculations of that is

1 \$705.60.

2 PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ: When did you place
3 your first call?

4 MR. TRIOLO: Probably in August, September
5 of '15. And then I spoke to him in November
6 of '15. I was working on a bathroom in Rochelle
7 Park when I was on the phone.

8 PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ: And this was when
9 Mr. Gallagher oversaw the Customer Service?

10 MR. BELLA: I believe so.

11 COMMISSIONER FRIEND: May I ask a
12 question?

13 PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ: Yes, sure.

14 COMMISSIONER FRIEND: Okay. The bill that
15 you received for \$2,500 or whatever, okay, what
16 have your bills been since that time?

17 MR. TRIOLO: Oh, I have it right here.
18 They can be 189, 168, 157.

19 PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ: Quarterly?

20 MR. TRIOLO: Yes.

21 COMMISSIONER FRIEND: That's for the two
22 apartments?

23 MR. TRIOLO: It's actually two and a half
24 family property, so there's actually three floors.

25 COMMISSIONER FRIEND: You have one meter

1 or two meters?

2 MR. TRIOLO: One meter.

3 COMMISSIONER FRIEND: One meter.

4 And the \$2,500 bill was for what period of
5 time?

6 MR. TRIOLO: That was back in 7/15/2015 I
7 received that bill.

8 COMMISSIONER FRIEND: Did it say what
9 period of time it was for?

10 MR. TRIOLO: Well, it was for those three
11 months. It was for, I guess it was May, June, and
12 July.

13 Like I said, I pay Passaic Valley. I have
14 other houses that I use your water company on. I
15 had one property water ran for two and a half
16 months. The tenant never told me. The toilet was
17 running. It was an \$818 bill. Fine. But I would
18 know -- my swimming pool is 30,000 gallons. This
19 is more than double my swimming pool. I'd know if
20 that water was in that basement. There's no way
21 in the world I wouldn't know that.

22 COMMISSIONER VANNOY: Was that the old
23 meter?

24 MR. TRIOLO: The new one.

25 PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ: Okay. We're going

1 to -- this issue, I was just informed, was
2 addressed. The person that addressed it was?

3 MR. AMODIO: Maria Malfa.

4 MR. TRIOLO: Great lady. I spoke to her
5 many times.

6 PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ: Right. And I think
7 she's the person, Mr. Gallagher who's present
8 right now, oversaw the department but she was the
9 person that was handling this. Am I correct? So,
10 I mean, I'm happy that you're here. These
11 meetings are open to the public. We always
12 welcome the public, especially, when there's
13 issues and concerns and we try to help all our
14 ratepayers, as we call them, all our customers.

15 Maria isn't here right now so what I'm
16 going to ask, Joe, that we have Mr. Triolo sit
17 with Maria and yourself and go over this step by
18 step where this change came in from estimates to
19 actual and for right now that is --

20 MR. BELLA: And then we'll come back to
21 the Board with --

22 PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ: With a decision,
23 yes.

24 MR. TRIOLO: I'll be honest with you,
25 listen, I pay a lot of bills. I own six different

1 houses. That money is not going to make me or
2 break me, but it's the principle. Okay.

3 PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ: Yes.

4 MR. TRIOLO: And, like I said, if I was
5 responsible for water under the house that was on
6 the other side of the meter, on my side of the
7 meter, it was outside, that would be one thing. I
8 could understand that. But this would have to be
9 directly in my basement.

10 PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ: Okay.

11 MR. TRIOLO: Okay. And there is no way I
12 would not see 77,000 gallons of water.

13 PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ: That is duly noted,
14 Mr. Triolo. As I said, that is duly noted. What
15 I'm going to request is that yourself, Mr. Bella,
16 and Miss Malfa sit down, bring out whatever
17 information needs to be brought out, and have a
18 conversation. And, you know, I respect, you know,
19 and value that you're here on principle. I do
20 value that. But right now as a Board, all we
21 could do is make a recommendation and I recommend
22 that yourself, Mr. Bella, and Miss Malfa sit and
23 have a conversation. Bring out all the paperwork
24 and once and for all let's find resolutions to
25 this.

1 MR. TRIOLO: Move on. I want this --

2 PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ: Yes, let's find a
3 resolution to this. And I'm really happy that
4 you're here with us this morning to share this
5 with us.

6 MR. TRIOLO: When can we set that up?

7 PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ: Take his number,
8 Joe, please and set it up.

9 Moving on.

10 MR. AMODIO: Okay. Moving on.

11 We have committee reports.

12 Finance, I guess.

13 PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ: Mr. Chair.

14 COMMISSIONER FRIEND: We met yesterday and
15 reviewed our current situation. Everything
16 appears to be in order.

17 My understanding is that our audit for the
18 year 2016 should be worked on.

19 COMMISSIONER VANNOY: '17.

20 COMMISSIONER FRIEND: 2017, I'm sorry,
21 should be worked on shortly and we'll get the
22 results of that.

23 Other than that, there were no other
24 recommendations from finance.

25 PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ: Thank you. Thank

1 you for accepting the Chair, because the Treasurer
2 here...

3 COMMISSIONER FRIEND: Thank you for giving
4 me the honor on serving.

5 MR. AMODIO: Move now to personnel.

6 I would like to inform Commissioner Vannoy
7 the only individual that cannot be spoken about in
8 open session is Suzanne Mahoney. Everyone else
9 wants their discussion in closed.

10 MR. BRISMAN: No, just the opposite.

11 MR. AMODIO: I'm sorry, everybody wants
12 their discussion in open except for Sue Mahoney.

13 Commissioner Vannoy, personnel.

14 PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ: So we met, actually,
15 we had a very lengthy meeting and proposed some
16 recommendations and also some promotions, not
17 promotions, the only promotion is the one that we
18 will discuss, right, in closed session. Some
19 lateral changes and some new hires and they're all
20 on your agenda.

21 I believe that all the applications and
22 the resumes went out as requested in the last,
23 whatever was available.

24 MR. AMODIO: Yes, whatever was available.

25 COMMISSIONER FRIEND: This is my usual

1 question, Madam President, all of these positions
2 are in the budget and budgeted?

3 PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ: To my knowledge,
4 yes. Some of these jobs are replacements. Some
5 of them are new hires that needed to be, like, the
6 civil engineer. And the rest of them are, you
7 know, are in the budget.

8 We've gotten through a change here where
9 at one time we had about 270, maybe 300, over 300
10 people here in the last, I guess, ten years. At
11 one point this entity was being considered to be
12 sold to United Water I think it was or American
13 Water. And what they did to make an attractive,
14 okay, buying resource, what we started doing at
15 that time was, you know, people that were
16 retiring, we wouldn't replace them. I mean, it
17 still happens now. We're still slow in the
18 process. So what's happening is we've gone from,
19 we went from like over 300, Jim, we had over 300,
20 how many do we have now?

21 MR. GALLAGHER: 205.

22 COMMISSIONER VANNOY: We were under 200
23 for awhile.

24 PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ: We were under 200
25 for awhile. So what happens is, when I came here

1 many years ago, we had a problem with overtime and
2 then I mean, it was like in the million, \$2
3 million. I mean, we were even in the paper about
4 our overtime. And subject to that is because jobs
5 were being vacated and we were not filling them.

6 Another issue, a big issue that we have
7 here, okay, a big issue that we have here is that
8 we don't replace and we don't have an exit
9 strategy. We don't have overlapping in positions.
10 We have professional positions, people that leave
11 and, unfortunately, or people that have been brain
12 trusts that have been here for decades and we have
13 nobody to replace them. Okay. And so we have to
14 start bringing this up to date, we need to start
15 looking at professionals. An example is one
16 engineer that we have here that is going to be
17 leaving us has been with us for 20 plus years. We
18 don't even know who's going to replace him. And
19 we have a lot of talent because Joe and Jim, you
20 know, I guess in the last couple of years, have
21 brought in people that can probably do that job.
22 But as it stands right now, there are positions
23 that are viable and vital positions that have not
24 been replaced.

25 COMMISSIONER FRIEND: Okay. I've said

1 time and again that if Mr. Bella feels that
2 there's an employee needed, I would be the first
3 one to support it, because I also have questioned
4 the overtime over the, you know, time that I've
5 been on the Board and if there's a position that
6 has to be filled in order to make Finance work
7 better, to make Personnel work better, to make
8 Engineering --

9 PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ: Well, it's also to
10 provide the best service and highest quality water
11 for our ratepayers. You know, Personnel is good
12 and Finance and all of that is good. But at the
13 end of the day, this entity is about providing
14 quality water to the ratepayers.

15 COMMISSIONER FRIEND: I'll be the first
16 one --

17 PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ: And operations, I
18 don't know about operations, but I know that it's
19 a huge operation. We have one of the best. I
20 mean, this is a phenomenal entity and we have
21 probably one of the best water treatment
22 facilities in the northeast and that only
23 continues to get better and better when you have
24 an aging workforce and so you need to start -- you
25 know, overlapping is needed regardless. And so we

1 need to be, you know, mindful of the workforce
2 that we currently have and what we need to bring
3 in so that brain trust can train them.

4 MR. BELLA: Commissioner, one thing I'd
5 like to add to that, we had a hiring freeze. It
6 was more than ten years. I don't think we hired
7 anybody, if we did, it was just a few
8 replacements. So going to your point where we're
9 at that point where we need to repopulate and
10 bring in some people that are going to start to
11 work their way in through the ranks is well taken.

12 PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ: Right.

13 MR. BELLA: You know, 302 was way too many
14 people.

15 PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ: Right.

16 MR. BELLA: You know, and we're getting
17 close to be the right size. So while we're
18 getting these people in, we're getting people with
19 experience. Most of the people we're getting so
20 far have been very, very good.

21 PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ: And very competent.
22 And, again, it's really important that overlap.
23 Because, I mean, we have people here that have
24 been here 30 years and you can't replace that
25 brain trust but you can train them in the interim

1 to fulfill those jobs and those positions and it
2 behooves us to do that. And I honestly believe in
3 that. I encourage, you know, for us to get more
4 involved and get more engaged in the operations
5 and know that it's all about supporting the
6 administration here.

7 COMMISSIONER FRIEND: You want a motion?

8 MR. AMODIO: We don't have enough.

9 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: We can continue
10 to have a discussion, but we don't have a quorum
11 so we can't take an action.

12 COMMISSIONER FRIEND: We can move the
13 group.

14 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: We can't move
15 anything.

16 PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ: We can't move
17 anything. We don't have a quorum. We need four
18 here.

19 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: We can move onto
20 my committee report while we're waiting.

21 PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ: Yes.

22 MR. BELLA: I'd like to show you, special
23 projects, some of the work we're doing, real
24 quick, just a quick presentation.

25 PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ: Yes.

1 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: I'm up?

2 PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ: Yes.

3 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: Special projects
4 committee met last week. All members were
5 present. We discussed the bid opening Project
6 18-P-21. The committee had some questions, asked
7 Administration to get clarification before the
8 committee made a recommendation for the full Board
9 to consider at our March meeting.

10 We received an update on the status of the
11 River Road project.

12 We received an update on Administration's
13 meeting with the State based on the Resolution
14 that we had passed at our last meeting.

15 We received an update on CH2M issues
16 regarding the Stone Hill project.

17 And we also reviewed suggestions made by
18 Commissioner Friend regarding a formal water
19 shutoff policy and made a recommendation to
20 Administration and then had that placed on the
21 agenda for full discussion by the Board this
22 morning.

23 That's the end of that report.

24 COMMISSIONER FRIEND: Joe, on 18-P-21,
25 because I had pulled that out of the packet, does

1 this reflect your discussion?

2 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: No.

3 PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ: What we're going to
4 do now, I'm going to defer to the Chair.

5 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: Yes, it would be
6 more appropriate to give you that update in closed
7 session.

8 PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ: Yes.

9 MR. AMODIO: Mr. Bella, if you want...

10 MR. BELLA: Yes, just on special projects.

11 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: Madam Chair, now
12 that we got...

13 PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ: Now, that we --

14 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: Motion to accept
15 the recommendation of the personnel committee.

16 MR. AMODIO: Wait, there's quite a bit on
17 the personnel agenda, so I just want to be clear
18 on what it is that we're voting on.

19 PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ: Well, I just saw
20 Commissioner Sanchez walk in so why don't we do
21 this, Chairman, for --

22 MR. BELLA: Why don't you get going and
23 I'll get it set up.

24 PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ: Go ahead.

25 MR. BELLA: This is the first time we've

1 ever used this. This is called directional
2 drilling. It's kind of like the fracking drilling
3 stuff that they use.

4 We have a river crossing that's a 24-inch
5 main that goes across the river in Elmwood Park
6 right by Marcal and that supplies that whole area.
7 We have another river crossing upstream which
8 eventually we're going to be replacing that also.
9 It pulls a plastic line. You basically drill
10 under the river so you don't have to go through
11 all that permitting and open cut the river and
12 expense of doing all that. It's about
13 \$1.6 million and --

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15 (Whereupon, Commissioner Sanchez is
16 present at 10:00 a.m.)

17
18 MR. BELLA: You can see the drill right
19 there. The river is like where we would be and it
20 goes, there's another view, and the river would be
21 to the right and it actually drills down and comes
22 up and the pipe came up out in the Lowe's parking
23 lot there along Route 20. And now they've
24 actually pulled the final piece of pipe. This is
25 just the pipe that they used to turn the bit, that

1 kind of thing. And there's the Lowe's parking
2 lot.

3 Lowe's, by the way, was very, very, very
4 cooperative because it comes right up the middle
5 of their parking lot and that's where that pipe,
6 our transmission line goes right down there. Our
7 51-inch transmission line goes out on Route 20 in
8 that area. And this is the actual pipe that's
9 going to be pulled through. And you can see where
10 they weld it together and then pull it through
11 this, behind a bit.

12 So, at any rate, this was a real big
13 problem for us. For years it was constantly
14 having problems and it's one of those things that
15 could really have upset our entire system.

16 Just wanted to let you guys get a look at
17 some of the stuff that we do, that's going on on a
18 day-to-day business, upgrading our infrastructure.
19 Remember upgrading the infrastructure is becoming
20 bigger and bigger and these are the kind of
21 techniques, modern techniques, we're going to be
22 using in the future.

23 PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ: Visuals are very
24 important and I like that you bring that to the
25 meeting because we get a better idea of what it is

1 you're working on, so I think that's, you know.

2 COMMISSIONER FRIEND: Joe, would we
3 qualify for any grant for funding under the new
4 Federal program for upgrading infrastructure or is
5 that only the cities?

6 MR. BELLA: We might qualify. I know we
7 qualify for stuff like NJEIT, WIFIA, which is the
8 water infrastructure bank. We could finance
9 through that on some of the bigger projects.
10 You're basically getting financing at T-bill and
11 T-note rates, so that's very good interest rates.

12 But as far as the grants and all that kind
13 of thing, we're not sure because there's no
14 actual --

15 COMMISSIONER FRIEND: Have you been in
16 touch with Pascrell's office or anybody like that?

17 MR. BELLA: We've talked to them over the
18 years, nothing specific today.

19 PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ: To do that, you
20 know, we don't have an inhouse grant writer or
21 researcher. At one point we had Mr. John Bruno at
22 one time and then we had Millennium Strategies at
23 another time. I mean, that might be something we
24 want to consider. I don't know how friendly
25 Washington is going to be to New Jersey, but that

1 is something that we may consider to look at one
2 of these agencies, companies that do go out and at
3 least tell us where the grants are and if we can
4 apply for them. But we don't have somebody
5 inhouse to do that. But that's something, you
6 know, especially in finance, you can look at that.
7 I certainly welcome that. I think it's a great
8 idea.

9 Thanks a lot, Joe.

10 Commissioner, you're done?

11 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: Yes, I'm done.

12 MR. AMODIO: Do you want to move on the
13 personnel stuff or do you want to wait until we go
14 through closed session? I'm asking you what
15 exactly you want to vote on. Promotions and the
16 new hires, change in vacation time, or the whole
17 entire agenda?

18 PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ: For discussion the
19 Resolutions are in closed. If you want, we can
20 move all of that.

21 MR. AMODIO: Everything else. So we'll
22 move items 1, 2, 3 and 4. Right? So that would
23 be promotions, new hires, salary change, and
24 change in vacation time?

25 PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ: Well, we can't

1 discuss -- we already discussed the new hires.

2 Okay. Why don't we vote -- I'm going to go back
3 to item 1. Commissioner Kolodziej made a motion.

4 MR. AMODIO: Just on item 1?

5 PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ: Yes, just on item 1
6 because we can't discuss that in closed session.

7 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: What's item 1?

8 PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ: Item 1 are the new
9 hires, item 1 and 2.

10 COMMISSIONER FRIEND: Promotions and new
11 hires.

12 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: What was the motion
13 for?

14 PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ: The motion is for
15 the promotions and the new hires.

16 Commissioner Kolodziej, items 1 and 2.

17 MR. AMODIO: I just want to let you know
18 number 3 asked to be discussed in open.

19 PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ: We're not doing --
20 oh, number 3.

21 MR. AMODIO: Yes.

22 PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ: Okay.

23 MR. AMODIO: Is the salary change and
24 number 4 is the change in vacation time.

25 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: So we can do the

1 rest.

2 MR. AMODIO: Both of them want their
3 discussion in open.

4 PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ: Louis, you are
5 correct. Louis, you are correct.

6 Item 3 is Lisa Guzman. Lisa's been here
7 24 plus years. What we're doing is she's getting
8 a change in salary. She's Keyboarding 4 and she's
9 going from, the top of the range right now is
10 \$73,086 and she's going to the top of the range at
11 \$80,000.

12 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: And the engineer,
13 can you explain the engineer part since you...

14 PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ: He did. We did that
15 last month.

16 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: So it's discussed
17 now.

18 MR. BELLA: It's in the budget. We've
19 been looking --

20 PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ: And, by the way,
21 okay, and also there's a change in vacation time.
22 You want to explain that? You're right.

23 MR. BELLA: Eliana -- originally in
24 discussions we were told we were going to give her
25 that amount of time. She's got 15 years plus

1 experience. She's been working. That's what she
2 negotiated. Somehow we missed it.

3 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: So we're
4 formalizing that.

5 MR. BELLA: Yes.

6 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: That's what we're
7 doing.

8 MR. AMODIO: So motion by Commissioner
9 Kolodziej.

10 Second by Commissioner Sanchez.

11 On the roll.

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13 (Whereupon, the following items from
14 Personnel were approved: Promotions: Patrick
15 Porcaro to Principal Engineer Hydraulic (per CSC).
16 Proposed Salary: \$108,025.00.

17 Josephina Silva to Security Guard,
18 Bilingual.

19 Proposed Salary: \$59,609.33.

20 Suzanne Mahoney to Chemist 2.

21 Proposed Salary: \$95,804.00 TOR.

22 New Hires:

23 a. Javier L. Hendricks as Civil Engineer
24 Trainee.

25 Proposed Salary: \$47,993.40.

1 Proposed Range: \$47,993.40 - \$64,846.60.

2 b. Ruth Crissien as Account Clerk.

3 Proposed Salary: \$42,000.00.

4 Proposed Range: \$35,000.00 - \$59,207.00.

5 c. Michael Tahan as Laborer 1.

6 Proposed Salary: \$38,000.00.

7 Proposed Range: \$16,307.20 to \$58,531.20.

8 d. Callel Martin as Laborer 1.

9 Proposed Range: \$38,000.00.

10 Proposed Range: \$16,307.20 - \$58,531.20.

11 3. Change in Salary:

12 a. Lisa Guzman

13 Proposed Salary: \$80,000.

14 4. Change in Vacation Time.

15 a. Eliana Lara as Principal Engineer

16 Hydraulics.

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18 (Roll call was taken, all Commissioners
19 present respond in the affirmative. Commissioners
20 Levine and Blumenthal are absent)

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22 MR. AMODIO: Motion approved.

23 Now we can move on, if there's anything

24 else under the Executive Director's report?

25 Nothing else, Joe?

1 MR. BELLA: That's it.

2 MR. AMODIO: Okay. We'll move on, County
3 of Passaic requests use of the Point View
4 Reservoir.

5 Do I have a motion?

6 COMMISSIONER FRIEND: So move.

7 COMMISSIONER VANNOY: Second.

8 MR. AMODIO: By Commissioner Friend.

9 Second by Commissioner Vannoy.

10 On the roll.

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12 (Roll call was taken, all Commissioners
13 present respond in the affirmative. Commissioners
14 Levine and Blumenthal are absent)

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16 MR. AMODIO: Motion approved.

17 Next we have request commission to
18 advertise RFP for Project 18-P-14 "CMMS Needs
19 Analysis, Preparation of Bid Specs, Evaluation of
20 Bids and Project Management of Implementation."

21 Motion.

22 COMMISSIONER VANNOY: So move.

23 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: What was that, Lou?

24 Sorry.

25 MR. AMODIO: Project 18-P-14.

1 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: What is that?

2 MR. AMODIO: Jim Duprey, you want to
3 explain?

4 MR. DUPREY: Yes.

5 This is the second phase of filing our
6 business process review. We had implemented a
7 customer information management system, the
8 billing in the CIS. So now the second part of
9 that, in that what they call best of the breed,
10 was to look for a second thing to go with that.
11 That was for inventory, purchasing, and work
12 orders. And that's what we're looking to do now.
13 It takes awhile to get that in place. We'd like
14 to get that underway soon.

15 PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ: So you're just
16 getting bid specs. Am I correct?

17 MR. BELLA: This is a proposal.

18 MR. DUPREY: This is permission to
19 advertise and solicit for professional services to
20 put all that together.

21 MR. BELLA: With the bid specs.

22 PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ: Right.

23 MR. DUPREY: That's what that's for.

24 MR. AMODIO: Any further discussion?

25 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: No.

1 MR. AMODIO: Commissioner Vannoy made the
2 motion.

3 Do I have a second?

4 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: Second.

5 MR. AMODIO: By Commissioner Kolodziej.

6 On the roll.

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8 (Roll call was taken, all Commissioners
9 present respond in the affirmative. Commissioners
10 Levine and Blumenthal are absent)

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12 MR. AMODIO: Motion approved.

13 Would somebody like to call Yitzchak to do
14 the Comptroller's report?

15 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: You want to do it
16 later?

17 PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ: Why don't we do it
18 after.

19 Let's go into closed.

20 MR. AMODIO: Okay. Do I have a motion for
21 closed?

22 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: So moved.

23 COMMISSIONER VANNOY: Second.

24 MR. AMODIO: Commissioner Sanchez offers
25 the following Resolution for adoption:

1 WHEREAS, section --

2 MR. BELLA: We have to discuss certain
3 contracts. One of the contracts we want an
4 update. We need Jim --

5 PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ: When we get ready
6 to... Jim --

7 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: Everyone out until
8 we discuss.

9 MR. AMODIO: Commissioner Sanchez offers
10 the following Resolution for adoption:

11 WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Open Public
12 Meetings Act permits the exclusion of the public
13 from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

14 WHEREAS, the public body is of the opinion
15 that such circumstances presently exist;

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the
17 Commissioners of Passaic Valley Water Commission:

18 1. The public shall be excluded from
19 discussion of the hereinafter specified subject
20 matters; the general nature of the subject matter
21 being: Financial, Insurance, Personnel,
22 Contracts, Negotiations, Law and any other matters
23 as may be discussed in camera.

24 2. It is anticipated at this time that
25 the above-stated subject matters will be ratified

1 during public meeting following or as soon
2 thereafter as the reason for discussion no longer
3 exists.

4 3. This Resolution shall take effect
5 immediately.

6 On the roll.

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8 (Roll call was taken, all Commissioners
9 present respond in the affirmative. Commissioners
10 Levine and Blumenthal are absent)

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12 MR. AMODIO: Thank you.

13 Gentlemen, please close the doors.

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17 (Roll call was taken, all Commissioners
18 present respond in the affirmative. Commissioners
19 Levine and Blumenthal are absent)

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21 MR. AMODIO: The time is 11:07.

22 You have quorum.

23 MR. GALLAGHER: I've been waiting for
24 Darren Del Sardo to give me the contracts for the
25 union so that you guys could vote on it and he

1 did do his draft. He sent it to the union and the
2 union sent comments back that he then had to
3 incorporate and I think he's done that now, hasn't
4 he, Jim?

5 MR. GALLAGHER: He did it for the
6 supervisors. He's still doing the rank and file.

7 PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ: What is taking him
8 so long with the rank and file?

9 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: Can we draft this
10 date even though we vote on it later?

11 MR. BRISMAN: It doesn't help. The salary
12 is going to be retro anyway. Why would it matter
13 to do it --

14 MR. GALLAGHER: Can they vote on the
15 contract even though the contract --

16 MR. BRISMAN: I think the Board has
17 already voted on the contract based upon what you
18 --

19 MR. GALLAGHER: No.

20 PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ: All right. It's not
21 done. Okay. Wait, wait. It's not done. Got it
22 loud and clear. You're looking for a special
23 meeting to vote on it?

24 MR. GALLAGHER: Just to vote, come in and
25 vote on that once I have a firm date from Mr. Del

1 Sardo.

2 PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ: Okay. We're going
3 to give him a date so that it could be done.
4 Hopefully, we can, you know, that's coming in and
5 doing a quick vote and if we have to have any kind
6 of committee meeting that day... But he's got to
7 get it done. Let's get a date from him or give
8 him a date where the Commission expects it to be
9 done. And then if my colleagues, you know, agree,
10 we'll come in vote on that. And if there's
11 committee meetings that has to happen right after,
12 because having to come all the way down here just
13 for a vote, it is an inconvenience thanks to
14 Darren.

15 COMMISSIONER FRIEND: But if George or Jim
16 say there were comments from the union, there were
17 changes made to the contract, we should get that
18 info ahead of time.

19 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: If there's any
20 changes.

21 COMMISSIONER VANNOY: Right, any
22 changes --

23 COMMISSIONER FRIEND: Maybe we were --

24 PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ: All right. Done.
25 Please let me know. Thank you, Jim.

1 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: Fleysher, did you
2 find out when he went on payroll, Fleysher?

3 MR. GALLAGHER: Yes -- wait, what?

4 PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ: Did he go on or no?
5 That's the question.

6 MR. GALLAGHER: He's on the payroll.

7 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: Since when?

8 MR. GALLAGHER: Since the day he started.

9 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: We need to extend
10 the day or the agreement then.

11 COMMISSIONER VANNOY: Well, wait, do we?
12 Are we on our 30 days?

13 MR. GALLAGHER: He's not retiring until
14 March 30th.

15 COMMISSIONER VANNOY: That's more than
16 what we anticipated. We had March 9th.

17 MR. GALLAGHER: That's the date he put in
18 with the Division of Pension.

19 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: Let's figure it out
20 then.

21 COMMISSIONER FRIEND: I thought it was 30
22 days from the date of agreement.

23 MR. BRISMAN: That's what it was based
24 upon his -- I'll report back to you.

25 COMMISSIONER VANNOY: Thank you.

1 PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ: Please handle it.
2 That's the whole thing. Thank you, Jim. Thanks a
3 lot.

4 MR. AMODIO: Moving on.

5 Consent Agenda.

6 We have the minutes of Passaic Valley
7 Water Commission in camera and regular session
8 meetings held January 31, 2018.

9 Do I have a motion?

10 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: So move.

11 COMMISSIONER VANNOY: Second.

12 MR. AMODIO: On the roll.

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14 (Roll call was taken, all Commissioners
15 present respond in the affirmative. Commissioners
16 Levine and Blumenthal are absent)

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18 MR. AMODIO: Thank you.

19 Next, does the Chair accept, receive, and
20 file miscellaneous purchase orders for the period
21 of January 20, 2018, to February 20, 2018?

22 Chair accept, receive, and file?

23 PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ: Yes.

24 MR. AMODIO: Thank you.

25 Move onto Resolutions. We have three

1 Resolutions if you'd like to move them in one
2 group?

3 COMMISSIONER VANNOY: Yes.

4 MR. AMODIO: Okay. We have Resolution
5 State Contract for the Procurement of one Ford
6 F450.

7 Resolution State Contract Procurement of
8 Replacement Servers from Dell Marketing.

9 And we have a Resolution Water Main
10 Replacement for Lodi, New Jersey.

11 Do I have a motion?

12 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: So move.

13 COMMISSIONER VANNOY: Second.

14 COMMISSIONER FRIEND: Excuse me, what
15 about the two Resolutions from --

16 MR. AMODIO: No, that comes later. We got
17 it.

18 On the roll.

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20 (Roll call was taken, all Commissioners
21 present respond in the affirmative. Commissioners
22 Levine and Blumenthal are absent)

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24 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: Yes to the group.

25 MR. AMODIO: Motion approved.

1 We have New Business.

2 Summary of disbursements and payroll
3 through February 28, 2018, in the amount of
4 \$7,158,673.45.

5 Would the Treasurer like to make a motion?

6 COMMISSIONER VANNOY: Yes, so move.

7 MR. AMODIO: Thank you.

8 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: Second.

9 MR. AMODIO: On the roll.

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11 (Roll call was taken, all Commissioners
12 present respond in the affirmative. Commissioners
13 Levine and Blumenthal are absent)

14 COMMISSIONER VANNOY: Abstain on American
15 Hose & Hydraulics.

16 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: Yes, abstain on
17 PNA.

18 MR. AMODIO: Thank you.

19 Now we'll go to Recommendations From
20 Closed Session.

21 We have two Resolutions here from closed
22 session. Resolution regarding increments and
23 Resolution regarding punching in and out.

24 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: So moved.

25 MR. AMODIO: I have a motion by

1 Commissioner Sanchez.

2 COMMISSIONER VANNOY: Second.

3 MR. AMODIO: By Commissioner Vannoy.

4 On the roll.

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6 (Roll call was taken, all Commissioners
7 present respond in the affirmative. Commissioners
8 Levine and Blumenthal are absent)

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10 MR. AMODIO: Thank you.

11 Nothing under Good and Welfare.

12 There would be nothing else, motion to
13 adjourn.

14 COMMISSIONER VANNOY: Did we do Personnel?

15 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: We did before we
16 went into closed.

17 COMMISSIONER FRIEND: Did we do the
18 meeting dates?

19 MR. AMODIO: Meeting dates were done last
20 month.

21 COMMISSIONER FRIEND: What?

22 MR. AMODIO: Meeting dates were done last
23 month.

24 Motion to adjourn?

25 COMMISSIONER VANNOY: So moved.

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MR. AMODIO: Thank you.

COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: Second.

MR. AMODIO: Second by Commissioner
Kolodziej.

Time is 11:14.

Next meeting is the 21st at 9:30 a.m.

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