

## PASSAIC VALLEY WATER COMMISSION MEETING OF

SEPTEMBER 20, 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

GERALD G. FRIEND

RONALD VAN RENSALIER

## A L S O            P R E S E N T :

JAMES G. DUPREY, Business Administrator

JOSEPH A. BELLA, Executive Director **(Absent)**

GEORGE T. HANLEY, Counsel

YAACOV BRISMAN, Assistant Counsel

YITZ WEISS, Comptroller

LOUIS AMODIO, Administrative Secretary

1 MR. AMODIO: Call the meeting to order.

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3 (Roll call was taken, all Commissioners  
4 present respond in the affirmative. Commissioner  
5 Vannoy is not present yet)

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7 MR. AMODIO: Commissioner Vannoy will be a  
8 few minutes late.

9 The time is 9:38 a.m.

10 You have a quorum.

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

19 Please rise.

20 Commissioner Van Rensalier, would you  
21 please lead us.

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23 (Pledge of Allegiance)

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25 MR. AMODIO: Are there any members of the

1 public that wish to be heard?

2 None.

3 I believe Commissioner Rodriguez asked if  
4 we can go right to closed session. Does anybody  
5 have an objection to that?

6 Hearing none, do I have a motion?

7 COMMISSIONER FRIEND: So move.

8 MR. AMODIO: Motion by Commissioner  
9 Friend.

10 Do I have second?

11 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: Second.

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

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

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

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



1                   Our accounts receivable is at  
2                   17.7 million.

3                   Accounts payable two million.

4                   Our collections are strong. Our budget  
5                   process is in process.

6                   I know it's been a long meeting, but I  
7                   need 30 seconds of your attention for one thing  
8                   that Commissioner Vannoy said that he specifically  
9                   wanted to make sure we cover at the meeting.

10                  PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ: He better make sure  
11                  he's in here.

12                  MR. WEISS: He heard the story already.  
13                  He can hear it again.

14                  You got a copy of this chart in your  
15                  packets that came out. The story behind this,  
16                  again, it will only take me about 30 seconds, a  
17                  few years back, this is important because it's  
18                  something where Passaic Valley Water was kind of  
19                  on the innovating cusp of something brand new that  
20                  almost nobody actually in the State was doing and  
21                  we're doing something now that everybody else is  
22                  trying to jump on board with, which is great.

23                  A few years back we had money that was  
24                  sitting in debt reserve funds and other funds that  
25                  there was absolutely no interest to be earned with

1 the banks. We started looking into alternate  
2 investments. We went through legal channels to  
3 make sure everything was done properly. We got  
4 permission from the Division of Banking from the  
5 State to be able to start looking into buying  
6 municipal paper. They turned it over to the  
7 Division of Local Government Services where we had  
8 to go back and every single time we purchased a  
9 note we had to get permission from them. It was  
10 us and another handful of CFOs in the State that  
11 were doing that. Because of that they issued a  
12 Local Finance notice where any municipality could  
13 pretty much go ahead and buy municipal papers so  
14 long as it falls within the proper parameters.  
15 But what you see in front of you is the difference  
16 in our earnings, our interest earnings, because of  
17 these changes that we made over the years, which  
18 is very, very significant, to the point now where  
19 we actually have, we're talking to outside towns  
20 that we are going to be working with.

21 I spoke to George Hanley about making sure  
22 that we do this properly to help them go through  
23 this process where they can start doing the same  
24 type of thing and I was invited to speak at the  
25 GFOA conference at the end of next week in

1 Atlantic City.

2 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: How does that  
3 benefit us?

4 MR. WEISS: Interest.

5 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: How do we get more  
6 interest by you speaking at a conference or?

7 PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ: Because you become a  
8 leader in this type of investment and this type  
9 of, you know, in this type of investment for  
10 municipalities.

11 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: We're a pioneer  
12 in this practice.

13 PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ: Yeah, we're a  
14 pioneer.

15 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: I got you.

16 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: And that's the  
17 man who pioneered it.

18 PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ: Yeah.

19 MR. WEISS: And the bottom line also --

20 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: How does it help us  
21 later on?

22 MR. WEISS: If we're doing an  
23 intergovernmental agreement with these other towns  
24 to help them do the type of stuff that we're doing  
25 so then we'll benefit from it financially also.

1                   COMMISSIONER LEVINE: And will there be  
2 more paper coming out that we can buy because  
3 people are --

4                   MR. WEISS: There's tons of paper out  
5 there.

6                   PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ: There's tons of  
7 paper.

8                   Someone told me they met you, that they  
9 were doing work with you and they were very  
10 complimentary.

11                  MR. WEISS: There's literally only a  
12 handful of us.

13                  PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ: No, very  
14 complimentary about the advice you were giving  
15 them, so, yes, it's a good thing.

16                  COMMISSIONER VANNOY: Anyway, in finance  
17 he showed it to me so I recommended that he do  
18 this in front of us.

19                  PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ: Oh, no, this is  
20 great.

21                  COMMISSIONER VANNOY: That's a big jump  
22 from where we were. Me and Commissioner Friend  
23 suggested that.

24                  MR. WEISS: So we're doing something --

25                  COMMISSIONER VANNOY: Let's keep this

1 moving then.

2 PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ: Well, let's move it.  
3 Thank you, Yitz.

4 MR. AMODIO: Next we have the minutes of  
5 Passaic Valley in camera and regular session  
6 meetings held January 18th, 2018.

7 Do I have a motion?

8 COMMISSIONER VANNOY: So moved.

9 MR. AMODIO: Motion by Commissioner  
10 Vannoy.

11 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: Second.

12 MR. AMODIO: By Commissioner Kolodziej.

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14 (Roll call was taken, all Commissioners  
15 present respond in the affirmative. Commissioner  
16 Sanchez is absent)

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18 MR. AMODIO: Thank you.

19 Next, does the Chair accept, receive, and  
20 file miscellaneous purchase order reports placed  
21 for the period of July 11, 2018, to September 12,  
22 2018? Chair accept, receive, and file?

23 Thank you.

24 We'll move onto the Resolutions.

25 COMMISSIONER VANNOY: Are you reading all

1 of them together?

2 MR. AMODIO: Yes, if you'd like to vote on  
3 them altogether.

4 The first one is Contract 18-B-24 "Furnish  
5 and Install Replacement Drives for Morris County  
6 Connection Pumps" Recommendation to award to  
7 Multi-Phase Electrical Services, Incorporated in  
8 the amount of \$5,810,716.04.

9 Contract 18-B-27 "Water Installation and  
10 Repair Services" Recommendation to award a two  
11 year contract to Montana Construction Corp. in the  
12 amount of \$6,481,505.00.

13 State Contract purchase for one small dump  
14 truck for PVWC's Distribution Department from  
15 Beyer Ford of Morristown in the amount of  
16 \$45,744.00.

17 Resolution for Passaic Valley to  
18 participate in water research project for  
19 "Evaluation of Legionella Detection Rates and  
20 Occurrences by Distribution Characteristics in a  
21 Community Water System".

22 Do I have a motion?

23 COMMISSIONER VANNOY: So move.

24 MR. AMODIO: Motion by Commissioner  
25 Vannoy.

1 COMMISSIONER FRIEND: Second.

2 MR. AMODIO: Second by Commissioner  
3 Friend.

4 On the roll.

5 (Roll call was taken, all Commissioners  
6 present respond in the affirmative. Commissioner  
7 Sanchez is absent)

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9 MR. AMODIO: Thank you.

10 We will now move onto recommendations from  
11 closed session.

12 We have the Personnel. If you'd like me  
13 to recite them all, if not.

14 PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ: Yeah, let me just  
15 make a comment. You have all the recommendations  
16 and the justifications in your packets, so I think  
17 everyone's had the time to...

18 COMMISSIONER FRIEND: Move with the  
19 recommendations.

20 MR. AMODIO: Commissioner Friend, motion.  
21 Second?

22 COMMISSIONER VANNOY: Second.

23 MR. AMODIO: By Commissioner Vannoy.

24 On the roll.

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1 (Whereupon, the following items from  
2 Personnel were approved:

3 Promotions per CSC:

4 A. Jeffrey Baig as Assistant General  
5 Supervisor of Water.

6 Current salary: \$105,891.92.

7 Proposed salary: \$111,145.85.

8 B. Jeffrey Holmes as Assistant General  
9 Supervisor of Water (CSC List).

10 Current salary: \$76,128.00.

11 Proposed salary: \$84,882.46.

12 C. Kevin Tirserio as Senior Water  
13 Treatment Plant Operator.

14 Current salary: \$56,742.40.

15 Proposed salary: \$59,974.36.

16 D. William Lupo as Senior Engineer Civil.

17 Current salary: \$88,937.00.

18 Proposed salary: No change in salary.

19 E. Jenson Colonia as Senior Engineer Civil  
20 (on CSC list).

21 Current salary: \$62,971.40.

22 Proposed salary: \$85,066.80.

23 F. Suzanne Mahoney as Chemist 2.

24 Current salary: \$100,163.08.

25 Proposed salary: No change in salary.

1 G. Charles Poyssick as Chemist 2.  
2 Current salary: \$81,388.62.  
3 Proposed salary: \$84,517.83.  
4 2. Increment:  
5 A. Hope Jorda as Sr. Lab Technician Water  
6 Analysis.  
7 Current salary: \$65,774.80.  
8 Proposed salary: \$69,414.51 TOR.  
9 B. Lana Frazier as Pumping Station  
10 Operator.  
11 Current salary: \$65,176.83.  
12 Proposed salary: \$67,152.88 TOR.  
13 C. Louis Amodio as Secretary  
14 Board/Commission.  
15 Current salary: \$130,871.74 TOR.  
16 Proposed salary: \$140,871.74.  
17 D. George Hanley as Attorney PVWC.  
18 Current salary: \$123,681.02 TOR.  
19 Proposed salary: \$133,681.29.  
20 3. Transfer:  
21 A. Daniel Blanco as Keyboarding Clerk 1.  
22 Proposed salary: No change in salary.  
23 B. Charles Mills as Water Repairer 1.  
24 Proposed salary: No change in salary.  
25 4. New Hire:

1 A. Rafael Yrrizarri as Laborer 1.

2 Proposed salary: \$38,000.00)

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4 (Roll call was taken, all Commissioners  
5 present respond in the affirmative. Commissioner  
6 Sanchez is absent)

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8 MR. AMODIO: Thank you.

9 Moving on, we have three Resolutions or  
10 contracts I should say.

11 We have 25-year wholesale contract with  
12 the Village of Ridgewood.

13 We have Contract 15-B-25 "Water Storage  
14 Improvements, Phase 1, Standby Emergency  
15 Generators" and that is a change order for  
16 \$300,000.

17 And next is Project 18-P-77 "Professional  
18 Services for Historic Specialist and Related  
19 Services" to be awarded to Mary Krugman in the  
20 amount of \$55,000.

21 Do I have a motion on that?

22 COMMISSIONER VANNOY: So move.

23 MR. AMODIO: Motion by Commissioner  
24 Vannoy.

25 Do I have a second?

1 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: Second.

2 MR. AMODIO: By Commissioner Kolodziej.

3 On the roll.

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5 (Roll call was taken, all Commissioners  
6 present respond in the affirmative. Commissioner  
7 Sanchez is absent)

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9 MR. AMODIO: I have one last thing. We  
10 have the North Jersey Elks wish to use the Clifton  
11 garage to conduct their annual emergency drill.  
12 We have a hold harmless here and Certificate of  
13 Insurance. Counsel Brisman reviewed and made  
14 amendments to the hold harmless. That's to occur  
15 on October 4th, 2018.

16 Questions?

17 COMMISSIONER FRIEND: So move.

18 MR. AMODIO: Thank you.

19 Do I have a second?

20 COMMISSIONER VANNOY: Yes.

21 MR. AMODIO: By Commissioner Vannoy.

22 On the roll.

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24 (Roll call was taken, all Commissioners  
25 present respond in the affirmative. Commissioner

1 Sanchez is absent)

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3 MR. AMODIO: Last we have New Business.

4 Summary of disbursements and payrolls

5 through September 20, 2018, in the amount of

6 \$20,362,217.49.

7 Do I have a motion?

8 COMMISSIONER VAN RENSALIER: Move it.

9 MR. AMODIO: By Commissioner Van  
10 Rensalier.

11 COMMISSIONER VANNOY: Second.

12 MR. AMODIO: On the roll.

13 COMMISSIONER VANNOY: Abstain on American  
14 Hose and Darren Del Sardo.

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16 (Roll call was taken, all Commissioners  
17 present respond in the affirmative. Commissioner  
18 Sanchez is absent)

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20 MR. AMODIO: Thank you.

21 Anything under Good and Welfare?

22 Nothing?

23 PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ: Thank you, guys, and  
24 I can say guys because it's all guys, for enduring  
25 this. We had a lot of things to cover today so it

1 was good. Thank you so much.

2 COMMISSIONER VANNOY: I'm sure next month  
3 there will be a lot of things to cover too.

4 COMMISSIONER VAN RENSALIER: Can I make a  
5 quick announcement?

6 PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ: Yes.

7 COMMISSIONER VAN RENSALIER: I'd like to  
8 invite you to my Foundation's fundraiser on  
9 October 11th. I have some tickets if you're  
10 interested. It will be Michele's in Garfield.  
11 It's for a good cause to raise scholarships for  
12 Passaic students.

13 MR. AMODIO: Next meeting is scheduled for  
14 Wednesday, October 17th, 2018, at 9:30 a.m.

15 Time is 11:48.

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17 (Proceedings concluded)

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