

PASSAIC VALLEY WATER COMMISSION MEETING OF
AUGUST 15, 2012
(OPEN SESSION)

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

ROBERT VANNOY, President

RIGO SANCHEZ, Vice-President (Absent)

JEFFREY LEVINE, Treasurer (Absent)

GLORIA KOLODZIEJ, Secretary

IDIDA RODRIGUEZ (Absent)

THOMAS P. DeVITA

MENACHEM BAZIAN

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

JOSEPH A. BELLA, Executive Director

GEORGE T. HANLEY, Counsel

JAMES G. DUPREY, Director of Engineering

JAMES J. GALLAGHER, Personnel Director

YITZ WEISS, Comptroller

LOUIS AMODIO, Administrative Secretary

1 MR. AMODIO: Roll call.

2

(Roll call was taken, a

4

present respond in the affirmative. Commissioners Sanchez and Rodriguez are absent. Commissioner Levine is not present yet)

7

8

MR. AMODIO: Commissioners Sanchez and Rodriguez will not be here.

10

Commissioner Levine is not yet here.

11

You have a quorum.

12

The time is 9:49 a.m.

13

All of the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act have been met. Commission meeting notice have been furnished to all Commissioners, City Clerks of Paterson, Passaic, and Clifton; North Jersey Herald News, the Passaic County edition; and the Commission's Executive Staff with a copy posted on the main bulletin board of the Clifton facility.

21

Please rise.

22

Commissioner Kolodziej, would you please lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

24

Commissioners, we have members of the public that wish to address the Commission.

1 Mr. Duprey, would you please ask them to
2 come in.

3 Thank you.

4 MR. HANLEY: Commissioners, I'd like to
5 introduce Mr. and Mrs. Falcone. They are
6 residents of Nutley. Portions of their backyard
7 share space with our easement. They have a fence
8 which goes across it which we are aware of.

9 Generally speaking, Jim, correct me if I'm
10 misstating this, we do not see that that's
11 something of a major moment to our operations.

12 MR. DUPREY: That's correct.

13 MR. HANLEY: There are also two different
14 documents which relate to the history of this
15 particular property. One is an easement that was
16 granted by Passaic Valley Water Commission in 1985
17 that's granted the right for the fence. Okay.

18 In addition to that, there's a letter back
19 in 2004 which both Jim Duprey and I were involved
20 with at that time which granted them the right to
21 place a shed on the property with our easement as
22 well. Again, on the basis of the fact that we
23 didn't see any harm to our operations so long as
24 they understood, you know, if we ever needed to go
25 in and do something with the easement, the shed

1 might have to be moved or removed or whatever.

2 So as I see it, that's the history in a
3 nutshell. It's also the ongoing saga of the
4 Nutley easement issue.

5 They have requested certain modifications.

6 And by the way, this overlaps with our
7 obligation to maintain the easement which impacts
8 Mr. Marotta's operation as well.

9 So that's what they're here for is to seek
10 your consent to make certain modifications to
11 those existing approvals which I didn't think
12 should be granted by staff alone. So that's why
13 they've come this morning.

14 Jim, have I missed anything?

15 MR. DUPREY: No, George.

16 And I believe the changes that they had
17 requested was to merely replace the decking, not
18 make it larger or any change in its footprint, but
19 merely just to replace, you know, a deteriorating
20 wooden deck with a replacement material.

21 MR. HANLEY: Did you want to elaborate on
22 it?

23 MS. FALCONE: That's basically all I was
24 requesting. I was a little concerned, the letter
25 I first received said that I was looking to

1 replace the fence. So I wanted to correct that
2 because that was our concern.

3 MR. HANLEY: Well, we appreciate that.

4 MS. FALCONE: So the decking, part of the
5 decking encroaches on the easement. I was looking
6 to replace that; repair it.

7 MR. HANLEY: My understanding is you're
8 not looking to expand the deck?

9 MS. FALCONE: No, not at all.

10 MR. HANLEY: Simply, the way you --

11 MS. FALCONE: It's over 27 years old.
12 It's splintering. It needs to be replaced. Like
13 I said, a portion of my deck does encroach on the
14 property.

15 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: Was the deck part of
16 the approval?

17 MR. HANLEY: Yes.

18 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: It's understood if
19 something happens, we need access --

20 MR. HANLEY: I believe you understood
21 that?

22 MS. FALCONE: Yes. That's the easement
23 agreement, right.

24 MR. HANLEY: The language in the easement
25 reflects that.

1 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: Includes the deck.

2 MR. HANLEY: What we may want to do and I
3 assume you would be amenable to it, is update
4 these agreements. Put it all in one document or
5 two.

6 MS. FALCONE: That's fine.

7 MR. HANLEY: So what I'd like, with the
8 permission of the Commission and yourselves, have
9 an understanding that we'll revisit these
10 documents. They're somewhat old. And try to make
11 one document. And I'm not sure whether it will be
12 an easement or license, but something that gives
13 you the right to do what you want to do but also
14 protects our rights.

15 MS. FALCONE: I understand completely.

16 Okay. That's fine.

17 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: I'm along the
18 same lines as Commissioner DeVita. Originally,
19 you said the easement was granted for a fence and
20 a shed. I'm reading something here that says two
21 sheds are now there; so.

22 MR. HANLEY: That was -- I believe --

23 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: And you're going
24 to correct all of this by the time it comes back
25 to us. Because I'm telling you right now,

1 whatever was granted in the past, I'm willing to
2 support and certainly needs to be replaced. But
3 any expansion on that whatsoever, this
4 Commissioner is -- we had property after property
5 in Nutley doing this and my concern is if anything
6 ever happens there and we have all these nice
7 things that these people have put there, are going
8 to disappear because we're going to have to
9 replace or whatever.

10 So you will make it clear to this
11 Commission, what was granted in the past that this
12 is just a replacement for existing things that
13 were granted. And that, you know, if it's going
14 to be a request for additional things, I'm just
15 letting you know how I'm going to vote. Anything
16 that exists that you have to replace, I'm okay
17 with. Anything new that's going to be put up or
18 whatever, I'm certainly going to be --

19 MS. FALCONE: Of course. I understand
20 completely.

21 MR. FALCONE: We're going to follow the
22 proper channels.

23 MS. FALCONE: And I feel we have.

24 MR. BELLA: We don't always have the
25 luxury of people like this that cooperate.

1 MS. FALCONE: I want to do things right.

2 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: Thank you.

3 MR. HANLEY: So we'll proceed in that

4 fashion. It's okay with you?

5 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: Replacement is fine
6 with me.

7 PRESIDENT VANNOY: George, I guess you'll
8 have that drawn up for the next meeting?

9 MR. HANLEY: I'm going to write it,
10 although, it's easy to explain the implementation
11 of it, it has a lot of details. I hope to have
12 it.

13 PRESIDENT VANNOY: Right. Okay.

14 MS. FALCONE: Thank you very much for your
15 time.

16 MR. AMODIO: For the record, it's 49 Chase
17 Street, Nutley, New Jersey.

18 PRESIDENT VANNOY: I'm assuming they can't
19 do anything.

20 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: That's right.

21 MR. AMODIO: Moving on.

22 I don't think there's any other members of
23 the public. We'll move onto committee reports.

24 I don't believe there was a personnel or
25 finance committee meeting this month.

1 PRESIDENT VANNOY: Right.

2 MR. AMODIO: I don't believe there was an
3 IT or legal affairs committee meeting. Is that
4 correct, Commissioner Bazian?

5 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: That's correct.

6 MR. AMODIO: So there's no reports?

7 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: I do have an update
8 that I just got from Jim yesterday with some
9 updates.

10 On the telephone system, he says the cable
11 is completed in Clifton.

12 Little Falls started the day before
13 yesterday.

14 He says the project is on track and within
15 budget.

16 The BPR is running on track; that's the
17 Business Process Review is on track and within
18 budget.

19 We hit a problem with the the System;
20 that's the AS/400. Jim actually called me on this
21 in the middle of the month. There was something
22 that was causing the system to basically run at
23 almost 100 percent, 97 and a half is what he has
24 noted here. And that was unusual. And when a
25 computer runs at that capacity, things slow down

1 and errors start to occur and things like that.

2 They looked into it. It seemed like a
3 process was started that went into a loop which
4 was my guess when I heard it. They corrected it.

5 He says here, "New equipment was installed at a
6 total cost of \$1300 to prevent this from happening
7 in the future." But I don't know what that
8 equipment is so I can't speak to that.

9 He mentions here that new phones are going
10 to be issued to all field employees. I believe
11 we're away from Blackberries --

12 PRESIDENT VANNOY: You're talking about
13 new cell phones?

14 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Yes, new cell
15 phones. If memory serves, I had a discussion with
16 Jim about this. If and when he comes in we can
17 ask him to clarify, but I believe we're moving
18 away from Blackberries?

19 MR. BELLA: Absolutely. They're too
20 expensive.

21 PRESIDENT VANNOY: What are we moving to?

22 MR. BELLA: Just, you know, a smartphone.

23 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Androids. I
24 remember now. We're moving to Androids.

25 The issue is in order to get certain

1 services with Blackberry, you pay extra and the
2 Android is free. According to Jim, that would
3 save us about \$10,000 a year which is always a
4 nice thing.

5 This is something new. I'm just going to
6 mention this. I know nothing other than what he
7 said here but I'm certainly going to look into
8 this further. He said that we're participating
9 with the State of New Jersey in developing some
10 type of computer training course or program at
11 little or no cost to the Commission. I'm
12 interested as to what that is and what our role in
13 that is. I'll try to look at that and come back
14 with more information.

15 PRESIDENT VANNOY: Commissioner.

16 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: I have a
17 question. I just thought maybe I missed the
18 e-mail that said that we had a meeting. We
19 didn't. I'm going back to our July meeting and I
20 asked Yitz and I'm sure every other Commissioner
21 would be interested in seeing, you mentioned our
22 Business Process Review that we're on track and on
23 budget. We were told that in July. I have no
24 idea what that means, what the timetable is, and
25 I'm very interested in breaking down the cost that

1 we have put out to this firm to date so that I can
2 assure myself that it is within our budget.

3 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: I expect that there
4 will be an IT committee meeting within the next
5 couple of weeks.

6 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: But this doesn't
7 have to necessarily wait. I'm interested in this
8 now and I think we have a standing policy that
9 when one Commissioner asks for something, it
10 automatically goes to everybody else so we can all
11 keep up to date.

12 PRESIDENT VANNOY: Exactly.

13 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: I think that's
14 important. This is a very important process.

15 Also, at our July meeting, we had an
16 internal committee that is meeting with our
17 consultants and that's supposed to be the key as
18 far as the information that they need. So can we
19 find out who is on that internal committee, how
20 often you guys are meeting, and how it's meshing
21 with the consultants? And that can wait until the
22 IT meeting. I think it's important here for the
23 confidence level getting my money's worth. I
24 can't wait for the bottom line.

25 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: I couldn't agree

1 with you more, Commissioner. My apologies.

2 PRESIDENT VANNOY: Real quick, who is that
3 coming from?

4 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: No, no, the
5 internal committee would be Joe.

6 PRESIDENT VANNOY: I'm sorry, I'm going
7 back. Not the internal, how much we spent so far?

8 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: That would come
9 from Yitz and I don't want to wait until the next
10 committee meeting.

11 PRESIDENT VANNOY: How long will it take
12 you to get that information?

13 MR. WEISS: I can get that today.

14 PRESIDENT VANNOY: Via e-mail?

15 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: Yeah, I don't
16 really care. I'm also saying we're on a timetable
17 I just heard with the telephone. I don't know
18 what their timetable is. I keep thinking this
19 month it's going to be wrapped up --

20 PRESIDENT VANNOY: The timetable is one
21 thing, but we need to know --

22 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: Thank you. Thank
23 you. You got it.

24 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Why don't we ask Jim
25 to come in so we can ask him some of these

1 questions directly.

2 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: Does it really
3 matter with a skeleton crew here? Do you really
4 want to go into this? I think I can wait for Jim
5 to give me an update. I just need the numbers. I
6 just need the timetable and then when we have a
7 full Commission, I think it will be more
8 appropriate.

9 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: I mean, just in
10 terms of the Business Process Review, I agree with
11 you. I think in the almost three years I've been
12 here, I think it's one of the most significant
13 things we've undertaken because it has the
14 potential and it is my expectation that it can
15 affect us from top to bottom for the good. So as
16 much as you're looking for the bottom line,
17 because I've been dying for this to start to
18 happen, because I think this is really, I think it
19 can really help us a lot.

20 MR. AMODIO: Any further questions?

21 Any further committee reports?

22 Hearing none, we'll move onto the
23 Executive Director's report.

24 MR. BELLA: The month of July was, we had
25 a really big month in terms of actual usage. In

1 fact, every day was over a hundred million gallons
2 of water every day. Sort of slowed down all of
3 these rainstorms. It's still in the 90s.

4 We're doing some work in the plant now.

5 We have the plant scaled back a little.

6 PRESIDENT VANNOY: What's our usual?

7 Around 75?

8 MR. BELLA: Eighty.

9 PRESIDENT VANNOY: Okay. All right.

10 MR. BELLA: Wholesale sales have been up
11 substantially this year. We're getting into the
12 final phases of the Clifton Ave. rehabilitation,
13 main break rehabilitation. We've been postponing
14 that because the mains have been so high. We're
15 concerned with the dirty water and those kind of
16 problems.

17 The next big phase is going to be on the
18 corner of Clifton and Van Houten right in front of
19 the municipal building and that's a spot we're
20 trying to fix for a lot of years.

21 The cleaning lining project is on track
22 going well. So we're making a lot of progress in
23 terms of the rehabilitation of the system.

24 That's pretty much it.

25 The finances --

1 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: I have a strange
2 question.

3 Above Ground Storage Tanks were inspected,
4 Cathodic protection was identified as an
5 outstanding issue.

6 What is Cathodic?

7 MR. BELLA: It's corrosion. The electrons
8 are moving from the metal to the water. Cathodic
9 protection forces those electrons back into the
10 thing. That's how rust works. So it's an
11 important issue. However, recently, we've been
12 identifying some places where it actually can be a
13 problem. And so that's what that is referring to.

14 PRESIDENT VANNOY: You'll have a quiz on
15 that, Tom.

16 I'm sorry, Commissioner Kolodziej, first.

17 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: I just, I
18 actually enjoy reading those reports. It takes me
19 a separate night just to go through.

20 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: Did you pick up
21 Cathodic?

22 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: No, no, and I'm
23 an English teacher so I should.

24 Page three where it deals with Pulaski
25 Park section of Passaic. They have gotten State

1 funding for this and, you know, we're eliminating.
2 Are they going to reimburse us in any way for our
3 expense? It's a State grant. Why would we not?
4 Is it going to have any cost to us? Shouldn't we
5 be reimbursed for that under the State grant?

6 MR. BELLA: Generally, our rule is if, I
7 mean, generally, in the owner cities particular,
8 if we have to move something, a right-of-way, it's
9 generally, we have to move it.

10 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: Right. I have no
11 problem with that. However, I think this project,
12 Pulaski Park, they have just gotten funding from
13 the State for this. So it's not coming out of the
14 owners cities' budget; it's coming out of the
15 State budget. I'm thinking to myself, it's a
16 wonderful policy. I have no problem with it. But
17 if there's an opportunity for us to get because
18 that's something we can put back into the City of
19 Passaic someplace else.

20 MR. BELLA: Sure. We'll talk to them
21 about it.

22 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: I think you
23 should look at that.

24 On page seven, this is the first time I've
25 seen us in a joint project with United Water.

1 Their favorite partner is North District Water
2 Supply.

3 However, this seems to be a new kind of
4 initiative and I applaud you for looking for it
5 and apparently, we're going to be like a test case
6 on this, right?

7 MR. BELLA: Yes, overall. Everybody.
8 They will be also.

9 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: All right. Good.
10 But we are the ones that are partnered here and
11 the ones getting the money to do this and we are
12 the ones going to be reporting back to the
13 industry.

14 MR. BELLA: All equal.

15 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: All right.

16 On page four, the Hydro-turbine Generators
17 replacement thing. Again, this whole issue is
18 still up in the air. Is this something we should
19 be discussing in closed session because of
20 potential for litigation? I mean, I know it has
21 to be done. I don't have a problem with it. You
22 know, meeting after meeting after meeting is
23 something else. I know where we stand status
24 wise. I know this is a matter of possible
25 litigation so this is something, Mr. Hanley, that

1 I shouldn't be doing, discussing it in closed
2 session?

3 While he's reading that my last one, and
4 you mentioned it, Van Houten Avenue and Clifton
5 Avenue, that little shed there. I can't tell you
6 how many people who live in Clifton say, oh, my
7 God, how wonderful it looks. Please go back and
8 tell the Commission that they did a good job,
9 however, they left this crummy door.

10 MR. BELLA: We have the door. We just
11 haven't put it in.

12 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: Okay. Good. I
13 can report back when it's done.

14 I can't tell you, I didn't realize how
15 many people noticed the eyesore. They said,
16 please go back and tell everybody what a great
17 job; can they do something about the door. I can
18 tell them yes, they are. Got it. Thank you.

19 MR. AMODIO: Commissioner Bazian.

20 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Thank you, Mr.
21 President. Your voice has changed, by the way.

22 July was the hottest month, I think, by
23 record. How are we doing -- or pretty close to
24 it. How are we doing supply wise in terms of
25 river?

1 MR. BELLA: Everything is fine now.

2 Unfortunately, not unfortunately, we've had plenty
3 of rain now. Things are moving back up.

4 Reservoir levels have stabilized. You know, even
5 at the end of July, it wasn't a critical situation
6 where the water was in danger, getting into
7 dangerous. We had antecedent conditions of
8 reservoirs were such that we came out of one of
9 the wettest winters we ever had in record. Two
10 things, one is actual reservoirs were spilling on
11 the end of the summer and ground-water levels were
12 at record high. That all flows. That additional
13 water will flow into the reservoir and streams.
14 The streams flows are getting a little low, but we
15 didn't have that much. When it started to get a
16 little bit more difficult to treat, one little
17 rain will make a big difference. It's amazing
18 when you have a dry spell like that, particularly,
19 in the summer, not one little rain, but one rain,
20 decent rain where you have an inch and a half,
21 that changes the whole biological activity of the
22 river. In the summertime, dealing with a
23 biological activity is a real treatment.

24 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Thank you.

25 MR. BELLA: And our costs came down

1 substantially, by the way. Our chemical costs for
2 that one rain came down.

3 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Really.

4 MR. BELLA: Yeah, it could be substantial.

5 PRESIDENT VANNOY: Anything else?

6 MR. AMODIO: Hearing none, onto the
7 Controller's Report.

8 MR. WEISS: Cash on hand is 12.9 million.

9 Accounts receivable are at 14.9 million.

10 Thirty days or less accounts receivable are at
11 14.6 million which is 98 percent.

12 Our accounts payable is at 5.2 million.

13 We are in the process of pulling together
14 our budget for 2013. We've got numbers back from
15 almost all the department heads so far and we
16 expect to have a budget to present at the next
17 upcoming finance committee meeting.

18 That's all I have.

19 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Just...

20 PRESIDENT VANNOY: I'll let you go first
21 this time.

22 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Thank you.

23 Really a question for Joe. I forgot to
24 ask this one.

25 On the Top 20 Largest Amounts Delinquent,

1 I still don't see days outstanding.

2 MR. BELLA: You know, I agree with you and
3 I --

4 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: This is three times.

5 MR. BELLA: I sent an e-mail over that.
6 You're right.

7 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: This is three times.
8 Thank you.

9 MR. BELLA: I told them. I told them.

10 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: I'm on the same
11 page on the delinquents and the shut-off notes.
12 I'm a big component of policy because that assures
13 me that everybody is treated equal.

14 On the shut-off notice report, there is a
15 caveat which I've never seen before, that says
16 that you guys were told not to shut it off. I
17 thought if we have a policy. We are the ones that
18 determine that. How could an owner city usurp by
19 policy our decision? I think if the owner city
20 has, you know, a concern about that, then they
21 would have come to the full Commission as far as
22 that's concerned.

23 So I mean, again, I'm not looking for any
24 answers today. It's the first time I've ever seen
25 anything like that.

1 But, again, if we have an existing and we
2 have been talking about upgrading the shut-off
3 policy, the notice. But we have something in
4 existence and I don't care if this was the City of
5 Clifton that requested that, to me, there's a
6 policy. There's a procedure. So somebody just
7 research that for the next meeting so that...

8 You know, I'm not looking to make a
9 political brouhaha, but I just want to be sure
10 we're all treated equally and why an owner city
11 can basically say to us, no, you can't shut that
12 off, other than the hospital, which we know we
13 can't do because by law they're protected. But
14 that's okay. But these were different. So maybe
15 there's extenuating circumstances.

16 MR. BELLA: I have to look at the
17 specific.

18 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: That we don't
19 know.

20 Again, if we're working with the owner
21 city to get to where we need to go, that's fine.
22 But I think that the seven of us need to --

23 MR. BELLA: I'll have Jim --

24 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: I'm curious about
25 that, too. I didn't pick up the last part of that

1 shut-off part. So I'm curious about that.

2 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: It's the first
3 time I seen it.

4 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: I don't know what
5 that is.

6 MR. AMODIO: Any further questions?

7 Hearing none.

8 Do I have a motion for closed session?

9 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: So moved.

10 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Second.

11 MR. AMODIO: WHEREAS, Section 8 of the
12 Open Public Meetings Act permits the exclusion of
13 the public from a meeting in certain
14 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 the
20 discussion here in specified subject matters; the
21 general nature of the subject matters being:
22 Financial, Insurance, Personnel, Contracts,
23 Negotiations, Security, under Law; Summary/Aging,
24 North Arlington lawsuit, Prismatic/Leopold, Lodi,
25 Delford Gardens. Under Personnel we have Union

1 Negotiations Update; and under Administration we
2 have Reservoir Project Update. And any other
3 matter as may be discussed in camera.

11 Second by Commissioner Bazian.

12 On the roll.

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

18 MR. AMODIO: Commissioners Sanchez and
19 Rodriguez are absent.

20 Commissioner Levine is not present yet.

* * *

23 MR. AMODIO: On the roll.

24
25 (Roll call was taken, all Commissioners

1 present respond in the affirmative. Commissioners
2 Rodriguez, Sanchez, and Levine are absent)

3

4 MR. AMODIO: Commissioners Rodriguez,
5 Sanchez, and Levine are not here.

6 The time is 10:48.

7 You have a quorum.

8 Move onto Consent Agenda.

9 You have the minutes of Passaic Valley
10 Water Commission in camera and Regular Session
11 meetings from July 18, 2012.

12 Do I have a motion?

13 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Move it.

14 MR. AMODIO: By Commissioner Bazian.

15 Do I have a second?

16 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: Second.

17 MR. AMODIO: By Commissioner DeVita.

18 On the roll.

19

20 (Roll call was taken, all Commissioners
21 present respond in the affirmative. Commissioner
22 Kolodziej abstained. Commissioners Rodriguez,
23 Sanchez, and Levine are absent)

24

25 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: Abstain, I was

1 absent.

2 MR. AMODIO: Commissioners Sanchez,
3 Levine, and Rodriguez are not here.

4 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: Question. May I
5 have a hard copy of that in camera? I know you
6 sent one by e-mail.

7 MR. AMODIO: I'll send you another set. I
8 believe that was sent out together.

9 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: I didn't get it.

10 I'm sorry.

11 MR. AMODIO: Moving on.

16 PRESIDENT VANNOY: Yes.

17 MR. AMODIO: Thank you.

23 Questions?

24 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: Question.

25 I'm a little confused. I read it all. We

1 have three bids on this. Obviously, we went with
2 the lowest bid. There was a tremendous,
3 tremendous difference in the bids. I mean, were
4 they all the same or are we talking about apples
5 and oranges?

6 MR. DUPREY: Well, there's several
7 criteria that would vary that. One being the
8 location of the facility and also their ability to
9 bring it to a disposal site.

10 Some of them may already have agreements
11 in place with disposal facilities, some of them
12 may not. So it's a lot of aspects out of our
13 control. So by doing the public bid, you know, we
14 just want with the best.

15 PRESIDENT VANNOY: But they're all apples
16 to apples, though, right?

17 MR. DUPREY: Yeah.

18 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: It's in our best
19 interest?

20 MR. DUPREY: Yes.

21 PRESIDENT VANNOY: Okay.

22 MR. AMODIO: Any further questions?
23 Hearing none, do I have a motion?

24 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: So moved.

25 MR. AMODIO: Motion by Commissioner

1 Kolodziej.

2 Do I have a second?

3 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: Second.

4 MR. AMODIO: By Commissioner DeVita.

5 On the roll.

6

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

10

11 MR. AMODIO: Motion approved.

12 Next, we have a Resolution Authorizing
13 Passaic Valley Water Commission's participation in
14 a Water Research Foundation (WRF) Project 4451
15 "Utility Risk Management Methodologies for Buried
16 Assets with Improved Triple Bottom Line
17 Understanding of Pipe Failure" with a total
18 in-kind service contribution equivalent to the
19 value of \$25,000. PVWC also agrees to make an
20 additional monetary distribution of \$20,000.

21 Questions?

22 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: Question.

23 Is our agreement with the Stratus
24 Consulting Research?

25 MR. BELLA: What I'd like to do is take

1 out the monetary contribution thing until we have
2 a chance to do that. But we really should
3 participate in that. George seems to think we
4 have to make a separate agreement with them.

5 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: It's just going to
6 be in-kind then?

7 MR. HANLEY: They are a private entity.

8 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: That's my question.
9 What is Stratus Consulting? It's like a
10 combination.

11 MR. BELLA: They're working for the
12 research foundation as an investigator of their --

13 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: So is our agreement
14 with Stratus Consulting?

15 MR. BELLA: No, it's with the research
16 foundation, I believe.

17 MR. HANLEY: Well, that's not the way I
18 read it.

19 MR. BELLA: That's why we're cutting it
20 out, until we get a chance to --

21 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: May I suggest that
22 if we're not sure what this is, perhaps we don't
23 vote and get it right.

24 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: Right.

25 MR. AMODIO: Motion to hold.

1 PRESIDENT VANNOY: Very good.

2 MR. AMODIO: Carry to the next meeting.

3 Next, we have Summary of Disbursements and
4 Payrolls through August 14th, 2012 in the amount
5 of \$8,076,990.33.

6 Treasurer Levine is not here. Would
7 someone like to make a motion?

8 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: So moved.

9 MR. AMODIO: Motion by Commissioner
10 Kolodziej.

11 Do I have a second?

12 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: Second.

13 MR. AMODIO: By Commissioner DeVita.
14 On the roll.

15

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

19

20 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Yes. Abstain on
21 Dell.

22 MR. AMODIO: Thank you.

23 Commissioners Sanchez, Rodriguez, and
24 Levine are absent.

25 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: Abstain on Rachles

1 Michele.

2 PRESIDENT VANNOY: Yes. Abstain on
3 American Hose & Hydraulic.

4 MR. AMODIO: Thank you.

5 We have nothing from closed session.

6 Anything for good and welfare?

7 PRESIDENT VANNOY: I would like to thank
8 the Commission for being very sensitive in showing
9 their love for Commissioner Rodriguez's brother
10 who passed away and I'd like to thank you.

11 MR. AMODIO: Okay. Nothing else.

12 Motion to adjourn.

13 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: So moved.

14 MR. AMODIO: By Commissioner Kolodziej.

15 Is there a second?

16 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Second.

17 MR. AMODIO: By Commissioner Bazian.

18 Consensus.

19 Time is 10:56.

20 The next meeting is scheduled for
21 September 19th; Wednesday, 9:30 a.m.

22

23 (Proceedings concluded)

24

25