

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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IDIDA RODRIGUEZ
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LOUIS AMODIO, Administrative Secretary

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PRESIDENT DeVITA: Call the meeting to
order.

MR. AMODIO: On the roll.

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

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MR. AMODIO: Commissioner Sanchez is excused absence.

The time is 10:34 a.m.

You have a quorum.

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 Record - Passaic County edition, and the Commission's Executive staff with a copy posted on the main bulletin board at the Clifton facility.

would everyone please rise.

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

Is there any member of the public wish to be heard?

Hearing none, moving on to the Executive

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Director's report.

MR. BELLA: Okay. This week, actually as we speak, we're finishing up the repair on the large main. To that end, I brought a little show and tell kind of thing. I just wanted to show you, that's what a main break on a steel pipe looks like. This is where the two pipes originally were joined together. Probably during the process of, you know, just settling or maybe because of the rains, it split between these two pipes.

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Now, there was a repair done on this before. It's interesting, you can see here from the side, there's like a bump here and there's a big flat -- this is the pipe right in here and this is the repair piece. The repair piece split, probably done 50 years ago. We don't know. And that split and what we did we had to go back there and we would put a piece and sure it up.

Apparently, one time that whole area was changed. There's a huge retaining wall there, really dangerous job. And our people did a really good job; almost no overtime, by the way because it didn't affect people. You know what I mean. We could service all of our customers without any

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problem. So it wasn't like something we had to do and work overnight, you know, to get it done and get people back in service. So, they did a job job, really good job.

The main itself is from the -- before the -- right around 1900 and we don't know when the repair was done previously.

That's what it looks like. Here it is. Just split, this is the interior of the pipe.

Okay.

That's the first thing.

COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: What size was that pipe?

MR. BELLA: Forty-eight inches in diameter.

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COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Wow. Joe, thank you for that.

MR. BELLA: It wasn't a high profile because not many people were really affected. And even during the repair, we had like one wholesale customer. I asked him to cut back a little bit.

And everything went really well; reversing the whole shut down. It's all back in service.

The other thing I wanted to talk about is, there was some -- well, this Flow Cytometer. We

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want to advertise it.

Originally we had scheduled a, what they call ICP. ICP stands for Inductly Spectra Photometer, which measures heavy metals. We've since then want to split that. We were going to do that this year and this other thing next year.

We got our old ICP working and so we want to get this.

The reason why I'm telling you this is because doing this the old fashioned way with a microscope and somebody counting. Took a lot of tech time. Probably in the summertime it probably took a person a day, a week to do this. So one of the things we're trying to do is automate as much as we can in the laboratory. And this is one of the first steps. And we figured that this was the most cost effective way of sort of minimizing laboratory time, tech times.

Now, the other thing is we completed a bunch of the personnel moves that we did in the

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laboratory; that we wanted to do in the laboratory. So, we're hoping, not hoping, the overtime will come down there. The new person we hired in the lab is now being trained. We moved a person from the plant operations into the plant

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and we now are fully staffed in the laboratory.

Now, we have one person, who for medical reasons, will have to be moved out but we'll deal with that in a couple of months. They have to put another lab technician in there, but we'll see.

At any rate, so we should see some pretty, over the next, certainly by the end of the year, we should see a fairly big difference in the overtime with the laboratory. And we took some immediate steps. We rearranged some of the lab schedules and the operator schedules to make it a little bit better and a much more efficient way.

PRESIDENT DeVITA: Joe, can that be done at the plant? This was at the lab, right?

MR. BELLA: This was at the lab, but we also made some changes in the plant schedule and we're going to continue to do that. We're going to downsize the staff. We have four people in there, we're not going to do it just yet, like, do the upgrade on the SCADA, which is already budgeted for and everything. Once we get that done, we can start shrinking down the staff size. Instead of have four people around the clock, we'll be down to three people around the clock,

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which will help, which will help as soon as the

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SCADA system's moved in and up and running then we'll really start to take advantage of some of the manpower.

PRESIDENT DEVITA: I just want to make a statement for our stenographer, for her benefit.

We're probably going to be posting our minutes on the web site, so the less cross-conversation and the less interruption we have the better off we are so she can accurately get what we say. All right. So I would appreciate it.

Plus, anybody from the outside who might make a presentation to us, we'd like them to stand.

So, stop interrupting and stop with our cell phones and everything else. Okay.

Thank you.

COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: I just want to say, finance, our chairman is not here yet. We spent a great deal of time talking about this. We realize that when you save time it also saves money. So we really want the personnel committee to seriously look at that because we see a cost savings and time picked up from employees who have to do things manually will now be doing so. If

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you can put that on the agenda.

Since you mentioned our stenographer, IT
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committee, these committees are working very, very well, a lot of good stuff, a lot of dialogue. What the IT committee will be recommending today, maybe it belongs under New Business? What do you think?

It's a follow-up to our stenographer, because a lot of the things that we get in our minutes are just typos, misspellings, and whatever. So we are recommending that Louis take a look at those minutes and, you know, bring the correct spelling of the vendors, correct spelling of whoever is here, to do that. It will in no way alter the minutes, but it puts a finished product on and we would like to start, we said, right, Commissioner Bazian, with this meeting. So we need to okay that policy.

PRESIDENT DeVITA: The policy being that he would edit?

COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: He would edit it only for misspelling and typos and things like that. So that when the minutes appear on our web site, that they are accurate as -- they are accurate, you know, in addition to what you've

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asked us to do.

So I would so move that we do that.

PRESIDENT DeVITA: Is there a second?

COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: I have a question.

PRESIDENT DeVITA: There's a motion on the

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table.

COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: I would second.

COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: Second and discussion.

PRESIDENT DeVITA: Then we'll talk about it.

Go ahead.

COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: we're talking about minutes from open session?

COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: That's the only ones that can be posted. Exactly.

COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: Okay.

COMMISSIONER DeVITA: George.

MR. HANLEY: Yeah, just to supplement and I mean, I would emphasize from the legal point of view, that all of the Commissioners, to the extent you can review those transcripts before you vote on them. Because you may have other, as you know, normally a transcript, and I know Lynn knows this,

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you know, in the legal setting is reviewed by both counsel before it's finalized. Because oftentimes there might be a word that the transcriber didn't understand because it wasn't articulated or just it was a different term, things like that.

Again, you're not allowed to change anything that's material, I'm sure you know that. But you are allowed to say, wait a minute, that wasn't that word. Like some of the presentations that Joe makes, when he uses words that I have no clue, but he would; anyway...

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while you're on the overtime thing, you may want to mention --

PRESIDENT DeVITA: why don't we, we have the motion on that.

MR. HANLEY: Oh, I'm sorry.

MR. AMODIO: Motion by Commissioner Kolodziej.

Do I have a second?

COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: Second.

PRESIDENT DeVITA: Commissioner Vannoy.

MR. AMODIO: Now we're voting.

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

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MR. AMODIO: Motion approved.

PRESIDENT DeVITA: George, you have something else?

MR. HANLEY: Just quickly.

Joe allowed me to add to his report about overtime. And I know you know this and Commissioner Bazian is on the legal affairs committee; that we also have addressed that under the Legal Department, that even though, again, as I said many times, I think our investigator does extremely valuable work; some of which has to be done off hours, weekends, whatever. But none will be authorized going forward unless I'm required to check with at least one member of the legal affairs committee and, you know, articulate

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precisely what it is and how long and so forth.
So I'm sure that will help the overall effort.

PRESIDENT DeVITA: Let me get back to Joe
one second.

Joe and I have been having breakfast
meetings every week, kind of like a coffee clutch,
and discuss different things. We discussed
Customer Service. We have some changes planned.

MR. BELLA: Yes.

In Customer Service, we're working on with

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both Ed and Jim, on extending our work hours,
extending the hours. We would like to go from
probably, which we had talked about it and I
reported on it previously, go from about 7:30 to
about 6:00, 7:00. We're not quite sure how it
will work out, the exact hours. And without, you
know, doing overtime. So we're going to have to
shift people's hours and that kind of thing. That
will be the first step.

The second step will be, try to be open on
Saturdays.

Of course, we will post all this on our
bills so people would know. Probably send fliers
out -- not flowers, fliers --

PRESIDENT DeVITA: Joe, we never talked
about that.

MR. HANLEY: That will be one correction,
by the way.

MR. BELLA: Send fliers out so that
everybody will know and get the extension on the

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hours, because, really, I think it's important to do because it's difficult for people to do that kind of work.

PRESIDENT DeVITA: My understanding is we're looking for May 1st?

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MR. BELLA: That's correct.

COMMISSIONER VANNOY: Chair.

PRESIDENT DeVITA: Yes, sir.

COMMISSIONER VANNOY: I think we had a conversation and it's not that we're doing any overtime, because it allows us to work Saturdays, correct, without paying --

MR. GALLAGHER: Correct. The contract does permit Saturday work hours without --

COMMISSIONER VANNOY: As far as looking to do it, I think we can already do it. I don't think we have to look to do it.

PRESIDENT DeVITA: Well, just to rearrange the personnel. Everything will be done in effect by May 1st.

COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Question.

Are we talking just Saturday hours? No Sunday hours?

PRESIDENT DeVITA: Correct. Right now we have no Saturdays and we have nothing past what, 4:30, 5:00. So I think that will be a big start for us.

Okay.

Joe, we also discussed cameras. What's

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going on?

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MR. BELLA: We have the cameras installed. Training for people that would have access to it is needed. I believe the cameras at the guardhouse are actually, you know, up and running, and so that the guards can view, which is where it should be.

Other than that, the work has been completed on that, on the grant money and we've submitted all the invoices, and for that to be reimbursed by the Department of Homeland Security. Remember, that was done under the UASI grant, the security grant.

PRESIDENT DeVITA: How much was that grant?

MR. BELLA: Three hundred and eighteen dollars --

COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Thousand dollars.

COMMISSIONER VANNOY: That's another typo.

COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: And three hundred dollars just for the flowers, right, Joe?

PRESIDENT DeVITA: So, Joe, what's our timetable? I'm big on timetables.

MR. BELLA: The cameras are up and running now. The training for the additional people, just department heads to have use of those cameras

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would be done within a couple of weeks probably.

MR. BENOIT: Yeah, probably next week.
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PRESIDENT DeVITA: So, again, by May 1st will be at the table at the next meeting?

MR. BELLA: Yes.

COMMISSIONER VANNOY: They were up and running, right?

COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: The answer is the same.

COMMISSIONER VANNOY: He's saying up and running --

COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: But it was a matter of they weren't running by our meeting last week because we did not have trained people to do it. So between our meeting last month and today -- last week and today, the training went well, Commissioner. And now it's up and running.

COMMISSIONER VANNOY: Okay. Good.

COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: Excuse me, I heard you still need people for training?

MR. BELLA: Department heads down at the plant and people will be trained anyway, but the cameras are up and running.

COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: Wait, wait. The cameras are up and running?

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MR. BELLA: Yes.

COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: So that the guards can see them?

MR. BELLA: That's correct.

COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: Only the guards, because people have not been trained yet?

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MR. BELLA: That's correct.

COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: I just want --

MR. BELLA: That's part of the --

COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: Okay.

PRESIDENT DeVITA: So next meeting, which is April what, will be done, right? Okay.

MR. AMODIO: It's April 20th.

PRESIDENT DeVITA: One more question.

COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: Can we stay on cameras one second?

PRESIDENT DeVITA: Sure. Go ahead.

COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: Because both of us were at this meeting and by April we will also have a firm answer back from the Prosecutor's Office. Mr. Marotta and Mr. Bella will be trying to firm up our time into their dark fiber. The goal of the security committee and administration will be to be less dependent on the Sheriff's officers. In fact, when we get to finance, I'll

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bring that up also. But by not having to hire the Sheriff's Officers to do this, there will be an additional report coming that will tie in very nicely with the cameras that are already up, either it's a go or we can finally start looking at something different and we'll know that.

COMMISSIONER VANNOY: Right, right.

PRESIDENT DeVITA: Commissioner Bazian.

COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Thank you, Mr. President.

with regards to the grant, this grant has
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already been awarded, right?

MR. BELLA: That's correct.

COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: So this is money we're going to get. It's not like subject, contingent on a federal budget?

MR. BELLA: No, that money is already --

PRESIDENT DEVITA: We're waiting to submit our documentation.

MR. BELLA: We've already submitted it.

COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: When would we expect that money to come in? Any idea?

MR. DUPREY: Less than 60 days. You never know. You never really know, but we would assume it's reasonable time period.

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PRESIDENT DEVITA: Okay. One more question I have, Joe.

Web site. How are we doing with our web site, the upgrading and all that?

MR. BELLA: Well, I'm not happy with the progress in getting the documents up on the web site. What we're going to do is, what we're looking into at this time is using Google documents to post our documents there and put a link to those documents. We're still in the phase of exploring how to do that. We'll have more information.

COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: Is it possible, I mean, because I've just been through this in my firm. Is it possible for us to just -- I thought

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we're just going to have it redesigned to make it more user friendly, to make it more user friendly, to -- I mean, there's a lot that is going to be contingent that has to go on our web site and if we have a web site that is not capable right now of that, IT committee --

PRESIDENT DEVITA: I think that's what they're looking into.

COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: So my question, Commissioners, is there a possibility, we know

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what we have now really doesn't work, is not user friendly. We're really progressing. There's the committee meetings. Is there a way that we can go out and find someone professional that can just look at our system and say, "This is what we can do." We just had to do that in our firm and we're not a firm like this.

PRESIDENT DEVITA: Let's hear from our IT committee.

COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: The IT committee discussed this in two phases, if I may.

Phase number one was to get the public, what I've been calling public access information, information that should be available to the public up on the web set as soon as possible.

Initially, I hoped we could have it done by this meeting. The idea to use Google docs, and I'm also embarrassed to say this, that I was upstaged by a chemical engineer --

MR. BELLA: Chemist.

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PRESIDENT DeVITA: Mr. Bella.

COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Chemist, sorry.

This was Joe's idea and it is, quite honestly, speaking as a technologist, dazzling in simplicity. Assuming that we can do what we want

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with Googledocs. Again, I'm ashamed I didn't come up with it. It's just a great idea.

So that's phase one.

Phase two is a redesign. There are two elements that we need to deal with in a redesign. One is the visual element, okay, which, to be quite honest, our web site really needs an upgrade. Okay. There's no question about that. But the visual element actually takes a backseat, in my mind, to the functional elements.

Let me give you some ideas. Whenever we have a contract that we are advertising, we put it up on our web site on a link called Notices, that nobody would think to go to. People would think to go to the Purchasing Department. So, theoretically, in a redesigned web site that information should go to the Purchasing Department.

I could think of upgrades, perhaps, for Personnel. For example, perhaps Personnel may want to list job openings there. Maybe we could take employment applications on-line, assuming there are no legal impediments.

My point being that before we can just go

out and say, we want a new web site, we should

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first decide what we want that web site to do.

COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: If I may, I'm just going through this process myself. That would be part of the whole, you know, and I'm not telling IT, you know. That would be part of the whole scheme of things, to see what it is that we're looking for before we throw out specs to go out.

COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: And I agree. And --

COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: We're saying the same thing.

COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: We're saying the same thing.

Originally, what we had thought, what the IT committee was discussing, possibly doing a business process review, because we're looking at replacing our enterprise software. And as a result of that business process review, we would get a whole bunch of information related, not only to operation software, more commonly, but erroneously called accounting software, operation software. We also could get information, theoretically, for our web site.

We took a step back at the last meeting. We had some discussions about that, about a

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different approach. But, in any event, I think that perhaps, Joe, we should get feedback from our

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department directors what they would like the web site to do for them. That will be the beginnings of a functional spec.

And, yes, I agree with you, we must go out to bid. We must get that web site redeveloped. But like I said, the initial thing, which I had hoped to have done today, which, unfortunately, didn't happen, was that we should have our schedule, you know, our meeting schedule, our setup for --

COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: The basic stuffs.

COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: -- The minutes and our budget and things like that up on-line. I wanted to have that ready for this meeting. So, God willing it will be ready soon.

PRESIDENT DeVITA: That's our first step.

COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: That's our first step, yes; a redesign.

The other thing, Mr. President, my understanding and I could be wrong about this, but my understanding is that when we had this web site originally developed, it cost something along the lines 65, \$70,000. Given the advances in

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technology --

COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: The web site?

COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Yup. Mr. Weiss, could you confirm my understanding of the figures?

MR. WEISS: Yes, that's right.

COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: When was this,

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when the Internet first --

PRESIDENT DeVITA: Wait, wait, wait.
Keep going.

COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: The bottom line is,
it is my hope that we could get a much better,
much more user friendly, much more complete and
functional web site for a heck of a lot less.

PRESIDENT DeVITA: We'll be going out and
getting quotes.

COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Of course.

COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: Thank you,
Commissioner.

PRESIDENT DeVITA: Anybody have any
questions of Mr. Bella?

MR. AMODIO: Just one question. The
request to go out for bid for Contract #11-B-17,
we need a motion for that.

COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: So moved.

MR. AMODIO: Motion by Commissioner

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Kolodziej.

MR. HANLEY: Could you describe that?

MR. AMODIO: Yes.

It's a request to advertise Contract
#11-B-17, "Furnish and Install Imaging Flow
Cytometer-Analyzer and Appurtenances."

Do I have a second?

COMMISSIONER VANNOY: Second.

MR. AMODIO: By Commissioner Vannoy.

On the roll.

Commissioner Bazian.

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

MR. AMODIO: Motion granted.

I'm to understand there's a member of the public that wishes to be heard. If you'd like to take him at this time.

PRESIDENT DEVITA: Sure. Absolutely.

If you could tell us your name and address.

MR. ADAMO: My name is Tom Adamo. I live at 4 Cliff Road, Woodland Park, New Jersey. I'm a resident of the Four Seasons at Great Notch.

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A year ago, May, I submitted a letter to you people. We have a back gate on Reservoir Road which the hours of operation are from 7:00 to 7:00. And I requested that if we could extend those for two hours, maybe give us till 9:00, inasmuch as there's a lot of traffic on Route 46 after 7:00 and, et cetera.

A few months after that letter was submitted, I found out from another resident up by us, Scott Tire (Phonetic), that you people were going to give us, I believe, till 10:00 or 11:00. I originally said 9:00.

Unfortunately, we have a resident up in our community who stuck his two cents in and said he was representing a committee and sent you guys

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a letter saying they wanted 24/7, which aggravated a lot of residents in our community. We don't want the gate open 24/7. There's no need for 24/7.

It's more of a convenience. A lot of our residents going shopping down in Shop-Rite or Kohl's or Willowbrook and you're coming back and it's five after seven, you got to go all the way around.

Needless to say, we had a very bad winter

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and to come up Valley Road up by our complex, there's two entrances, one on Boulder which is very high by the wall. It's pretty high to come up. It's very easy to come up Reservoir Road right off 46 in our community.

I understand there was talk about having a traffic study. My opinion and my residents that I'm representing, we don't really need a traffic study. We're not going to have a thousand, two thousand cars passing through at 7:00 at night. It could be 25 cars, it could be 50 cars, it could be ten cars.

It's more of a convenience. And all we're asking for is maybe turn that timer up two little notches to 9:00. That's all we're asking for and it would really be helpful to us.

We do understand there's going to be a lot of construction on Route 46 I think in about another six months to a year, which is going to be a real inconvenience for us and that will be real

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great help to us. That's what I'm asking you people to reconsider possibly and forget about traffic studies that other people in our community are coming to you with.

That's basically what I'm asking for, if

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you could reconsider.

PRESIDENT DeVITA: Mr. Hanley, you were very much involved in this. Maybe you can --

MR. HANLEY: Yes. This is a very different proposal.

PRESIDENT DeVITA: Absolutely.

I have to recuse myself from any discussions.

(Whereupon, President DeVita recuses himself from the discussion and leaves the room.)

MR. HANLEY: I guess, you have to excuse me, I have to think like a lawyer. I guess the real -- one of the questions would be to entertain your proposal or anybody's proposal. The other gentleman represented to us that he was representing the Association and I think what I'm hearing from you is maybe not.

MR. ADAMO: That's correct.

MR. HANLEY: I think probably in order for the Board to fairly consider any proposal, we need something from whoever the official representative of the Association is, whether it's their attorney

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or the President of the Association, so we know

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we're dealing with an authorized representative, and I don't mean that as any reflection.

MR. ADAMO: No, and I understand that.

MR. HANLEY: But we have to sort of have entity to entity, if you'll excuse the term, and knowing that we're dealing with the authorized representative and I have to protect the Board in that regard.

MR. ADAMO: I do understand that, sir. But many of us residents, we feel that it's as if we're going to go to a City Council meeting, get up and voice your opinion, we're asking for some assistance. I don't think it really has anything to do with an attorney at our complex, a head of a committee. These are residents who just want to buy two hours of time, that's all.

MR. HANLEY: But you see --

MR. ADAMO: It's not a great necessity, but it's going to help us out.

MR. HANLEY: Mr. Adamo, the difference is, if you were an individual homeowner --

MR. ADAMO: Which I am.

MR. HANLEY: Well, you're in a condominium association. So that's not quite the same. You have to act through that corporate entity. You

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cannot, I mean, you can act as an individual, but we have to make the agreement with the corporate

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entity. It's a little different than being an individual homeowner and that's why I'm saying what I'm saying.

We have to know, this Board -- in other words, how many residents are there now?

MR. ADAMO: There's about 400.

MR. HANLEY: All those 400 people when they act in a way that impacts that real estate, they have to act through the Association. You do not have the legal authority to act on your own in that regard, unlike someone who owns a free standing residence, which I'm sure you --

MR. ADAMO: Well, I can honestly say, rather than have 100 people barge into the office or 200 people, I've had many conversations with many, many residents up there, inasmuch as I'm retired, a lot of them are still working and they chose me as the --

MR. HANLEY: We need that representation from whoever is the official chief executive of the -- there's got to be a chief executive person. You elect a Board, correct.

MR. ADAMO: Yes, we do.

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MR. HANLEY: That individual, the Board needs to vote on this proposal and that person needs to send us a letter indicating that they are officially represented. And the Association has to have a lawyer.

MR. ADAMO: We do. We do.

COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: I'm sorry, I have a question.

George, the 7:00 to 7:00 time frame right now, is that pursuant to an agreement we have with the Association?

MR. HANLEY: Yes.

COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: That's the issue. In other words -- I'm sorry, George, to put it in my non-legal terms. I think the reason why he's saying you have to deal directly with the Association is we're talking about modifying an agreement that exists with the Association and I think that's the issue.

MR. HANLEY: well, that's an additional reason.

COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Okay. That's in addition.

MS. ADAMO: Yeah, but you were willing to give us those additional hours and then somebody

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just came -- why did it change?

MR. HANLEY: No, someone I think may have given you horrible information because the Board never voted.

MS. ADAMO: Okay. Okay. That's what we were told that they were going to give us extra --

MR. ADAMO: That's what we were told.

MS. ADAMO: That's what we were told.

MR. HANLEY: There were discussions but there was no vote and then in the interim we got the second proposal.

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MR. ADAMO: You're telling us what we have to do is go to the Association, who is our representative?

COMMISSIONER VANNOY: That's correct.

MR. ADAMO: Okay.

COMMISSIONER Bazian: Commissioner Kolodziej.

COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: If I may make a suggestion.

It seems to me that part of your problem may be is you're just not getting through to your Association representatives. Nothing brings elected people to their knees faster than a petition with people's names on it. So if you

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feel your Board is not giving fair hearing to what the majority of you think, then maybe at your very next Board meeting, bring them a petition signed by as many people as you can, specifying what you specified to us today, and I doubt very much whether your Association is going to continue to hold out for their personal opinion when they're faced with that kind of polling of the residents.

MS. ADAMO: Okay.

MR. ADAMO: See, one of the problems up there right now, we're the minority. Okay. We have three people from K. Hov who's on the Board. In fact, I ran for the Board last year, and, but that besides the point. And I think K. Hov, right to a point, they could care less. I mean, it's

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not their responsibility, et cetera, et cetera.
We wanted to get a third member on the Board who
might be a little different in swaying the votes.

I'll take action to get a little petition
going and then resubmit it and --

COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: To them and then
to us.

MR. ADAMO: Okay.

MS. ADAMO: Thank you very much.

MR. ADAMO: Thank you for allowing me to

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come in and thank you for your time.

MR. AMODIO: Moving on to the Controller's
Report.

MR. WEISS: Cash on hand is currently
9.1 million.

Our accounts receivable are 11.6 million.

Our 30 days or less accounts receivable is
at 11.1, which is about 96 percent, which is very
good.

Our accounts payable is at 3.2 million.

Our audit is in process. We have the
auditors currently working on the audit.

And our cash collection is slow, but
that's to be expected for this time of the year.
That's pretty standard.

That's all I have.

PRESIDENT DeVITA: Yitz, question.

MR. WEISS: Yes.

PRESIDENT DeVITA: Overtime, of course,
which we discussed. How often can we get reports?

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Is monthly too soon? Does quarterly make sense?
Just so we're all aware of what's going on.

MR. WEISS: I think once we have the
format set up, we can do it pretty much as often
you want it. It's just struggling to put it

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together so we can produce the reports a little
more easily.

PRESIDENT DeVITA: What's involved in the
format?

MR. WEISS: It's involved.

PRESIDENT DeVITA: Do we have the ability
to put that together?

MR. WEISS: Yes. Yes, we do.

MR. BELLA: He's working on it.

COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Mr. President, if I
may. In finance committee, in finance we reviewed
some of the formats of the reports that hopefully
will be released to the Commission fairly soon.

Generally, Yitz has put together a budget
experience report, if I may, basically showing
month-date actual, month-date budget, year-date
actual, year-date budget. He's still working on
some technical issues, I believe, with our
Sunguard software, parenthetically another reason
why we're looking at potentially replacing them,
because doing things like this are way more
difficult than they should be. But he's dealing
with some technical issues and I'm actually
looking forward to some better information.

PRESIDENT DeVITA: But we don't have to

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wait for this new format to get reports on this, do we, some type report?

MR. WEISS: No, we'll have reports.

COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: Please.

COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: And Mr. President, if I may, monthly on the overtime reports sounds good to me.

PRESIDENT DeVITA: Whatever. I don't know how we could, but if we could do it.

COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: At the end of every calendar. In fact, what I'd really like to know is month-by-month totals and that I'm told is a problem. But I would want to know January overtime versus February overtime versus March overtime. I'd like to know January, 2011 versus January, 2010 comparison.

PRESIDENT DeVITA: You'd like a comparison?

COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Exactly. If I could get a data set like that then we could do some proper management.

COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: You really need to be patient. We hear you. The three people that are on finance are working very hard to get a format that includes all the information that

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everybody wants and every time we think we come up with a format, Commissioner Bazian finds something

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else that needs to be put on, but trust me, it will be coming very, very shortly.

COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: It's all my fault.

COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: No, it isn't because, what you're doing is making it clearer for everybody around this table. So, I welcome that. I'm not criticizing.

COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: I commend you for your efforts.

We have received overtime reports in the past.

MR. WEISS: Yes.

COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: With comparisons.

MR. WEISS: The difference now is we switched payroll systems so the work that we had available, we can't just hit a button and reproduce them over again. That's the challenge we're running into.

PRESIDENT DeVITA: Okay. Thank you.

Any other questions of Yitz?

Okay.

MR. AMODIO: Closed session.

Do I have a motion?

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COMMISSIONER VANNOY: So moved.

MR. AMODIO: Motion by Commissioner Vannoy.

Do I have second?

COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: Second.

MR. AMODIO: Counsel, one question, I see

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Mr. Pashman here. I don't see him listed for anything.

PRESIDENT DeVITA: And Mr. Paris is here.

MR. AMODIO: I'm not sure what the gentlemen are here for that's what I'm asking.

Mr. Pashman is here for?

MR. PASHMAN: Gregory Avenue litigation.

MR. AMODIO: Okay. And --

MR. PARIS: Essentially a report from the personnel committee with regard to contract negotiations, grievances.

MR. AMODIO: Okay.

Pursuant to the Open Application Meeting Act --

MR. HANLEY: I'm sorry. I have a couple more. I'm sorry.

I just want to briefly discuss the DOT negotiations with respect to the eminent domain issues on Route 46.

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And I also would like to discuss the K. Hovnanian matter in closed session.

MR. AMODIO: Pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act Commissioner Vannoy offers the following Resolution for adoption:

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

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

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

1. The public shall be excluded from discussion of the hereinafter specified subject matters; the general nature of the subject matters being: Financial, Insurance, Personnel, Contracts, Negotiations, Security, Delford Gardens v. PVWC; Nancy Torres v. PVWC; Prismatic and Leopold (Little Falls Plant); Lodi v. PVWC; North Arlington v. PVWC; 260 Gregory Avenue; DOT eminent domain Route 46, K. Hovnanian Reservoir Road; Summary/Aging; Personnel - elimination of college reimbursement program; new hire, Javier Valez, laborer;; summer help program; union negotiations;

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under Administration, Project # 20 "Professional Services for Medical Insurance Issues." And any other matter that may be discussed in camera.

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

3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Second by Commissioner Rodriguez.

On the roll.

Commissioner Bazian.

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

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MR. AMODIO: Thank you.

Everyone, please leave the room except for, I believe, we're going to start with Mr. Pashman, first.

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MR. AMODIO: You have a quorum.

The time is 1:06.

Consent Agenda, approval PVWC in camera and Regular Session Meetings of February 16th, 2011.

Motion?

COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: So moved.

COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Second.

MR. AMODIO: On the roll.

Commissioner Bazian.

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

MR. AMODIO: Next will be Purchase Order Reports. Does the Chair accept, receive, and file Miscellaneous Purchase Orders placed for the period February 7, 2011 through March 13th, 2011? Does the Chair accept, receive, and file?

PRESIDENT DeVITA: Yes.

MR. AMODIO: Thank you.

Next, we'll move on.

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Requests For Action.

There was actually a typo. Number eight should read \$68,150 not \$69,150. I apologize.

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Contract #10-B-16, which was a rebid. "Information Technology Maintenance and Support Services."

Recommendation to award a one-year contract to Synetek Solutions, LLC of Hackensack, New Jersey in the amount of \$79,965.

Do I have a motion?

COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: So moved.

COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: Second.

MR. AMODIO: Discussion?

Hearing none, on the roll.

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

MR. AMODIO: Moving on.

Contract #11-B-7, "Furnish and Deliver Makeup Filter Media."

Recommendation to award a two-year contract to Calgon Carbon Corporation of Pittsburgh, PA in the amount of \$969,748.

Do I have a motion?

COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Move.

COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: Second.

MR. AMODIO: Discussion?

PRESIDENT DeVITA: Question. This was the second time out and we still only got one bid?

MR. DUPREY: No. For the Makeup Filter Media, every time we bid this we only get one bidder. There were three entities interested in it and took out the documents, but just like last time, only one bid it and that was Calgon, for whatever reason. So there's no -- plus we need the Filter Media, Replacement Filter Media for this filter work that we're going to be doing. We're going to be bringing some supplemental material.

PRESIDENT DeVITA: Jim, do we have any estimated projections which we thought this would come in at that is in line with that?

MR. DUPREY: Yes. If we look at the last time it was bid, this go around, the same quantities was about \$81,000 less, which is about eight percent less than last time for same quantities.

PRESIDENT DeVITA: Thank you.

MR. AMODIO: Any further discussion?
Hearing none, on the roll.

(Roll call was taken, all Commissioners

present respond in the affirmative)

MR. AMODIO: Motion approved.

Moving on.

Contract #11-B-14, "Furnish and Deliver
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Cargo Van."

Recommendation to reject and rebid with exceptions.

COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: Motion to reject and rebid.

MR. AMODIO: Is there a second?

COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Second.

MR. AMODIO: Discussion?

COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: And the other, it came up in our committee meeting, remember when they said that they want to put the loaner in there. So, we're taking the loaner car out of the bid --

COMMISSIONER LEVINE: So we need to rebid just because the loaner car was --

COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: Yes. Yes. Absolutely. Absolutely.

COMMISSIONER LEVINE: You can't just omit it?

COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: We discussed it at finance committee.

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COMMISSIONER LEVINE: I remember.

COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: Okay.

MR. AMODIO: Any further discussion?
On the roll.

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

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COMMISSIONER LEVINE: Will this be ready for the next meeting? The bids will be back for the next meeting?

MR. DUPREY: I have to check. I believe so.

COMMISSIONER LEVINE: This was for so long. We approved this originally, like, four months ago.

MR. DUPREY: We'll make it a fast turnaround, within the law of a fast turnaround.

COMMISSIONER LEVINE: This came before finance in November of last year. We're talking six months later and still bidding and rebidding it out.

MR. AMODIO: Moving along.

Contract #11-B-16, "Roll-Off Container Trash Removal."

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Recommendation to award a contract to Gaeta Recycling. That's a two-year contract. Gaeta Recycling Company, Incorporated of Paterson, New Jersey in the amount of \$68,150.

Do I have a motion?

COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: So moved.

COMMISSIONER VANNOY: Second.

MR. AMODIO: Discussion?

Hearing none, on the roll.

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

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MR. AMODIO: Motion approved.

Next will be Contract #11-B-06,
"Replacement of Filter Underdrains at the Little
Falls Treatment Plant."

Recommendation to award a two-year
two-month contract to Ferraro Construction
Corporation, Franklin, New Jersey in the amount of
\$1,294,480.

Do I have a motion?

COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: So moved.

MR. AMODIO: Do I have a second?

COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Second.

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MR. AMODIO: Discussion?

Hearing none, on the roll.

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

MR. AMODIO: Motion approved.

Thank you.

Next will be Contract #11-B-15, "Water
Systems Installation and Repair Services."

Recommendation to award a two-year
contract to Montana Construction Company of Lodi,
New Jersey in the amount of \$2,131,300.

Do I have a motion?

COMMISSIONER VANNOY: So moved.

COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: Second.

MR. AMODIO: Discussion?

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Hearing none, on the roll.

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

PRESIDENT DeVITA: I'm stunned on the discrepancy.

COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: Tell me about it.

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MR. AMODIO: Motion approved.

Resolution, we're going to move to the next meeting.

We have New Business.

Summary of Disbursements and Payrolls in the amount of \$6,252,127.42.

Does the Treasurer find them in order.

COMMISSIONER LEVINE: Yes.

MR. AMODIO: Motion, please.

COMMISSIONER LEVINE: Make a motion to approve the disbursements in the budget.

MR. AMODIO: Motion by Commissioner Levine.

Do I have a second?

COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: Second.

MR. AMODIO: On the roll.

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

PRESIDENT DeVITA: Yes. I abstain on Rachles Michelle.

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MR. AMODIO: Recommendations from Closed Session.

We will have a Special Meeting on Tuesday,

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April 5th, 9:30 a.m.

Do I have a motion?

COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Move it.

COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: Second.

MR. AMODIO: On the roll.

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

MR. AMODIO: Thank you.

Motion approved.

Are there any committee reports?

COMMISSIONER LEVINE: As a finance Chair, I decide, you know, basing on, you know, what my city -- we're looking to save money. The big problem I see is the overtime.

I'm actually getting overtime reports now from Yitz. I want every department broken down. I also actually want to know where it came from. Yitz said it's very hard to come back and include persons. So what I'm doing every meeting, I'm bringing the Controller in, the supervisor of that department, so we could figure out where the overtime is. Because this might lead to union negotiations that we need to change, which we

don't know about. So if they'll elaborate on that so we know what we need to negotiate with the unions better in order to cut this overtime, at least minimize it to the max, and find out exactly why it's being used, where it's being used, what time, when the season it's being used. And it's to try to, you know, just so we get a better understanding how we can minimize it. That's what we're going to be working at the next finance meeting.

I believe we're starting with the Laboratory Department coming in and then Mark Romain's the next department coming in.

COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: Right.

COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Mr. President, under IT, the only other thing, we've already discussed the web site. The upgrade to our Sunguard system is scheduled for April 8th. And our CO has informed me that he expects that we will be able to accept credit cards at the window April 15th. I should live so long to see it, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT DEVITA: Don't hold your breath. Great.

MR. AMODIO: Any other committee reports?

COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: Just on policy.

I'm going to recommend that we got three more that came out of today's meeting; that there will be a list and little summary next to each one so next meeting we can either formalize or throw out the

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recommendations. But each one of these has come from either a committee or from the Chair or from one of you. So in addition to these four, we will add the three that we did today.

PRESIDENT DeVITA: Okay.

MR. AMODIO: Any discussion on the policies?

PRESIDENT DeVITA: I have one more comment. It's not under policy.

I received an e-mail yesterday from the Vice-Principal of Schuyler-Colfax Middle School in Wayne requesting permission, which we have done in the past, to use the reservoir as a science project, a hands-on experiment for the kids. I made copies of letter for everybody.

COMMISSIONER LEVINE: Wayne or Clifton?

PRESIDENT DeVITA: It's in Wayne.

COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: I'm going to move it subject to the hold harmless that they need to sign, which is our standard policy --

COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: It's always done.

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COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: As long as they give us the hold harmless.

PRESIDENT DeVITA: This is for the Schuyler-Colfax Middle School to use our property for a hands-on science experiment on-site at the reservoir.

COMMISSIONER LEVINE: What's the date?

PRESIDENT DeVITA: We don't have a date.

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That will be worked out.

COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: So moved.
Send it to legal.

COMMISSIONER VANNOY: Second.

MR. AMODIO: Discussion?
Hearing none, on the roll.

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

MR. AMODIO: Motion approved.
Thank you.

Anything further?

COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Mr. President, we
have to talk about the April meeting date.

PRESIDENT DeVITA: I understand Yitz and
Menachem will be away on the 20th. When are you

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unavailable?

COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: I'm unavailable from
the 14th to the 28th.

PRESIDENT DeVITA: The 13th is what?

MR. AMODIO: The 13th is a Wednesday.

COMMISSIONER VANNOY: You can schedule it,
but I have something else.

PRESIDENT DeVITA: You're playing golf?

COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: You can make it
on the 13th, you're saying?

COMMISSIONER VANNOY: No I have something
else.

PRESIDENT DeVITA: April 13th, 9:30,
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meeting for everyone?

April 13th, 9:30 will be our Regular scheduled meeting.

April 5th at 9:30 will be our other meeting.

Question. How much time do we want to leave each of the insurance proposals to discuss?

COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: You guys have already talked to them, what do you think?

COMMISSIONER LEVINE: It's not going to take forever.

COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: We already know.

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I think we were kind of open, but, you know, just in case you have further questions. Half hour?

COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: Half hour.

COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: I would think a half an hour. I would probably call the first one to come in at like 9:45, so we can get in here and settled. And then the next one at 10:30.

PRESIDENT DeVITA: That's good. I like that.

MR. GALLAGHER: Any preference on which one first?

COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: No.

PRESIDENT DeVITA: Doesn't matter.

COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: Listen, bring the incumbent in first and then the other.

COMMISSIONER VANNOY: I mean, we have to go back to the table and talk about our summer

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thing. Are we -- what are we -- are we going to end the job and the whole thing? We never really revised it. So what are we doing?

COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: Three of us kind of think you shouldn't be calling it summer help when you're extending it. So three of us are saying, go back and think of an internship or something else.

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COMMISSIONER VANNOY: Right.

COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ:
Summer/intern/student.

COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: Whatever they're going to come up, but some of us are looking for a distinction.

COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: That's --

COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: And also the fairness of who gets to stay on.

COMMISSIONER LEVINE: It's going to be after March the next meeting.

COMMISSIONER VANNOY: We have to wait for the next meeting.

PRESIDENT DeVITA: You have to wait for the next meeting.

COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: If we had an existing policy, which we don't, then you know what --

PRESIDENT DeVITA: Got to wait.

COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: So you're saying we're just waiting?

COMMISSIONER VANNOY: Until -- you didn't
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decide.

PRESIDENT DeVITA: We'll decide at the next meeting.

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COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Just one thing that I'd like to suggest in the policies committee. I asked last year with regards to, that we should have a policy with regards to schools, you know, science classes that want to see our water treatment plant.

I've gotten a request, which I haven't done anything with because the request came from my son's teacher and I don't want to play any favoritism or anything like that, but we should have a policy.

I've discussed it with Joe in the past. I'm not sure what makes sense and what is reasonable, but it is something I would like us do. I think we should.

PRESIDENT DeVITA: I don't think anybody can disagree with that. I think whatever we can accommodate, subject to Joe's policy.

COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: You want a formal policy?

COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: I want a formal policy so I can forward it to my son's teacher.

COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: Everything's been coming out of committee.

PRESIDENT DeVITA: May I make a

suggestion? Maybe you want input into that policy.

COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: Maybe, Joe, what you can do is write something up and just cc to the committee members, because personally I think we can do a lot by looking at it rather than spend time. Draw a policy up, cc to Commissioner Sanchez and Levine.

PRESIDENT DEVITA: Okay. Anything else?

COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Motion to adjourn.

COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: Second.

PRESIDENT DEVITA: All in favor?

Any opposed?

Adjourn.

MR. AMODIO: Meeting adjourned.

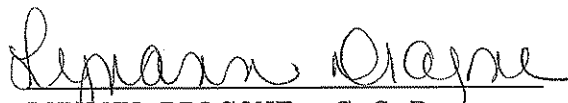
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