

PASSAIC VALLEY WATER COMMISSION MEETING OF

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1 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: All right. I'm
2 going to call this meeting to order.

3 I set myself a goal of one hour today. So
4 woe be to the Commissioner that's going to drag us
5 beyond our hour.

6 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: Does that include
7 public speakers?

8 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: The public speakers,
9 I've given them 20 minutes today, if they need it.
10 So that's excluding their 20 minutes.

11 MR. AMODIO: Roll call.

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

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16 MR. AMODIO: Commissioner Bazian just
17 called. He's a few minutes late.

18 Thank you.

19 The time is 12:08.

20 You have a quorum.

21 All of the requirements of the Open Public
22 Meetings Act have been met. Notices have been
23 furnished to all Commissioners; City Clerks of
24 Paterson, Passaic, and Clifton; North Jersey
25 Herald News; The Record - Passaic County edition

1 and the Commission's Executive Staff with a copy
2 posted at the main bulletin board at the Clifton
3 facility.

4 Will you please rise.

5 Commissioner Kolodziej.

6 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: Commissioner
7 Cleaves, we are so happy to welcome you to our
8 meeting. Actually, Commissioner Bazian isn't here
9 to see his dream work. But you'll be on for
10 awhile. And one of the members of the public
11 wanted to know if you're wearing bunny slippers
12 and I said you're entitled if you are.

13 COMMISSIONER CLEAVES: I am still in my
14 pajamas.

15 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: Thank you.

16 All right. A little bit of housekeeping
17 here. I'm going to give you a heads up now. We
18 need to set the meeting date for January. If we
19 stay true to form, it's the third Wednesday of
20 every month. January 21st would be that day. And
21 Commissioner Sanchez, I'm assuming 12:00 is still
22 a better time for you?

23 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: Yes, please.

24 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: Think about it.

25 Look at your calendars. We have time. But before

1 we leave today, I'm going to come back to this and
2 we're going to set the January meeting date.

3 Which brings us to the members of the
4 public who are here to speak. Since there are so
5 few of you...

6 All right. Mr. Linteris. He's got a
7 prepared statement he's reading into our record.
8 I thank you for that.

9 MR. LINTERIS: Good afternoon. My name is
10 Bill Linteris, President of Passaic County Board
11 of Realtors. I come before you today at the end
12 of this year to speak on the issue regarding the
13 Great Notch, New Street, and Levine Reservoirs in
14 Woodland Park and Paterson. I simply come here
15 today to thank this Commission as well as all the
16 groups, elected officials, and members of public
17 who have taken positions on the issue, raised
18 their voices and concerns, and most importantly,
19 on this Commission's end, reopening the process to
20 allow for true, public involvement.

21 As we have stated all along, Passaic
22 County Board of Realtors has stated that all
23 alternatives comply with the LT2 Rule must be
24 considered so that all three of the previously
25 mentioned reservoirs can be preserved in their

1 current state because of their importance
2 regarding property values, the landscape of Garret
3 Mountain, water rates, and the national park in
4 Paterson.

5 In fact, as we saw just last week,
6 Congress has voted to expand a national park in
7 Paterson through the inclusion of Hincheliff
8 Stadium.

9 Passaic County Board of Realtors looks
10 forward to remaining a part of the stakeholder
11 process as this issue moves into 2015 and would
12 also like to state that we believe this Commission
13 should remain a public entity moving forward in
14 the future.

15 I thank you for your time today and wish
16 you all a very safe and happy holiday season.

17 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: Thank you.

18 Carol Van Savage.

19 MS. VAN SAVAGE: I just have a comment
20 based on the meeting where DEP and EPA came where
21 they were so nicely telling us where there could
22 be grants to help with the expense. I had already
23 spoken or I would have commented further then.

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25 (Whereupon, Commissioner Bazian is present

1 at 12:12 p.m.)

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3 MS. VAN SAVAGE: That's still our money.
4 Whether it comes out of one pocket or another
5 pocket, it's still our taxes, our money, wherever
6 they're getting it from.

7 So I didn't take too kindly to their
8 comments that: Oh, you can get grants.

9 Thank you.

10 And happy, healthy holiday and New Year.

11 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: Thank you.

12 Mr. Soo.

13 MR. SOO: Thank you very much.

14 Good afternoon/good morning. You know, I
15 really, more than commenting, I think you guys
16 know what my opinion is at this point.

17 I'm a little concerned about, I heard that
18 at the last meeting there was approval for the
19 Verona tank that would support what goes on at the
20 Levine Reservoir and I'm wondering if committing
21 to that action, committing to the Verona tank is
22 going to confine the options of where the Levine
23 tank could go.

24 And is there, is it going to -- and, you
25 know -- Joe, you're shaking your head.

1 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: If you'll let us
2 stay with protocol. Finish your comments and I'll
3 have whoever can answer you, answer you.

4 MR. SOO: Thank you.

5 That would be a concern.

6 And, you know, also, there was some
7 discussion when the EPA was here. Fred Sickels
8 talked about how the process was going to be
9 opened up, but I don't know what's the process for
10 opening the process. Interested parties have
11 become listed? Is it just going to be anybody who
12 wants to comment? What's the comment period going
13 to be? You know, how are you going to consider
14 all the different factors? Historic preservation?
15 106 Review? All of that kind of stuff, you know,
16 in that vetting process to understand where that's
17 going to go. So that's my secondary concern.

18 And third, I just, you know, the way I
19 kind of heard things the other night at the EPA
20 meeting is that you were very nicely and politely
21 told that your only option is to do this, you
22 know, what you're being presented with now, you
23 know, tanking Levine. This is the only thing you
24 can do is tank and, you know, close.

25 And I don't know, it didn't feel right.

1 It didn't feel like we're cleaning slate and we're
2 starting anew and we're really considering all the
3 potential options. I felt like we were boxed in
4 more than we were, the alternatives were made
5 available to us.

6 So my question about Verona tanks. If
7 it's going to confine.

8 And what are we going to do for the
9 process, for the public involvement and the
10 comment period.

11 That's my two statements.

12 Thank you.

13 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: May I have a motion
14 to close the public hearing?

15 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: So moved.

16 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Second.

17 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: Mr. Bella, since
18 that's the only question that needs to be answered
19 today, can you address both of those questions
20 starting with the Verona tank?

21 MR. BELLA: The Verona tank won't have any
22 affect. That's more storage that we need to put
23 on that line that serves our southern wholesale
24 customers in a way that is more in keeping with
25 our industry processes. We need more storage on

1 that line. The problem is when the plant is
2 knocked out, you only have minutes to get them on
3 the standby power and be able to pump. It really
4 doesn't have an affect. I mean, in a sense the
5 overall capacity of the system storage helps us
6 out overall, but it doesn't affect the siting.

7 Two: The process which you're talking
8 about, I'm in discussions with the State, the DEP
9 about it and the details of that will come out
10 within a month, I would say. We're just working
11 back and forth how it's going to work out, the
12 details. But all those things are going to be
13 consideration. It's going to be more of a formal
14 process of, you know, being able to get all of the
15 comments and concepts intact, and into, you know,
16 a format that is more formal. But we're working
17 with them and they intend to see that through.

18 MR. SOO: You'll keep us all in the loop?

19 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: Including us
20 Commissioners, because right now the Commission is
21 in a "timeout" as they referred to it. So the
22 ball is in the court of the DEP and EPA. And
23 we're waiting the next step that will come down
24 from them to us as far as our obligation.

25 Yes, George.

1 MR. HANLEY: Just another point that
2 reinforces what's been said is that prior to the
3 time that we broke that out of the, which is a
4 minor point in the ACO, we got to acquiesce and
5 the DEP that they agreed with us that this could
6 be broken out and not be part of the overall
7 project and the language that awarded also.

8 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: All right.

9 MR. SOO: I guess my thought is we didn't
10 want to define the alternatives.

11 MR. HANLEY: We anticipated that issue.

12 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: We're moving onto
13 committee reports.

14 I'll let Commissioner Cleaves go first, if
15 she can hear me. Can you report or do you want
16 somebody else to report for personnel?

17 COMMISSIONER CLEAVES: Someone else,
18 please.

19 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: All right. Who else
20 was at personnel?

21 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: I can report.

22 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: Thank you.

23 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: We went over the
24 agenda. As soon as I can find it. Discussed
25 hires and --

1 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: We have two new
2 hires and one change of title. That's all
3 recommended out of committee?

4 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: All recommended out
5 of committee.

6 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: Unanimously?

7 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: Unanimously. With
8 legal affairs, yes, it was. And Mr. Gallagher
9 also indicated he'll check on the one new hire as
10 to any veterans or anything.

11 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: I appreciate it.

12 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: There were not. And
13 he seemed to think after going through the resumes
14 this person is qualified.

15 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: All right. So I'm
16 assuming that the people have been, well, not the
17 new hires, but certainly the change in title has
18 been Rice noticed.

19 MR. AMODIO: That's correct. Closed
20 session.

21 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: Closed session. So
22 any questions regarding the two new hires and the
23 one change in title, we will have a chance to vet
24 our questions in closed session and then come back
25 to regular session to take an action or table or

1 whatever we're going to do.

2 Okay.

3 While we're on personnel, we talked about
4 this before. We have a policy in place which we
5 adopted in regard to the intern program.
6 Commissioner Bazian was very clear about waiting
7 to start hiring people under that program until
8 the new budget year starts, which is January. So
9 may I have a motion from someone to authorize Mr.
10 Bella to go ahead and start filling the intern
11 program as per the guidelines that we adopted and
12 as per the guidelines and the budget which we will
13 be adopting.

14 So can I have a motion?

15 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: So moved.

16 COMMISSIONER GRADDY: Second.

17 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: Second by
18 Commissioner Graddy.

19 If anybody needs a copy of that policy,
20 I've asked Louis to have them here so that just in
21 case you may have forgotten what our policy was,
22 you can pick one up from Louis.

23 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: Can I get a copy?

24 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: In fact, just pass
25 them out, Louis.

1 MR. AMODIO: Roll call.

2 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: I'm going to
3 abstain because --

4 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: You're just
5 authorizing Joe to hire the interns based on the
6 parameters of this.

7 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: Okay. I approve.
8 I vote yes.

9 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: I knew you would.

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

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14 MR. AMODIO: Motion approved.

15 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: Okay. Joe, so I
16 know you have some good candidates that we've had
17 before and new ones that will come forward and
18 you'll keep us posted at the next meeting,
19 especially through personnel how that's going.

20 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: Was the pay always
21 13 bucks?

22 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: Yes, yes.

23 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: I didn't know. I
24 was just asking. I thought it was 16 or 18.

25 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: No, it is what it

1 is. It comes straight from our... No raises.
2 It's a great opportunity.

3 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: I didn't want
4 raises. I just want to know if it changed.

5 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: Not at all.

6 Moving on. Finance.

7 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: We did not have a
8 meeting this week, but pretty much standard. We
9 have bills which came through. We have the
10 Resolution for the budget that we have to approve.

11 Overtime overall is down approximately
12 four percent through the month of November. I'm
13 actually looking forward to January and comparing
14 it year to year.

15 I think that it might not be a bad idea
16 next year because now we have a comparison of
17 hours from year to year, so that actually is a
18 better measure as to whether we're going up or
19 down rather than dollars. Next year we should
20 closely review what happened this year and see if
21 there's anything that we can do to bring down some
22 of the increases.

23 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: Sounds like a
24 wonderful goal and I appreciate not having a
25 meeting. You've ran such a tight meeting the

1 other 11 months that we were really ahead of
2 schedule, so we didn't even need an extra meeting.

3 And I just want to point out that we were
4 wrapping up everything that we worked so hard on
5 this year, so all the committees and all the chair
6 people are to be complimented for making that
7 happen. So the new chair who will be sitting here
8 in January will have a clean slate to start with
9 because everything will be wrapped up.

10 IT.

11 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Nothing to report.

12 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: Nothing on that.

13 Legal affairs.

14 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Oh, I'm sorry.

15 There is something to report on IT.

16 Jim, the website, are we ready to go live?

17 MR. DUPREY: It is -- oh, I'm sorry, at
18 the end of this meeting it will be available for
19 review. If you like it, we'll authorize to go
20 live. We're ready.

21 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: We're ready to go.
22 Hopefully, right after this meeting the new
23 Passaic Valley Water Commission website will be
24 online.

25 Thank you for reminding me about getting

1 things done.

2 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: I'm glad I'm not
3 going to have to be sitting here worrying about
4 how my hair looks. Right?

5 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: I was thinking that
6 before, your hair, it actually looks nice.

7 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: See what happens
8 when you go out, Commissioner.

9 Thank you for the compliment.

10 Executive Director's report.

11 MR. AMODIO: Nothing for legal affairs?

12 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: Legal affairs.

13 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: I'm sorry.

14 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: We had a rather
15 lengthy meeting. Went over all of the
16 applications and resumes for quite some time and
17 there was more than one qualified person, but the
18 person that we all agreed upon unanimously to
19 select seemed to fit our needs best based on the
20 different experience they have. So it's been
21 budgeted for January, so that's where we are.

22 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: All right. If
23 there's any questions, we'll cover that in closed
24 session. But I thank you for that hard work
25 because it's been two years in the making. The

1 first year we had budgeted for it, but we didn't
2 go through the process. You people on, which
3 includes Commissioner Cleaves was on that
4 committee, the legal affairs and you guys worked
5 very hard to pull it together. So by the end of
6 today, we will be moving forward on another goal
7 of ours. So thank you all.

8 All right. Now, Joe, Executive Director's
9 report.

10 MR. BELLA: We're moving forward with all
11 of our capital projects. Everything so far is
12 coming in pretty much on budget. We're about
13 halfway done with the cleaning and lining which
14 will start up in the spring again in Paterson.
15 And the work at the plant is going very well. And
16 some of the work that we did to lead up to this is
17 working much better than we would have expected,
18 than we had hoped with very little down time with
19 the treatment plant and that kind of thing.

20 And the work down at the treatment plant,
21 in fact, I have some pictures. I'll put them up
22 at the end of the meeting, putting in the ambient
23 air vaporizers. The savings we expect is about
24 \$500 a day on that. And much more efficient in
25 terms of evaporating the liquid oxygen making it a

1 gaseous state. So that's very good.

2 The other thing that I'm really happy
3 about is the amount of hydrants we put in. It's a
4 record amount of hydrants. We're in a big hydrant
5 replacement program keeping them up to speed,
6 getting rid of some of the more old antiquated
7 ones with machine parts and that kind of thing.
8 So those are the kind of issues that we're moving
9 forward rather rapidly.

10 Water quality has been excellent and we
11 have no major problems in the system.

12 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: And when we're
13 replacing the hydrants, we have that pilot program
14 that we're working with the owner cities' fire
15 departments. So I'm assuming that --

16 MR. BELLA: That will start in January.

17 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: So as you're putting
18 in the new ones, everybody's got the same.

19 MR. BELLA: The owner cities, the fire
20 departments considered putting owner hydrants
21 equipment. And it saves them a few minutes and
22 maybe more sometimes from going the old standard
23 threads to a hose that just takes a quarter turn
24 to lock it in. We had some concerns about it.

25 We're going to do a pilot study over the

1 next year. We're going to put a hundred of these
2 in each of the owner cities and then we're going
3 to see how they work. We're going to try to put
4 them in areas where they're going to be used and,
5 you know, check things like, reliability; how they
6 hold up. Theft is a problem. It's unbelievable.
7 Scrap metal just disappears and stuff like that.
8 And how we can deal with that. So there are
9 concerns.

10 At the end of that time, within a year or
11 two, we'll come back to the Commission for a
12 recommendation of whether or not we should go
13 through and do the whole system. The whole system
14 probably costs about \$800,000 to do all 5,000 to
15 7,000 hydrants in the system. And we've kind of
16 worked out if we do do it, when they do their
17 inspection, put them on for us so it won't be a
18 burden.

19 It's a really good cooperative effort and
20 we worked really well and the fire departments
21 worked really well with us.

22 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: Which I think will
23 bode well for everybody who lives in those three
24 cities and the insurance rates that everybody pays
25 for that kind of thing, as well as the safety.

1 They just had a major fire where one person died;
2 the other was rescued. Every second does count.

3 MR. BELLA: Just as an a side, one of the
4 things came out of these meetings aside from the
5 hydrants, we're trying to -- when I used to work
6 in my first job in business, one thing every
7 fireman had to go through the treatment plant and
8 through our, you know, the yard where we did the
9 maintenance so they can get an understanding what
10 it takes to get the water to the hydrants so they
11 can fight a fire. So any new kid that's coming in
12 will go through that kind of training, part of
13 their training.

14 COMMISSIONER GRADDY: Joe, what did we do
15 with the old scrap?

16 MR. BELLA: Scrap.

17 COMMISSIONER GRADDY: We scrap them
18 ourselves?

19 MR. BELLA: Yeah, we put them in the back
20 and do like an auction and then they come and
21 scrap and take them out. Whoever wins it, comes
22 and takes it.

23 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: How much does it
24 weigh?

25 MR. BELLA: Four to 600 pounds probably.

1 The whole thing, remember when we take we're not
2 taking a top out, it's the valve and the whole
3 thing.

4 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: When you take the
5 next one, would you please invite Commissioner
6 Sanchez, and I'd like to go too. I'd like to see
7 how everything runs. I'm willing to go.

8 All right. We have Mr. Eichenbaum here on
9 the (b) question which is the revenue bonds.

10 Anybody have any questions in regard to
11 that?

12 MR. EICHENBAUM: Good afternoon,
13 everybody. The Resolution you have before you is
14 a proposed project that the Commission has been
15 working on for this year. The project's been
16 financed through the 2015 NJEIT Program for new
17 generators. I believe bids are out or are about
18 to go out. I expect them to come back some time
19 in January with an authorization to award by the
20 end of January.

21 Basically, in order for the Commission to
22 be in the 2015 EIT Program, the DEP has to
23 authorize the award by February 1. It's my
24 understanding from the Engineering Department that
25 they expect to meet that deadline and get the bids

1 in and get DEP to approve by then.

2 If by chance they can't meet that
3 deadline, I would be back to you probably in
4 February to instead do a note issue for a year and
5 then the bonds would be in the 2016 program versus
6 the 2015 program.

7 Basically, we don't have any control over
8 the DEP and EIT dates. They have a cutoff date
9 based upon what can go into the program, but they
10 still make very low interest money available if
11 you have to do an interim note. You basically
12 have to wait and see.

13 The guidance I got was based upon what
14 they think was going. The LFP would approve the
15 Resolution to issue bonds or notes. Do it now.
16 Get the waiting period started and hope the bonds
17 are the ones going to be issued.

18 That's it.

19 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: I just want to make
20 sure. This is the same question I asked when the
21 question with the Verona tanks came up. This was
22 originally considered to be part of the whole
23 capping of the reservoir covering project which is
24 now on hold for the moment. I want to make sure
25 this is for the emergency power generation. Okay.

1 MR. HANLEY: I was not aware of this so I
2 couldn't answer.

3 MR. BELLA: In the e-mail that we sent
4 they did both.

5 MR. HANLEY: Oh, you know what, I
6 interpreted that as being part of the Verona tank.

7 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: Yes, exactly.

8 MR. HANLEY: The answer is yes.

9 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Okay. So it's not
10 part of the reservoir?

11 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: And I think it's
12 important because Miss Van Savage brought up the
13 point we're very, very careful about how we spend
14 money and where we can get money to offset the
15 cost of these things that need to be done in
16 capital improvement.

17 We have been very successful in this EIT
18 Program, thanks to the diligence of our
19 Engineering Department and Mr. Bella. And if we
20 don't get that money, it's going to some other
21 community and some other project. So I really
22 appreciate everybody being aggressive and making
23 sure that we're going to meet that February date.
24 Whatever extra help you need to make that happen,
25 you let us know, because I really don't think we

1 should be going, even though we can go the second
2 route, the more prudent, physically responsible
3 route would be this one.

4 MR. EICHENBAUM: Once again, if you don't
5 meet the deadline for this year, you're still in
6 the program for next year.

7 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: Yeah, I know.

8 MR. EICHENBAUM: The program is there.
9 It's always making very low interest money
10 available and they changed several years ago so
11 that they have these loans available so people can
12 be ready at any time so they can provide cheap
13 money.

14 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: So you're assuring
15 me that it's no extra advantage whether we meet
16 the February date or not.

17 MR. EICHENBAUM: I can't say that.

18 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: Personally.

19 MR. EICHENBAUM: The major advantage is
20 that, one, if you meet the February date, you lock
21 in whatever the current rates would be in 2015
22 rather than not knowing what they'll be for 2016.

23 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: Exactly.

24 MR. EICHENBAUM: If you had to do an
25 interim note and then do bonding for 2016, you do

1 have the additional cost of billing two separate
2 sets of debt each year. So it is financially
3 better if you can do it sooner than later.

4 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: Exactly. I just
5 wanted Engineering to know that whatever extra
6 help you need, all you have to do is ask. We know
7 how everybody is spread here. So whatever you
8 need, you got it.

9 MR. DUPREY: Thank you.

10 MR. AMODIO: We need a motion.

11 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: Oh, we need a motion.
12 I'm sorry.

13 MR. SOO: Is there public question on this?

14 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: No.

15 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: So move.

16 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: Second?

17 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Second.

18 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: Roll call.

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20 (Roll call was taken, all Commissioners
21 respond in the affirmative. Commissioner Levine
22 abstained)

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24 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: Abstain.

25 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: Yes, as explained.

1 MR. AMODIO: Motion approved.

2 MR. WEISS: Cash on hand is \$14 million.

3 Our accounts receivable is \$13.1 million.

4 Our 30 days or less accounts receivable

5 are 12.2 million -- 12.3 million. It's about

6 93 percent.

7 Our accounts payable currently is 2.6

8 million.

9 Cash collections remain strong. We
10 anticipate no issues with refilling our reserves
11 before the end of the year.

12 You got in front of you two Resolutions.
13 One is to adopt the 2015 budget and along with
14 that is the rate Resolution for 2015. Again, the
15 only change to the rates as they were approved
16 last year for the five years, you have a five year
17 rate Resolution is that some of the rates for this
18 year were dropped by one percent.

19 That's it.

20 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: The increase was
21 dropped?

22 MR. WEISS: The increase was dropped by
23 one percent, yes.

24 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: And that became
25 possible because of the savings that we were able

1 to put together this past year and we unanimously
2 decided to pass that on to the ratepayers.

3 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: If I may, I'd like
4 to commend the finance committee who did work very
5 hard on this and going through all the members --

6 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: Can you speak
7 louder, Commissioner? I'm sorry.

8 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: I'm sorry.
9 I'm saying the finance committee worked
10 very hard on this budget, not only to save money
11 but to determine what they were going to do. As
12 you know, it's always a constant pull, what do we
13 do towards rate abatement, what do we do towards
14 capital given that we have 600 miles of piping
15 that has to be replaced over time. For me, it was
16 a very, very good experience working with Yitz and
17 my colleagues on the committee and I just want to
18 thank them for their efforts.

19 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: Are you part of the
20 committee?

21 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: He's the chairperson
22 and he's very, very tough.

23 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: But I'm only one of
24 three and one of seven sitting around here.
25 You're just trying to bust my chops.

1 respond in the affirmative)

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3 MR. AMODIO: Thank you.

4 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: Before we go into
5 closed session. This is our annual charity drive.
6 Yitz is here today if anybody cares to make a
7 donation before they leave, see him.

8 Can I have a motion for closed session?

9 MR. AMODIO: Motion for closed session?

10 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Move it.

11 MR. AMODIO: By Commissioner Bazian.

12 Do I have a second?

13 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: Second.

14 MR. AMODIO: By Commissioner DeVita.

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

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

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

22 1. The public shall be excluded from
23 discussion of the hereinafter specified subject
24 matters; the general nature of the subject matter
25 being: Financial, Insurance, Personnel,

1 Contracts, Negotiations, Security, Law: We have
2 Summary/Aging Reports; North Arlington; McManimon,
3 Scotland; PVWC 2015 NJEIT Financing; Beirut
4 Restaurant.

5 Under Personnel, we have title change for
6 Lisa Bresemann. We have New Hire: Yaacov Brisman
7 - Attorney; and Nancy Rivera - Keyboarding Clerk.

8 Under Administration, we have Project
9 15-P-11 "Risk Manager Services" and 15-P-12
10 "Insurance Agent Services for Property, Casualty,
11 Auto, and Excess Liability".

12 Items 3 and 4 will be held until next
13 month.

14 And any other matter as may be discussed
15 in camera.

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

21 3. This Resolution shall take effect
22 immediately.

23 Second by Commissioner Bazian.

24 On the roll.
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1 (Roll call was taken, all Commissioners
2 respond in the affirmative)

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6 MR. AMODIO: We'll do roll call for open
7 session.

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

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12 MR. AMODIO: Thank you.

13 You have a quorum.

14 The time is 1:12 p.m.

15 We'll do our Consent Agenda.

16 We have Minutes of Passaic Valley Water in
17 camera and Regular Public Meeting held
18 November 25th, 2014, and PVWC Special Meeting held
19 November 17th, 2014.

20 Do I have a motion?

21 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: So moved.

22 MR. AMODIO: By Commissioner Sanchez.

23 Do I have a second?

24 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Second.

25 MR. AMODIO: By Commissioner Bazian.

1 On the roll.

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3 (Roll call was taken, all Commissioners
4 respond in the affirmative. Commissioner Levine
5 is out of the room)

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7 MR. AMODIO: Next: Does the Chair accept,
8 receive, and file Miscellaneous Purchase Orders
9 placed by Linda Beckering for the period from
10 November 17th, 2014, to December 7, 2014.

11 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: Yes.

12 MR. AMODIO: We'll move through. If you'd
13 like to do one vote for Requests For Action and
14 Resolutions. Would that be okay?

15 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: Yes.

16 MR. AMODIO: Commissioner Bazian, contract
17 with Dell, would you like that separate?

18 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Yes, please.

19 MR. AMODIO: We will do that first.

20 State contract procurement of computer
21 equipment with Dell Marketing, LP in the amount of
22 \$7,692.84.

23 Do I have a motion?

24 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: So moved.

25 MR. AMODIO: By Commissioner Sanchez.

1 Do I have a second?

2 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: Second.

3 MR. AMODIO: By Commissioner DeVita.

4 On the roll.

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6 (Roll call was taken, all Commissioners
7 respond in the affirmative. Commissioner Bazian
8 abstained. Commissioner Levine is out of the
9 room)

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11 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Abstain.

12 MR. AMODIO: I will do the rest now.

13 We have State contract, three-year lease
14 of two desktop copier/printer for the Personnel
15 Department with Xerox Corporation for a total of
16 \$6,861.60.

17 Next: We have Contract #14-B-29 "Liquid
18 Ferric Sulfate" Recommendation to award a
19 one-year contract to Kemira Water Solutions, Inc.
20 of Lawrence, Kansas in the amount of \$1,448,000.

21 Next: We have Contract #14-B-39
22 "Maintenance of HVAC Equipment of Services
23 Systems" Recommendations to award a two-year
24 contract to Power Service Company, Incorporated of
25 Cedar Grove in the amount of \$152,000.

1 We have Resolution authorizing an
2 Interlocal Services Agreement with the City of
3 Paterson Fire Hydrant Testing and Inspection
4 Services for the water distribution system in the
5 amount of \$198,100 per year for a period of five
6 years.

7 Next: We have a Resolution authorizing a
8 Cooperative Purchase Agreement for the County of
9 Passaic to use Millennium Communications Group of
10 East Hanover, New Jersey to provide Fiber Optic
11 Cable and Connections for PVWC's Remote Facilities
12 and Security Camera Feed in the amount of
13 \$125,902.05.

14 Next: We have a Resolution authorizing a
15 Shared Services Agreement with USGS in the amount
16 \$56,525.00.

17 Discussion?

18 Motion?

19 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Move it.

20 MR. AMODIO: Second by Commissioner
21 Sanchez.

22 On the roll.

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

1 is out of the room)

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3 MR. AMODIO: Thank you. Motion approved.

4 We'll go with recommendations from closed
5 session.

6 We'll go to Personnel first:

7 Title change: Lisa Bresemann - Title
8 change to Analyst Trainee/TA.

9 Proposed salary of \$60,000.

10 Proposed range of \$40,000 to \$67,000.

11 Move onto New Hires:

12 We have Nancy Rivera - Keyboarding Clerk
13 1/TA.

14 Proposed salary of \$32,000.

15 Proposed range of \$15,023 to \$52,670.

16 Last, we have Yaacov Brisman - Attorney.

17 Proposed salary of \$55,000.

18 Corrected proposed range of \$50,000 to
19 \$55,000.

20 No benefits shall be provided as required
21 by the statute.

22 Next: We have Project --

23 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: Can we do those
24 first?

25 MR. AMODIO: Okay.

1 Move by Commissioner DeVita.

2 MR. AMODIO: Do I have a second?

3 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: Second.

4 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: Discussion on the
5 motion.

6 On the attorney, it's my understanding
7 that we are going to be able to rely less on
8 outside consultants now that we have somebody
9 that's going to be assisting George with his work.
10 Am I correct? So if I'm lucky enough to be on
11 finance committee, I'm going to be tracking that
12 because I think that's an important point. It
13 helps George out. It gives us somebody inhouse
14 and we have the ability to save money because
15 we're not going to outside consultants.

16 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: That's the sole
17 reason.

18 MR. AMODIO: Any further discussion?

19 On the roll.

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21 (Roll call was taken, all Commissioners
22 respond in the affirmative. Commissioner Levine
23 is absent)

24 MR. AMODIO: Thank you.

25 Motion approved.

1 Next: We have Project 15-P-11 "Risk
2 Manager Services" Recommendation to award to Brown
3 & Brown Metro in the amount of \$15,000.

4 And Project 15-P-12 "Insurance Agent
5 Services For Property, Casualty, Auto, and Excess
6 Liability" Recommendation to award to Anthony S.
7 Cupo Agency at a rate of three percent.

8 Do I have a motion?

9 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: So moved.

10 MR. AMODIO: By Commissioner Sanchez.

11 Do I have a second?

12 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Second.

13 MR. AMODIO: By Commissioner Bazian.

14 On the roll.

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

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20 MR. AMODIO: Move onto New Business.

21 Summary of Disbursements & Payrolls for
22 December 17th, 2014, in the amount of
23 \$4,756,373.20.

24 Would the Treasurer like to make a motion?

25 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Move it.

1 MR. AMODIO: Thank you.

2 Second?

3 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: Second.

4 MR. AMODIO: By Commissioner DeVita.

5 On the roll.

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7 (Roll call was taken, all Commissioners
8 present respond in the affirmative. Commissioner
9 Levine is absent)

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11 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Abstain on Dell.

12 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: Abstain on Rachles
13 Michele.

14 MR. AMODIO: That is it.

15 Did we decide on a new meeting date for
16 January?

17 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: Yes. January 21st
18 at 12:00.

19 MR. HANLEY: Just to let you know, I will
20 not be here because I'll be in another country.

21 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: Last time you sent
22 us someone to cover.

23 MR. AMODIO: We'll have a new attorney.

24 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: Perfect. Perfect.
25 He'll get his feet wet. I won't be in the chair

1 anymore, but I remember I gave George a hard time
2 last time. I said: You don't need it. He said:
3 Trust me, you will. And we did.

4 MR. AMODIO: Under Good and Welfare:
5 Happy Holidays to everybody. Have a Happy and
6 Healthy New Year as well.

7 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: Same to you.

8 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: Motion to adjourn?

9 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Motion to adjourn.

10 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: Second.

11 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: We have to take a
12 quick look at the website.

13 Here we go.

14 MR. AMODIO: We have Marisah Potkalesky
15 coming over. She actually worked very hard on
16 this project.

17 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: So basically, here's
18 the website.

19 The first thing I wanted to show you is
20 that this website --

21 COMMISSIONER CLEAVES: Excuse me, Jim.
22 You're in my way.

23 MR. DUPREY: Oh, I'm sorry.

24 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: The first thing I
25 want to show you is this is what they call a

1 Responsive Website. It's responsive in that if
2 you're looking at it on a phone, you'll get a menu
3 like this. But if you're looking at it on a
4 computer, you get a menu like this. So this is
5 now what they call a mobile friendly website which
6 our old site was not. It's been totally
7 redesigned with menus. As you can see, we can
8 take a look at billing and payment, for example.
9 Got to pay my bill and that takes --

10 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: Happy Holidays to
11 all of you.

12 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: Okay. Thank you,
13 Commissioner. Enjoy.

14 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: Now, you don't have
15 to come here. You can do it all online.

16 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Everything that
17 we've had before is there.

18 We'll do this very quickly.

19 They got some good graphics in water
20 quality showing how the process works.

21 Okay.

22 You have the ability to feedback by
23 clicking on the Feedback button. Okay. Nice
24 little popup over there.

25 I mean, as you can see, the website, just

1 to give you a brief overview is: Looks a lot
2 better; runs a lot better. We finally have a
3 professionally looking website.

4 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: Thank you to
5 everybody that's been involved and working so
6 hard.

7 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Jim Duprey, I
8 believe, lead it up from the staff point of view.
9 And Marisah, of course. And of course the IT
10 committee, as you know that Commissioner
11 Kolodziej, we've been involved in the whole
12 process in getting it done.

13 So welcome to the 21st century website of
14 the Passaic Valley Water Commission.

15 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: Congratulations.

16 MR. AMODIO: Just for the record,
17 Commissioner Cleaves clicked off. She wishes
18 everyone a Happy, Healthy Holiday.

19 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Motion to adjourn.

20 MR. AMODIO: Second by Commissioner
21 DeVita.

22 Hearing no objections, meeting adjourned
23 at 1:24 p.m.

24 Thank you, everyone.
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