

## PASSAIC VALLEY WATER COMMISSION MEETING OF

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

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LOUIS AMODIO, Administrative Secretary

1 PRESIDENT CLEAVES: Meeting called to  
2 order.

3 MR. AMODIO: Thank you.

4 Commissioner Sanchez and Bazian are  
5 running late. They will be here. Commissioner  
6 Levine, I know I saw him.

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

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11 MR. AMODIO: Thank you.

12 You have a quorum.

13 The time is 12:07 p.m.

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

22 Will you please rise.

23 Commissioner Cleaves.

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25 (Pledge of Allegiance)

1 MR. AMODIO: We have members of the  
2 public.

3 PRESIDENT CLEAVES: Good afternoon,  
4 members of the public.

5 Dana Williams.

6 MS. WILLIAMS: Yes, I'm here. Good  
7 afternoon.

8 PRESIDENT CLEAVES: No comments today?

9 MS. WILLIAMS: No comments. Just thank  
10 you for being here.

11 PRESIDENT CLEAVES: Thank you.

12 Mr. Linteris.

13 MR. LINTERIS: Bill Linteris, Passaic  
14 County Board of Realtors. Glad to be here also.

15 I want to first thank Commissioner DeVita  
16 for all the support and best wishes in the future.

17 And I'm here just for an update to find  
18 out where we are with the various projects for the  
19 LT2 compliance.

20 PRESIDENT CLEAVES: Thank you.

21 Mr. Soo.

22 MR. SOO: Good morning, Commissioners or  
23 good afternoon, Commissioners. Members of the  
24 public. Staff.

25 Commissioner, Madam Chair.

1 PRESIDENT CLEAVES: Yes, sir.

2 MR. SOO: I have a presentation board and  
3 I'd like to talk for a couple of minutes. Is that  
4 okay? I'll be as brief as I possibly can. I  
5 think it's really important for everybody to see  
6 this.

7 PRESIDENT CLEAVES: Okay. But if I reel  
8 you in, I'm not being rude. I just would like to  
9 move on with the meeting. Okay.

10 MR. SOO: I understand, Madam Chair, and  
11 I'm letting you know in advance.

12 PRESIDENT CLEAVES: Okay.

13 MR. SOO: Okay. So the Levine Reservoir  
14 has been much a topic of discussion and the  
15 situation of the tanks has been discussed largely  
16 in relationship to Grand Street. And the  
17 mitigation has been, from my understanding at the  
18 meeting the other night, was to situate the tanks  
19 further away from Grand Street.

20 What I have here is a 1995 trail map of  
21 the area around the reservoir between the ridge  
22 and the reservoir. And I'm showing this is the  
23 national park. This is the park itself. And  
24 there is a trail up there, which is just the  
25 beginning of renovations up there, and that trail

1 will be reopened in the spring. They're halfway  
2 done renovating it.

3 And I want people to understand that when  
4 the tanks go in, it's not going to be that they  
5 are viewed from Grand Street or as the  
6 presentation said, they talk about the view of the  
7 tanks from the parking lot at Overlook Park where  
8 the waterfall is, it's the land directly adjacent  
9 to the reservoir, right next to it. The fence  
10 comes right up against this land is the national  
11 park and it is going to be used by the public.  
12 And this trail is just the beginning.

13 And I would like, if people can or cannot  
14 see the Post-its and the writing on here is very  
15 small, I'd like to try and describe it so we  
16 really get a clear picture. And I hope everybody  
17 can see: Here's the Great Falls over here.  
18 Right. Here's Spruce Street running down. And  
19 this is the bridge over here. Everybody knows  
20 Libby's Lunch. It's probably as identified as the  
21 Great Falls. Here's the reservoir. And I put  
22 this on the fence line. The reservoir is right  
23 here. Here's Grand Street and here's Spruce and  
24 Market Street.

25 So they have a trail system that they've

1 opened up that goes around the waterfall. That  
2 trail system will connect right here across the  
3 street from Libby's where the gatehouse is to the  
4 upper raceway. And the upper raceway runs along  
5 here and it switches back there and goes this way  
6 to the middle raceway. It drops down a level.

7 So up here at this green line is a ridge,  
8 a stone ridge. And it's like the cliffs that you  
9 see anywhere along the ridges of Garret Mountain  
10 or over by the Vistas or anyplace like that. And  
11 this trail is going to run along the ridge.

12 I talked to the superintendent. He said  
13 that the soil has eroded a little bit and this is  
14 actually where the ridge is going to be and so  
15 people will walk up here. This is green acres  
16 land across the street from Libby's. They'll go  
17 up the trail. Up some stairs. Get to the corner  
18 of the ridge here. Walk all the way through and  
19 then when they get to this opening end here, the  
20 trail instead of bending into the woods, they're  
21 going to have it run in the open here and it's  
22 going to be in direct view of the reservoir and  
23 the proposed tanks.

24 So I don't think it's possible to mitigate  
25 the visual of tanks, small tank farm, just a

1           hundred feet away. It's like looking out the  
2           window across the parking lot here.

3                   So I think we have to really be very  
4           considerate of the fact that this is a national  
5           park. This is going to be a heavily utilized area  
6           of the national park. This is just the beginning  
7           of the development of this area. It's going to  
8           bring people, visitors up here.

9                   So it's not what was presented the other  
10          night on Tuesday night at the NJCDC offices that  
11          they're saying you can't see it from the parking  
12          lot down at the Great Falls or you can't see it  
13          from Grand Street. That's not where it's going to  
14          be. That's not the discussion.

15                   The discussion is right up here. Right  
16          next to the reservoir. Taking away a contributing  
17          resource which is the reservoir, an adverse  
18          effect. And then capping and installing the tanks  
19          which will be another adverse effect that's in the  
20          landmark historic district and this is our  
21          national park.

22                   And I just for emphasis, you know, there  
23          are other national parks: Jamestown, Yosemite,  
24          Arlington, Lowell, Gettysburg. These are all  
25          national parks. Paterson is a national park.

1 Right here. It has the same status as any of  
2 those other national parks. It happens to be the  
3 newest national park in the United States.

4 So all the congressmen and all the  
5 senators that voted to put this park here, they're  
6 still here. And if we blight the park with these  
7 tanks, we will be sending a message to the entire  
8 nation, all the representatives that voted to  
9 support this national park, to create this  
10 opportunity for our community for this region, and  
11 we're going to say: We don't care enough about it  
12 ourselves. We would let this happen. Because  
13 I'll tell you, if it was New York City, it  
14 wouldn't be happening. Ellis Island, New Jersey  
15 wanted to turn it into condos.

16  
17 (Whereupon, Commissioner Bazian is present  
18 at 12:15 p.m.)

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20 PRESIDENT CLEAVES: Thank you, Mr. Soo.

21 MR. SOO: Thank you, Madam Chair.

22 If there's any questions, I'll be happy to  
23 answer them. I can make a duplicate of this board  
24 and have it circulated.

25 PRESIDENT CLEAVES: Thank you.

1 Bob Guarasci.

2 MR. GUARASCI: Yes, good afternoon. I'm  
3 going to stay seated because my back is not  
4 cooperating.

5 PRESIDENT CLEAVES: Fine, fine.

6 MR. GUARASCI: I want to comment today on  
7 the public outreach effort that is underway.  
8 First is to point to acknowledge that the effort  
9 is helping. It is helping. However, I have to  
10 comment on the process. I was pleased when the  
11 RFP first went out because it called for six  
12 public sessions. Unfortunately, only two were  
13 held and I think we need the others because the  
14 attendance was limited at the first two, including  
15 a driving rainstorm.

16 I also want to say that I think that it  
17 was amiss, and I know that Joe Getz disagrees with  
18 this, that no surveys were printed in Spanish.  
19 Levine is in Paterson. Paterson is a Latino  
20 majority city. For there to be no surveys in  
21 Spanish is culturally insensitive. Yes, there is  
22 a Spanish translation on the website, but that  
23 presumes that one has access to a computer and  
24 that's frequently not the case.

25 Lastly, please know that meeting with the

1 public outreach skepticism about the process and  
2 decision to utilize tanks is widespread. Just  
3 yesterday the Commission received the following  
4 e-mail from Dr. Patricia O'Connor and I'll read it  
5 only in part:

6 Although PVWC has grudgingly accepted the  
7 necessity for public comment on the "tank" plans  
8 it developed in secret and took great care to try  
9 to keep secret, neither I nor anyone I know with  
10 an interest in this issue has any evidence that  
11 PVWC is doing impartial data collection. I  
12 received notice of the November 19th "workshop" on  
13 Levine less than three days before the meeting (a  
14 tactic that appears designed to decrease  
15 attendance, especially by those of us opposing  
16 this project). I am writing this as well as  
17 completing your online survey because it is  
18 obvious that the survey is designed to attempt to  
19 generate the results that the PVWC has already  
20 decided it wants to see. As an effort to prevent  
21 PVWC from obtaining the whitewash its tactics are  
22 designed to secure, I will be forwarding my  
23 comments below to the Board of Public Utilities as  
24 well as to local politicians.

25 And that was just part of a much more

1 extensive series of comments that Dr. O'Connor  
2 offered. I brought copies of that today and I  
3 think Lou has it.

4 Apparently, no notice ever went out with  
5 the monthly bills advertising the forums I was  
6 promised back in September.

7 At the forums, one of the attendees said,  
8 and I'm paraphrasing: Who is the PVWC to tell us  
9 that they need to spend our money to do this to  
10 protect our public health. Government doesn't  
11 tell the people what to do. In this country, the  
12 people tell the government what to do.

13 In other words, told eventually the cost  
14 of the tanks will add about \$50 a year to people's  
15 bills and she said that \$50 is a difference  
16 between buying her son clothes or skipping  
17 medications.

18 As the next step, NJCDC is going to host a  
19 meeting with legislators and council members from  
20 the effective communities in January in which we  
21 will invite the general public to come out and  
22 offer additional public comment. I would like to  
23 schedule this in cooperation with this Commission.

24 Also, keep in mind that Assistant  
25 Commissioner Dan Kennedy has said repeatedly that

1           this Commission can request more time than what is  
2           in the Amended Administrative Consent Order.  
3           There's now a February date that was there, but  
4           this Commission, if it wishes to, can ask for more  
5           time and the Assistant Commissioner said to me  
6           directly that he would be inclined to grant it in  
7           order to allow this Commission to make up for the  
8           issues of the past and to continue this public  
9           process and public outreach. And I urge this  
10          Commission to in fact not be bound by the February  
11          deadline and to request an extension so that we  
12          can continue to discuss this in a way that  
13          ultimately will allow an informed decision to be  
14          made.

15                   Thank you.

16                   PRESIDENT CLEAVES: Thank you.

17                   MR. AMODIO: Motion to close public  
18          section.

19                   COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: So moved.

20                   MR. AMODIO: By Commissioner Kolodziej.  
21          Second?

22                   COMMISSIONER DeVITA: Second.

23                   MR. AMODIO: By Commissioner DeVita.

24          Commissioner Sanchez is not here.

25                   PRESIDENT CLEAVES: I'm sorry, they got

1 here once it started. I'm not sure if they wanted  
2 to speak or not.

3 CHIEF POSTORINO: I understand we're here  
4 in case there's questions with what's on the  
5 agenda as it relates to confined space and we're  
6 here to answer any questions.

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

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11 MR. AMODIO: Moving on.

12 We have committee reports.

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14 (Whereupon, Commissioner Sanchez is  
15 present at 12:22 p.m.)

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17 MR. AMODIO: Personnel.

18 COMMISSIONER GRADDY: Madam President, the  
19 personnel committee met and we discussed several  
20 hires that have been brought to us from our  
21 Executive Director and having vetted these people,  
22 I am bringing today to this Board two hires and  
23 one promotion.

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25 I understand there's money in the budget  
for the new hires and for the promotion. One's a

1 laborer and a pump station attendant and a water  
2 treatment plant operator.

3 Mr. Bella might want to embellish that a  
4 bit in terms of what position he takes. I  
5 understand that the positions are open.

6 MR. BELLA: Water treatment plant  
7 operator, we're short two water treatment plant  
8 operators.

9 COMMISSIONER GRADDY: That's it. I bring  
10 it to this Board for action.

11 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: I just have a  
12 comment because we've been working on the budget,  
13 you know, what we approved last month and trying  
14 to keep very tight.

15 I'm going to have no problem with the  
16 recommendation of the committee today, but going  
17 forward I may have a problem. My concern is, and  
18 it's right here in our minutes. I asked at the  
19 last meeting and I'm going to ask again today,  
20 that we take our current T.O. and we see where all  
21 these vacant positions that we have filled are  
22 going because my concern is we worked so hard to  
23 reduce the workforce. Personally, I don't want to  
24 see us going back in the same direction.

25 So I would hope that the personnel

1           committee could honor my request and by the  
2           December meeting have Mr. Bella give us or you  
3           first, that T.O.

4                     And also, because we will be dealing with  
5           new positions, and he explained at finance  
6           yesterday the reason why they're needed because of  
7           the succession problem with people retiring,  
8           however, that means we're going to have to change  
9           our T.O.

10                    So I think that we will be starting with a  
11           clean slate in January. Your committee, in my  
12           opinion, has been one of the best personnel  
13           committees that I have been privileged to work  
14           with. This is not a criticism. This is just  
15           something that I need personally so that going  
16           forward from here I'm not going to be a rubber  
17           stamp until I see where those positions are; how  
18           many are vacant; where the new positions are going  
19           to go; and perhaps if we can consolidate  
20           positions. We talked about that yesterday. Just  
21           because you get a promotion that doesn't  
22           necessarily, in my experience, mean less work. It  
23           means more money, but maybe more work.

24                    So if your committee would just do me the  
25           courtesy of doing that for next month, I would

1                   greatly appreciate it.

2                   COMMISSIONER GRADDY: Commissioner, I  
3 appreciate the compliment. Your point is well  
4 taken.

5                   COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: Thank you.

6                   PRESIDENT CLEAVES: Commissioner DeVita.

7                   COMMISSIONER DeVITA: If I may? I have a  
8 question.

9                   We had two personnel meetings last month.  
10 I was at one, not the other. I'm going to assume  
11 that all of these comply with the resolution we  
12 passed and everything else for the hiring. Right?

13                  COMMISSIONER GRADDY: I believe so, yes.

14                  COMMISSIONER DeVITA: Okay. I just want  
15 to confirm. We talk about that all the time,  
16 complying with it.

17                  Thank you.

18                  MR. AMODIO: That's it?

19                  COMMISSIONER GRADDY: That's my report.

20                  MR. AMODIO: Moving onto finance.

21                  COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: We met, nothing of  
22 great import or unusualness that came out during  
23 the meeting.

24                  We just discussed -- nothing really  
25 unusual right now.

1           The only thing that did come up is a  
2           concern about some reports. There's going to be  
3           some meetings held between our finance people and  
4           the finance people in the City of Passaic to deal  
5           with some reporting issues. That was the only  
6           thing that was discussed.

7           COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: Right.

8           PRESIDENT CLEAVES: Yes.

9           COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: If I may? And  
10          you have that report in front of you. The budget  
11          actual to date, as you all know, it is extremely  
12          difficult to project revenues because it's so iffy  
13          the way we collect our money. And we talked about  
14          how we can expand accounts and the bottom line was  
15          we can't. So the bad news, according to that, is  
16          we are certainly under projection for the  
17          revenues. However, because this Commission, to a  
18          person has really nickel and dined the current  
19          budget, we are certainly less than what we  
20          anticipated in expenses. So kudos to each of you.  
21          And when we sound like we're nitpicking, Mr. Bella  
22          thinks we're nitpicking; no, we're not. But  
23          because we have been so fiscally responsible, it  
24          offsets the loss of the revenue. So that was the  
25          good news and I just want to thank each of you for

1 contributing to that.

2 MR. AMODIO: No IT report this month.

3 Special projects.

4 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: Special projects  
5 is very interesting. We had that presentation,  
6 right, on the cleaning and lining and we really  
7 learned a lot. It's money well spent.

8 One of the issues that we dealt with is  
9 the issue of what will probably be stringent  
10 regulations coming down for the Federal Government  
11 on lead. And most of our lead problems are caused  
12 by the old lead pipes that deteriorate. What Mr.  
13 Bella had said was, we deal with them on a  
14 case-by-case basis. When we are replacing, we  
15 make sure if we find anything like that they're  
16 gone. But individual homeowners who wind up in  
17 that situation are given the option of us  
18 replacing those. So we talked about the necessity  
19 to develop a policy so that everybody who may wind  
20 up in that situation, obviously, the older  
21 sections of the towns we service are the ones most  
22 likely to have this problem. So Mr. Bella's going  
23 to come up with some suggestions and we will bring  
24 it back to you because it will need a policy  
25 decision as to how to do that.

1 Did I cover that okay, Joe?

2 MR. BELLA: Yes.

3 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: All right.

4 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Can I ask one  
5 question, because I wasn't there for that part of  
6 the meeting.

7 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: Yeah, go ahead.

8 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Joe, remind me,  
9 wasn't there something in the whole reservoir  
10 project that's also related to lead, some  
11 additives that we could add to the water that we  
12 couldn't add or something along those lines?  
13 Could you remind me what that was?

14 MR. BELLA: Yeah, that's the whole issue  
15 of being able to add phosphates. We can't do that  
16 because the phosphates, if you add it at the  
17 plant, it's in the reservoirs, it causes both  
18 algae and bacteria to -- it would actually, the  
19 people will be calling us and complaining about  
20 green water, and other than St. Patty's Day, I  
21 don't think we'll be okay with that.

22 So that's a problem and it has been a  
23 continuing problem. And I've said that since the  
24 first day that, besides the microbiological,  
25 there's this other aspect, the aspect of lead and

1 corrosion. And it's just not lead and copper,  
2 it's also protection of our pipes, you know, the  
3 extension of their life. And there's plenty of  
4 data and scientific papers and stuff that tell you  
5 that by doing that you could extend the life of  
6 pipes and that whole thing. Increase the flow of  
7 pipes, the fire flow. So the adding of phosphate  
8 would be a very important step for us.

9 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Thank you.

10 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: And we all  
11 received an updated list of the capital  
12 improvements. The action we took last meeting was  
13 we needed to find some cost savings to build up  
14 our cash reserves, so we requested that and Mr.  
15 Bella said he could have that for us by December.  
16 Correct? So you'll see what the top capital  
17 projects will be.

18 MR. AMODIO: Okay. We'll move onto  
19 Executive Director's report.

20 MR. BELLA: I didn't send you a written  
21 one because my secretary's out and it was just,  
22 she has the template for all that. So I will send  
23 you two. She'll be back in a couple of weeks. So  
24 I'll send you both of them at that time.

25 But I do have something I would like to go

1 through with you real quickly because over the  
2 next month there's going to be a lot of action at  
3 the treatment plant. Doing things like we've been  
4 talking about, upgrading mains, valves in  
5 particular. Valves are the key to our system to  
6 be able to operate the system properly and almost  
7 all of the valves are at least a hundred years old  
8 and they tend to fail before the pipe even fails  
9 so that they will break and that kind of thing.

10 So what we have here is, this is like the  
11 center of our system. You see this pipeline here,  
12 the blue line there. What's going to happen next  
13 week is, you see where it says "line", we will  
14 insert a temporary valve into the pipe, like a  
15 plug that gets pushed in there. Once that's done,  
16 we're going to add a new valve below. This is on  
17 a 48-inch. This is all big pumps and it's a  
18 48-inch line. And that basically is taking water  
19 from the Wanaque into our pump station where we  
20 repump it out into our system and raise it to the  
21 elevations that we need to raise in our system,  
22 particularly, the 300 system.

23 Those are being done because we want to do  
24 two other valves down below here. We need a  
25 really good tight shutdown. So we're going to add

1 a brand new valve up above and then the week of  
2 probably the 16th we're probably going to go in  
3 and replace two older valves that are in the pump  
4 station themselves. We're going to replace one  
5 and add a second one so that way we have better  
6 options later on to isolate our treatment plant  
7 and the different sections of our pumping system.  
8 That will allow us later on to go into the pump  
9 station itself. And I have that on there, just  
10 replace some of the valves in the pump station  
11 itself.

12 You'll see here there's like valves that  
13 are underneath. This is where the pipes are  
14 coming and up into the pumps. So we need to  
15 replace those valves so we can start working on  
16 the valves up above. Like you'll see here  
17 alongside these pumps on the other side of that  
18 pump there's actually a big valve that isolates  
19 that pump. So we need to replace them because  
20 many of them are from 1930s vintage and they wear  
21 out and they get used a fair amount. So that's  
22 one of the things that's what we're getting  
23 prepared to do. We're setting the stage.

24 There will still be five years worth of  
25 work but this is the key system or the key valve

1 to shut down that interconnection with North  
2 Jersey. There are valves that are existing, but  
3 they're huge and we don't want to take the risk of  
4 shutting them and have them break closed and not  
5 being able to get them open. We'll operate them  
6 independently, but we need that isolated valve to  
7 isolate our plant. That's what we're doing.

8 We'll run ads in the newspaper just in  
9 case there's disruption because water is going to  
10 be flowing in different directions. Water's going  
11 to be coming out of the reservoirs and turn around  
12 quickly and refill. So there should be a lot  
13 going on over the next two weeks. We're timing it  
14 so it doesn't hit major problems for the holidays.  
15 So by next week we start and then we do all our  
16 prep work and then, you know, a full week before  
17 the week of Christmas we'll start that.

18 MR. AMODIO: Next. Is there anymore?

19 MR. BELLA: This is just the actual valve  
20 we're looking to replace right away.

21 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: On the right?

22 MR. BELLA: On the right, yes. And this  
23 one will be replaced.

24 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Madam President.

25 PRESIDENT CLEAVES: Yes.

1                   COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Joe, this work, is  
2 it going to be done with inhouse resources or is  
3 this a contract? Remind me.

4                   MR. BELLA: It's sort of like a hybrid.  
5 We use our contractors to dig the deeper hole and  
6 we do some of the other work. The heavier lifts  
7 where they have to have real heavy equipment that  
8 we don't have, we'll let out. So it's really kind  
9 of a combination.

10                   You'll see the bolts. We've already  
11 replaced the bolts. We did with our own people.  
12 We did earlier excavation of our own. We had a  
13 contractor come in put these boxes in because  
14 those types of boxes we don't normally use and  
15 they're very expensive and we probably use them  
16 once in a great while. If you bolt boxes that  
17 big, you have to buy backhoes to move them to lift  
18 them and we wouldn't have that need for them.

19                   The other thing is, last week we repaired  
20 in Clifton the 36-inch main. One of the things I  
21 wanted to tell you about this is -- not 36,  
22 30-inch main. If you remember in 2010 we had a  
23 major failure and we had one-inch mains which then  
24 closed a bunch of series of other main breaks in  
25 our system and the 30-inch main earmarked for a

1 big undertaking to do a rehabilitation on it. And  
2 we had a leak on this main. At that time, we  
3 fixed it. But after that we came and did a rehab  
4 on that entire, all the valves on that main and we  
5 added new valves.

6 So last week there's water coming up --  
7 there's no water coming up, there's water leaking  
8 into a storm sewer and when they were doing the  
9 repaving there, they opened it up and said you  
10 have a leak here. You wouldn't see that because  
11 it goes into the storm sewer. And the reason why  
12 it went straight into the storm sewer, these are  
13 things that are starting to show up with us.

14 Back in the old days, we were the first  
15 utility in the ground. The other big utilities  
16 would come along and run their stuff and if our  
17 pipe happened to be in the way, they would just  
18 build a storm sewer around it and our pipe would  
19 be in there and that caused that pipe to rot. And  
20 it leaked and we had to do a repair.

21 We only had one property that was without  
22 water and we would have never given them a service  
23 off of our transmission main. In fact, we're  
24 going to go back and fix that as soon as we get  
25 into the street. They just repaved it.

1                   But the important thing about this is  
2                   these kind of rehabilitations we've been doing  
3                   with valves, we really -- we can see what's going  
4                   on with Hoboken. The problem there is they have  
5                   so many valves that don't work, they can't get the  
6                   big shutdown. We were able to do that because all  
7                   the water. I don't know that firsthand because I  
8                   didn't actually see. But those kind of things,  
9                   it's important to have these valves in working  
10                  order and that's what we're really focusing on;  
11                  that and hydrants.

12                  And we're starting to move into the mains.  
13                  As you fix your valves, you can fix your mains,  
14                  you know, replace your mains. These all have to  
15                  be sequenced. That's what we're doing.

16                  The fire in Paterson, we had no problem  
17                  whatsoever because the cleaning and lining and new  
18                  hydrants, 13 hydrants and I think every one  
19                  worked. Many of them were brand new because of  
20                  our school hydrant replacement program.

21                  MR. AMODIO: That's it?

22                  COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: He spoke for the  
23                  whole year.

24                  MR. AMODIO: Okay. We'll move onto the  
25                  Comptroller's report.

1 MR. WEISS: Cash on hand is 20.7 million.

2 Our accounts receivable total is 16  
3 million.

4 Our 30 days or less accounts receivable  
5 total is 15.2 million which is 95 percent.

6 Accounts payable is at 4.6 million.

7 That's pretty much all I got.

8 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Perhaps it might be  
9 good to mention, because the 20 million cash on  
10 hand sounds high compared to what you normally  
11 report. I think it's important that we mention  
12 that we have some payments coming up in December;  
13 some principal payments of about eight or nine  
14 million dollars, 8.8 million, if I'm remembering  
15 the figure correctly. So understand that's one of  
16 the reasons why we build up our cash flow at the  
17 end of the year, also to refund our reserves, if  
18 memory serves is another reason.

19 MR. WEISS: To refill reserves.

20 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: To refill reserves  
21 which is one of the reasons why the cash on hand  
22 would be higher this month.

23 MR. WEISS: 7.8 million of that is our  
24 operating reserve which has been fully funded.  
25 So, yes, that's correct.

1 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Thank you.

2 MR. AMODIO: Nothing else?

3 Motion for closed.

4 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Move it.

5 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: Second.

6 MR. AMODIO: Motion by Commissioner

7 Bazian.

8 Second by Commissioner Sanchez.

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

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

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

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

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

1 exists.

2 3. This Resolution shall take effect  
3 immediately.

4 Second by Commissioner Sanchez.

5 Gentlemen, please close the doors.

6 Mr. Hanley is absent today.

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10 MR. AMODIO: Roll call.

11 Commissioner Bazian left for the day.

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

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17 MR. AMODIO: Time is 2:16 p.m.

18 You have a quorum.

19 We'll move onto the minutes of PVWC in  
20 camera and regular public meeting held  
21 October 21st, 2015.

22 Do I have a motion?

23 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: So moved.

24 MR. AMODIO: Moved by Commissioner  
25 Kolodziej.

1 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: Second.

2 MR. AMODIO: Second by Commissioner  
3 Sanchez.

4 On the roll.

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6 (Roll call was taken, all Commissioners  
7 present respond in the affirmative. Commissioner  
8 Graddy abstained and Commissioner Bazian is  
9 absent)

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11 MR. AMODIO: Thank you.

12 Does the Chair accept, receive, and file  
13 miscellaneous purchase orders from Linda Beckering  
14 for the period of October 12th, 2015, to  
15 November 15th, 2015?

16 PRESIDENT CLEAVES: Yes.

17 MR. AMODIO: Thank you.

18 Move onto Resolutions. If you would like  
19 we could do one roll call. I believe that's the  
20 consensus.

21 We'll start with: Contract 15-B-9  
22 "Furnish and Deliver Iron Pipe and Fittings"  
23 Recommendation to award a two-year contract to HD  
24 Supply Waterworks, LTD, of Edison, New Jersey for  
25 items 1 through 12 in the amount of \$189,167.00

1 and Waterworks Supply Company of Pompton Plains,  
2 New Jersey for items 13 through 128 in the amount  
3 of \$92,360.06.

4 Next we have Contract 15-B-11 "Furnish and  
5 Deliver Fire Hydrants" Recommendation to award a  
6 two-year contract to HD Supply Waterworks, LTD of  
7 Edison, New Jersey in the amount of \$931,523.35.

8 Contract 15-B-15 "Furnish and Deliver  
9 Repair Clamps and Couplings for Pipe"  
10 Recommendation to award a two-year contract to  
11 Waterworks Supply Company, Inc. of Pompton Plains,  
12 New Jersey for items 1 through 13, 22 through 29,  
13 and 40 through 54 in the amount of \$175,685.84.

14 Contract 15-B-16 "Removal and Disposal of  
15 Process Residuals" Recommendation to award  
16 two-year contract to Spectraserv, Inc. of South  
17 Kearny, New Jersey in the amount of \$2,684,240.00.

18 Last is Contract 15-B-18 "Furnish and  
19 Deliver Pre-Mixed Concrete" Recommendation to  
20 award a two-year contract to Tanis Concrete, Inc.  
21 of Fair Lawn, New Jersey in the amount of  
22 \$85,750.00?

23 Questions?

24 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: These are all  
25 approved by Administration, Legal, and everything?

1 MR. BRISMAN: Yes.

2 MR. DUPREY: Yes.

3 MR. AMODIO: Any further questions?

4 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: So move.

5 MR. AMODIO: By Commissioner Sanchez.

6 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: Second.

7 MR. AMODIO: Second by Commissioner

8 Kolodziej.

9 On the roll.

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11 (Roll call was taken, all Commissioners  
12 present respond in the affirmative. Commissioner  
13 Bazian is absent)

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15 MR. AMODIO: Thank you.

16 New Business: We have summary of  
17 disbursements and payrolls through November 24th,  
18 2015, in the amount of \$8,788,499.06.

19 Do I have a motion?

20 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: So moved.

21 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: Second.

22 MR. AMODIO: Motion by Commissioner

23 Kolodziej.

24 Second by Commissioner Sanchez.

25 On the roll.

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(Roll call was taken, all Commissioners respond in the affirmative. Commissioner Bazian is absent)

COMMISSIONER DeVITA: Abstain on Rachles Michele.

MR. AMODIO: Recommendations from closed session. We'll do one vote -- we'll do Personnel.

We have Requests For New Hires: Agner Upia Manueta - Pumping Station Attendant. Proposed salary - \$37,000.00 and range of \$25,000.00 to 56,326.00.

Zaire Wright - Laborer. Proposed salary - 32,000. Range of \$16,770 to \$59,124.

Next is Timothy Scott. Promotion to Senior Water Treatment Plant Operator. Salary of \$59,346.00 and a range of \$17,804.80 to \$71,386.00.

Confined Space with the City of Paterson will be sent to Administration.

Motion.

COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: Move.

COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: Second.

MR. AMODIO: By Commissioner Sanchez.

1 Second by Commissioner Kolodziej.

2 On the roll.

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

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8 MR. AMODIO: Thank you.

9 We have change order for Project 12-P-43  
10 entitled "Professional Engineering  
11 Services-Emergency Backup Power and Water Storage  
12 Facilities-Design, Permitting and Construction  
13 Administration Services" with an increase of  
14 \$155,280.

15 Do I have a motion?

16 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: Move it.

17 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: Second.

18 MR. AMODIO: Move by Commissioner  
19 Kolodziej.

20 Second by Commissioner Sanchez.

21 On the roll.

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23 (Roll call was taken, all Commissioners  
24 present respond in the affirmative. Commissioner  
25 Bazian is absent)

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MR. AMODIO: Next we have Project 16-P-11 entitled "Risk Manager Services". The Administration recommendation is to award to Brown & Brown Metro in the amount of \$15,000.

COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: So moved.

COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: Second.

MR. AMODIO: So moved by Commissioner Sanchez.

Second by Commissioner Kolodziej.

On the roll.

(Roll call was taken, all Commissioners present respond in the affirmative. Commissioner Bazian is absent)

MR. AMODIO: Thank you.

Motion to table Project 16-P-12.

Do I have a motion?

COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: So moved.

MR. AMODIO: By Commissioner Kolodziej.

Do I have a second?

COMMISSIONER GRADDY: Second.

MR. AMODIO: By Commissioner Graddy.

On the roll.

1 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: Abstain.

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3 (Roll call was taken, all Commissioners  
4 present respond in the affirmative. Commissioner  
5 Levine abstained. Commissioner Bazian is absent)

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7 MR. AMODIO: Thank you.

8 That will be it. I just want to under  
9 Good and Welfare let everyone know we had a blood  
10 drive last week on Friday, the 20th and Andy  
11 Bisesi and Marisah Potkalesky, they ran the blood  
12 drive. And Marisah could tell us it was a huge  
13 success.

14 MS. POTKALESKY: Our goal was to have 20  
15 employees sign up. We actually ended up having 34  
16 employees sign up. Of the 34, 33 of them were  
17 eligible to donate. One pint of blood saved three  
18 lives so we were able to save 99 lives.

19 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: That's a labor of  
20 love for you guys.

21 MS. POTKALESKY: We wanted to do good, you  
22 know. So we'd like to...

23 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: Just like your  
24 Pipeline. It's all very good for morale.

25 Thank you so much.

1 MS. POTKALESKY: Thank you.

2 MR. AMODIO: I'd also like to mention that  
3 Andy received an award earlier last month from the  
4 Clifton Fire Department for saving the gentleman's  
5 life back in January, so...

6 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: I have one thing.

7 On December 16th before our next meeting  
8 at ten o'clock in the morning we are going to have  
9 a dedication of a plaque for Wendel Inhoffer who  
10 was the General Superintendent for 30 years. Not  
11 many of you knew him. But I know that Linda  
12 Beckering and Cindy have been inviting a lot of  
13 the retirees. It will be quick. We'll have some  
14 coffee and cake for the people. It will be well  
15 over before the meeting starts.

16 MR. AMODIO: One last thing. Everyone  
17 received from Yitz and Cindy and Laura Vargas,  
18 every year we do a drive to collect money to help  
19 out children during the holidays. So if anyone is  
20 interested, please...

21 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: Just to keep.  
22 According to what I read in the paper, it's not  
23 officially here, but Commissioner DeVita proudly  
24 it's going to be his last meeting.

25 PRESIDENT CLEAVES: December.

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COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: He has dedicated 25 years of his life to this entity.

MR. AMODIO: We haven't received anything officially, so...

Meeting adjourned.

Everyone have a Happy Thanksgiving.

The time is 2:24 p.m.

Thank you, everyone.

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