

## PASSAIC VALLEY WATER COMMISSION MEETING OF

FEBRAURY 20, 2019

**(OPEN SESSION)**

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

RIGO SANCHEZ, President

JOSEPH KOLODZIEJ, Vice President

RONALD VAN RENSALIER, Treasurer

ROBERT L. VANNOY, Secretary

IDIDA RODRIGUEZ

JEFFREY LEVINE

GERALD G. FRIEND    **(Absent)**

## A L S O            P R E S E N T :

JAMES G. DUPREY, Business Administrator

JOSEPH A. BELLA, Executive Director

GEORGE T. HANLEY, Counsel

YAACOV BRISMAN, Assistant Counsel

YITZ WEISS, Comptroller

LOUIS AMODIO, Administrative Secretary

1 MR. AMODIO: Call the meeting to order.

2 On the roll.

3 Commissioner Friend is absent today.

4 Commissioner Vannoy is not here yet.

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6 (Roll call was taken, all Commissioners  
7 present respond in the affirmative. Commissioner  
8 Vannoy is not present yet. Commissioner Friend is  
9 absent)

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11 MR. AMODIO: Thank you.

12 You have a quorum.

13 The time is 9:40 a.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 Commissioner Vannoy is present.

23 Please rise.

24 Commissioner Vannoy.

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1 (Pledge of Allegiance)

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3 MR. AMODIO: We don't have any members of  
4 the public here.

5 If you'd like to go onto the committee  
6 reports.

7 COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: Can we take a  
8 moment of silence in honor of Mrs. Amodio?

9 PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: You want to do it now?

10 COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: Can we do it now?

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12 (Moment of Silence)

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14 COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: Thank you.

15 MR. AMODIO: Thank you.

16 Commissioner Van Rensalier, finance  
17 committee report.

18 COMMISSIONER VAN RENSALIER: None at this  
19 time.

20 MR. AMODIO: Personnel. Commissioner  
21 Sanchez?

22 PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: Why don't you?

23 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: I have some  
24 minutes, Mr. President.

25 The personnel committee met on

1 February 14th and we reviewed a rather voluminous  
2 proposal for the restructuring of our Table of  
3 Organization. This is a very complex issue. We  
4 learned at the meeting it has legal aspects to it,  
5 Civil Service aspects to it, union aspects to it.  
6 So as we reviewed it, we quickly realized this is  
7 going to take a lot longer than a committee  
8 meeting.

9 So we made a recommendation on the first  
10 page which is more of a global structure of just  
11 the departments themselves. We asked that that be  
12 distributed to all the Commissioners so that they  
13 can review it and provide input as well. We'll be  
14 scheduling additional personnel committee meetings  
15 to go through it piece by piece after we get input  
16 from the other Commissioners so that we can  
17 examine those Civil Service issues and those union  
18 issues and those legal issues. And my guess is  
19 this is something that's not going to be weeks,  
20 it's probably going to be months. But the work  
21 that was done previously, clearly, this document  
22 took the better part of a year, maybe a half of  
23 year to put together. So there's still a lot of  
24 work to do on it.

25 But on the committee, like I said, wanted

1 to make sure that we started getting input on the  
2 more holistic approach to the organizational  
3 structure and then we'll start to dive into the  
4 nitty-gritty part of it once we get that.

5 And that's pretty much the committee of the  
6 personnel committee.

7 MR. AMODIO: Special projects.

8 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: So special  
9 projects also met on February 14th. We reviewed  
10 several bids and RFPs and recommendations from  
11 Administration. All of those appear on this  
12 morning's agenda for approval by the full  
13 Commission. They were all favorable to the  
14 Passaic Valley Water Commission in terms of either  
15 price or product.

16 We briefly discussed our joint venture  
17 partnership with Newark and it appears that Newark  
18 is making a little bit of progress than we are in  
19 our joint goals. I suppose if you wanted a little  
20 bit more, that would be a closed session item to  
21 discuss.

22 We received an update on our  
23 intergovernmental relations and our effort to  
24 inform the public of what the Passaic Valley Water  
25 Commission is doing regarding lead in water. So

1 we're looking to reach out to all the elected  
2 officials and influencers in all the towns that we  
3 service so that they can help spread the word that  
4 we are being very proactive about addressing this  
5 issue.

6 And then the only other item that we  
7 didn't really discuss but just got update on was  
8 the Levine Water Storage Project. We're still  
9 waiting to hear back from the Assistant  
10 Commissioner of the DEP.

11 And that was pretty much special projects.

12 MR. AMODIO: Any questions?

13 Moving on, Executive Director's report.

14 MR. BELLA: Commissioners, so far  
15 operations are running smooth. The breaks are  
16 reasonable because of the consistent weather, that  
17 type of thing.

18 One of the things I do want to talk about,  
19 we had discussed briefly at one of the meetings is  
20 this spring and all through the summer and into  
21 the fall I would like to authorize, like, every  
22 Saturday we have a couple of crews go out and do  
23 curb stops. These are stops in the street to turn  
24 people off. So we'll be working on some numbers  
25 and what that will cost and that kind of thing in

1           addition to having our contractors do some work  
2           also. So I'd like to have like a joint two-prong  
3           attack on that so we can get closer and further  
4           into doing more and more shutoffs on a regular  
5           basis. So that's going to be the number one  
6           thing.

7                       Impacts in terms of the weather on  
8           revenue's been fairly mild.

9                       And Jim's got one thing.

10                      MR. DUPREY: Just to, from a previous  
11           meeting, PVWC, as we indicated, that we  
12           successfully coordinated realignment of the  
13           transmission mains as part of the DOT project.  
14           And we just wanted to give special recognition and  
15           thanks to Ronnie Umstead and the Engineering  
16           Department; Jeff Baig and the Distribution  
17           Department; Bob Lorfink and the Pump Station team;  
18           Mike Marotta and the Maintenance Team; and Wendy  
19           Simone and the plant operators. They assisted  
20           with the shutdown and startup of the transmission  
21           main during the transfer over to the new mains.  
22           They did an excellent job. The job was huge and  
23           it was very successful and we'd just like to  
24           publicly recognize that.

25                      Thank you.

1 MR. BELLA: It was a very complex  
2 operation. This is probably the first time in 120  
3 years that main has been...

4 COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: Really?

5 MR. AMODIO: Any other questions?

6 Next we have the County of Passaic Police  
7 Academy requests to use the Point View Reservoir.  
8 We have a Hold Harmless and Certificate of  
9 Insurance.

10 This was reviewed and approved by Counsel  
11 Brisman. So if I can have a motion?

12 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: So move.

13 MR. AMODIO: By Commissioner Kolodziej.

14 Do I have a second?

15 Commissioner Vannoy.

16 On the roll.

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18 (Roll call was taken, all Commissioners  
19 present respond in the affirmative. Commissioner  
20 Friend is absent)

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22 MR. AMODIO: Thank you.

23 Move onto the Controller's Report.

24 MR. WEISS: Cash on hand is 34.8 million.

25 Accounts receivable is at 16.9 million.

1 Accounts payable is 3.4 million.

2 Collections are strong. You've got a  
3 Resolution in front of you for the adoption of the  
4 budget. The numbers are the same as the approved  
5 budget. Again, we had to delay because we didn't  
6 have enough time in between the approval and the  
7 adoption before we could do the adoption.

8 As I mentioned, cash collections are  
9 strong. We have our auditors here. The audit  
10 process has begun.

11 COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: Good.

12 MR. WEISS: Yup, that's very good. Our  
13 investment strategy is still bearing fruit, which  
14 is great. We're assisting some other entities  
15 with their investment processes, which is  
16 wonderful.

17 And just in terms of looking forward, over  
18 the next few month's we're continuing with the  
19 process of our business process review that we  
20 started several years ago. You're going to see  
21 stuff that's going to come to the Board as far as  
22 our billing system upgrade, which is something  
23 that we're working on. That will probably be in  
24 the next month or two. We're starting that  
25 process.

1                   And you'll see also the beginnings of  
2                   probably a two-year process to swap out our  
3                   inventory, work order, and purchasing system and  
4                   that will probably be getting kicked off in the  
5                   next couple of months as well.

6                   MR. AMODIO: Any questions?

7                   Can I have motion on the budget?

8                   COMMISSIONER VANNOY: So move.

9                   MR. AMODIO: By Commissioner Vannoy.

10                  COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: I'll second.

11                  Good job.

12                  MR. AMODIO: By Commissioner Rodriguez.

13                  On the roll.

14                  Commissioner Friend is absent.

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

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20                  MR. AMODIO: Next, a motion to add health  
21                  benefits to the closed session agenda.

22                  Do I have a motion?

23                  COMMISSIONER VANNOY: So move.

24                  MR. AMODIO: By Commissioner Vannoy.

25                  Second?

1 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: Second.

2 MR. AMODIO: By Commissioner Kolodziej.

3 Commissioner Friend is absent.

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

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9 MR. AMODIO: Thank you.

10 Next, do I have a motion to go into closed  
11 session?

12 COMMISSIONER VAN RENSALIER: Move it.

13 COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: Second.

14 MR. AMODIO: By Commissioner Van  
15 Rensalier.

16 Second by Commissioner Rodriguez.

17 Whereas, Commissioner Van Rensalier offers  
18 the following Resolution for adoption:

19 Whereas, Section 8 of the Open Public  
20 Meetings Act permits the exclusion of the public  
21 from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

22 Whereas, the public body's of the opinion  
23 that such circumstances presently exist;

24 Now, therefore, be it resolved, by the  
25 Commissioner of Passaic Valley Water Commission.

1           1. The public shall be excluded from the  
2 discussion of the hereinafter specified subject  
3 matters; the general nature of the subject matters  
4 being: Financial, Insurance, Personnel,  
5 Contracts, Negotiations, Security. Under Law we  
6 have Summary/Aging and Gallichio v. PVWC, and we  
7 also have health benefits, and any other matter as  
8 may be discussed in camera.

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

14           3. This Resolution shall take effect  
15 immediately.

16           Second by Commissioner Rodriguez.

17           On the roll.

18           Commissioner Friend is absent.

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20           (Roll call was taken, all Commissioners  
21 present respond in the affirmative. Commissioner  
22 friend is absent)

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1 Commissioner Friend is absent.

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

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7 MR. AMODIO: Thank you.

8 Next, does the Chair accept, receive, and  
9 file miscellaneous purchase orders placed for the  
10 period of January 2nd, 2019, to February 12th,  
11 2019?

12 PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: Yes.

13 MR. AMODIO: Thank you.

14 We have a number of Resolutions. If the  
15 Board wishes to do one roll call on all of them we  
16 could do that.

17 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: Please.

18 MR. AMODIO: Okay. Do I have a motion on  
19 the group?

20 COMMISSIONER VANNOY: Yes, so move.

21 MR. AMODIO: By Commissioner Vannoy.

22 Do I have a second?

23 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: Second.

24 MR. AMODIO: By Commissioner Kolodziej.

25 Thank you.

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2 (Whereupon, the following Resolutions were  
3 approved:

4 (a) Resolution authorizing and approving  
5 an "Employee Assistance Program" for one year in  
6 the total amount not-to-exceed \$4,092.00 with RWJ  
7 Barnabas Health of West Orange.

8 (b) Resolution: Extension-Contract No.  
9 17-B-9 "Corrosion Inhibitor" Recommendation to  
10 extend for an additional two years with Carus  
11 Corporation of Peru, Illinois in the amount  
12 not-to-exceed \$715,616.00.

13 (c) Resolution: Contract No. 18-B-17  
14 "Granular Media Filtration Pilot Module"  
15 Recommendation to award Ferraro Construction  
16 Corp., of Franklin, New Jersey a one year contract  
17 in the amount of \$383,000.00.

18 (d) Resolution: Contract No. 19-B-2  
19 "Furnish and Deliver Water Service Boxes and  
20 Roadway Boxes" Recommendation to award a two year  
21 contract to Water Works Supply Company, Inc. of  
22 Pompton Plains, New Jersey, in the amount of  
23 \$138,140.92.

24 (e) Resolution: Contract No. 19-B-5  
25 "Liquid Ferric Sulfate" Recommendation to award a

1 one year contract to Kemira Water Solutions, Inc.  
2 Of Lawrence, Kansas in the amount of  
3 \$1,985,000.00.

4 (f) Resolution: Reject and Re-Solicit  
5 Project 19-P-79 "Construction Phase Professional  
6 Services for Replacement Drives for PVWC's Morris  
7 County Connections Pumps Contract" (one proposal  
8 received).

9 (g) Amendment to the Agreement for Project  
10 No. 17-P-60 (Re-Solicitation) "Professional  
11 Services for Public Outreach and Participation for  
12 the Water Storage Improvement Projects"  
13 Recommendation to duplicate the previously  
14 not-to-exceed amount of \$140,000.00 for one year  
15 with JGSC Group, LLC of Merchantville, New Jersey.

16 (h) Amendment to the Agreement for Project  
17 18-P-77 "Historic Specialist And Related Services"  
18 Recommendation to increase by the additional  
19 amount of \$75,000.00 for a revised not-to-exceed  
20 total price of \$130,000.00 for the project for one  
21 year with the firm of Mary Delany Krugman  
22 Associates, Inc. Of Montclair, New Jersey.

23 (i) Resolution State Contract (#T0983  
24 13-x-23020 A8509) "Environmental Testing  
25 Instruments Parts/Supplies" PVWC has elected to

1 procure from Hach Company of Loveland, Colorado in  
2 the total amount of up to \$147,500.00.)

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

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8 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: Yes to the group.

9 COMMISSIONER VAN RENSALIER: Yes to the  
10 group.

11 COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: Yes to the group.

12 PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: Yes to the group.

13 MR. AMODIO: All right. We have New  
14 Business.

15 We have summary of disbursements and  
16 payrolls through February 20th, 2019, in the  
17 amount of \$12,324,126.24.

18 Treasurer, would you like to make a  
19 motion, Mr. Treasurer?

20 COMMISSIONER VAN RENSALIER: Move it.

21 MR. AMODIO: Thank you.

22 Do I have a second?

23 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: Second.

24 MR. AMODIO: By Commissioner Kolodziej.

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1 (Roll call was taken, all Commissioners  
2 present respond in the affirmative. Commissioner  
3 Friend is absent)

4 COMMISSIONER VANNOY: Abstain from  
5 American Hose Hydraulics, Del Sardo, and Kyocera.

6 PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: Abstain on PNA and  
7 Gaeta.

8 MR. AMODIO: Recommendations from  
9 executive session.

10 You have a Resolution, Passaic Valley  
11 Water to leave the State health benefits program  
12 and to go to, Joe, what company did you say it  
13 was?

14 MR. BELLA: Horizon Blue Cross Blue  
15 Shield.

16 MR. AMODIO: Horizon Blue Cross and Blue  
17 Shield. Okay.

18 Do I have a motion?

19 COMMISSIONER VANNOY: So move.

20 MR. AMODIO: Motion by Commissioner  
21 Vannoy.

22 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: Second.

23 MR. AMODIO: Second by Commissioner  
24 Levine.

25 On the roll.

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

COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: It's time of the essence, yes.

COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: I'm going to abstain.

MR. AMODIO: Okay. That's it.

Anything under Good and Welfare?

PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: Yes. Louie's mom passed last week?

MR. AMODIO: Two weeks ago.

PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: And I had the privilege of meeting her and spending time with her and she was, whoever met her, she was one of those people, I'll say, with that character. Even though she was born here, she had the strong immigrant Italian character. She was a strong woman who, when you went to her house, she make sure you had a great time and you felt like you were home. And she was a great cook and she was a tough lady. You know, she had to deal with Louie.

1           So, you know, I mean, losing your mom and, you  
2           know, I met her so, you know, I just wanted to say  
3           that.

4           MR. AMODIO: Thank you, Commissioner.

5           If there's nothing else, motion to  
6           adjourn.

7           COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: So move.

8           MR. AMODIO: By Commissioner Kolodziej.

9           COMMISSIONER LEVINE: Second.

10          MR. AMODIO: By Commissioner Levine.

11          Time is 10:13.

12          The next meeting is scheduled for  
13          Wednesday, February 27th at 10:00 a.m. Until  
14          then, everyone have a great weekend.

15          COMMISSIONER VANNOY: So this is a special  
16          meeting?

17          MR. AMODIO: Yes.

18          COMMISSIONER VANNOY: So you guys get in  
19          touch with Fairview.

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