

PASSAIC VALLEY WATER COMMISSION MEETING OF
JUNE 19, 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 **(Absent)**

JOSEPH KOLODZIEJ, Vice President

RONALD VAN RENSALIER, Treasurer

ROBERT L. VANNOY, Secretary

IDIDA RODRIGUEZ

JEFFREY LEVINE

GERALD G. FRIEND

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 **(Absent)**

YAACOV BRISMAN, Assistant Counsel

YITZ WEISS, Comptroller

LOUIS AMODIO, Administrative Secretary

1 the public who wish to speak.

2 No?

3 Okay. We'll move onto committee reports.

4 First committee will be finance.

5 COMMISSIONER VAN RENSALIER: Thank you.

6 We met yesterday. Expenditures are

7 nothing out of the ordinary.

8 Overtime analysis, many of the departments
9 are down mainly due to the fact that this is not a
10 water main break season.

11 Proposals for the financial advisor. We
12 had three that we received: One from NW, one from
13 Phoenix Advisor, and one from Acacia. As you
14 know, they helped us with the bondings on note
15 issues and research and managing and tracking of
16 expenditures related to the generator project, for
17 example, and calculations with the audit. NW
18 overall was less expensive than the others and we
19 have a past satisfactory experience with NW.

20 Upgrading for the billing vendor paperwork
21 is almost complete. Once we have everything in
22 place, it will be reviewed by the Legal Department
23 and it should be on the July agenda for
24 consideration.

25 The CMMS fourth quarter system for

1 proposals are coming in and once they're all in
2 will be reviewed inhouse. We have about six to
3 eight vendors that took out proposals.

4 Revenues are strong, coming in at a good
5 rate and expenditures are steady in being managed
6 appropriately.

7 That's all I have.

8 MR. AMODIO: There was no personnel
9 meeting, but there was a special projects update.

10 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: Yes. Special
11 projects committee met on the first Friday of the
12 month and we discussed the Levine water storage
13 improvement project in that we're incorporating
14 historic preservation commitments that we had
15 made.

16 Administration is working on getting
17 through a 94-page memo for change orders on the
18 emergency standby generator project.

19 We discussed the Riverside Terrace project
20 and our concerns that the developer does not fully
21 understand the magnitude of the dangers to public
22 safety, that their proposal and their new proposal
23 are exposing the public to. They came in and met
24 with us again to discuss some revisions that they
25 made to their site plan. We had asked that the

1 free of exchange of information continue and
2 discussed how difficult it was to get an OPRAable
3 document on the developer's agreement. They
4 promised to get us documentation on their new
5 revisions and some grading at the site. I believe
6 that finally showed up last night after hours.

7 MR. DUPREY: 6:15.

8 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: Okay. So that's
9 certainly better than a month's time, but
10 obviously we're going to need time to review that
11 plan.

12 The engineer, however, was very clear in
13 his concerns about the size of that type of pipe,
14 the demolition that's going to go on, the
15 proximity of billings to that size of pipe, and
16 the real dangers that exist to people and property
17 getting washed into the Passaic River if there's
18 ever --

19 COMMISSIONER VANNOY: Excuse me,
20 Commissioner, when you say "the engineer", are we
21 talking about Jim or are we talking about...

22 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: We're talking
23 about -- that side doesn't really seem to
24 understand.

25 COMMISSIONER VANNOY: No, engineer, whose

1 engineer? Ours or theirs?

2 MR. BELLA: Our engineer.

3 COMMISSIONER VANNOY: That's what I'm
4 saying. Are we talking about this gentleman?

5 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: Their engineer
6 doesn't quite understand.

7 COMMISSIONER VANNOY: Fine.

8 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: We reviewed RFPs
9 on the ones that are relevant to special projects.
10 They're working on an RFP for professional
11 services to oversee the lead service line
12 replacement project we're looking to continue.

13 We're looking to get RFPs for the
14 procurement of a new CMMS system.

15 We're also exploring the possibility of a
16 collection agency helping us with super old
17 delinquent accounts.

18 You're updated on the water supply
19 agreement with Ridgewood.

20 And the architectural rehabilitation of
21 our main pump, superintendent's building, and the
22 Jackson Avenue Pump Station are underway.

23 That pretty much covers special projects.

24 MR. AMODIO: Any questions?

25 COMMISSIONER VANNOY: We covered

1 everything.

2 MR. AMODIO: We'll move onto Executive
3 Director's report.

4 MR. BELLA: Mostly the report on the
5 special projects and what was going on, which the
6 Commissioner gave so accurately.

7 At any rate, one of the concerns that I
8 have going forward in terms of revenues, the
9 weather it really doesn't seem like we're going to
10 get a break and get a really good June. And
11 usually, if you don't get a good June, the
12 revenues will be flat for the rest of the year.
13 May and June makes a lot difference. However, the
14 situation we find ourselves in in terms of
15 wholesale customers have helped us and will
16 continue to help us going forward. Some of our
17 wholesale customers, because of problems with
18 their wholesale customers, were able to sell a
19 little more water now, so we're hoping that that
20 will stabilize.

21 The second thing I want to talk about is
22 you remember the public notification we need to go
23 through. Our staff really did a great job of
24 getting the information out and finding out the
25 real fact and the fact was we didn't get that

1 water into our system, it would have been
2 difficult. Without their input, our consultant
3 Cornwall Engineering did a great job presenting it
4 to the State DEP and so we were able to get that
5 waiver which saved us probably a hundred thousand
6 dollars just in mailing and not to mention all the
7 other problems.

8 COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: Right.

9 MR. BELLA: Next thing I want to talk
10 about is we've been having some problems with our
11 phone system. We're upgrading our software. We
12 had ran into some problems. That is moving
13 forward. It was done last night, we're back in
14 service. So that's working well now.

15 The other thing I want to say about that
16 is the problems it was causing really were
17 insidious in the sense that sometimes it happened,
18 sometimes it didn't happen. But our Accounting
19 Department is doing the reconciliations the way
20 they're supposed to do it in a timely fashion,
21 picked that up. That's how we picked up this
22 really insidious problem where people were calling
23 in to pay and the transfer was being paid but they
24 weren't getting a confirmation that it's a
25 transfer. So they would call back and say, okay,

1 I got cut off. Now they pay twice. Some people
2 pay three times. So what happened was, our people
3 saw it, wait a minute, there's people, you know,
4 hit, their account has been paid twice. So they
5 alerted management to something was going on and
6 moved forward and were able to fix the problem.
7 And it was really a good piece of accounting
8 detection, I don't know what the exact word is,
9 and they did a fine job of doing that.

10 COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: How old is that
11 system?

12 MR. DUPREY: It's about ten, 11 years old.

13 MR. BELLA: We're upgrading the server and
14 stuff like that and then the next phase will be to
15 upgrade our main servers.

16 So I just want to really give them
17 compliments, not just Yitz, but the people that
18 work for him, Lilia and Adrian. I don't want to
19 miss anybody. But they did a really nice job.

20 MR. AMODIO: Any questions?

21 In front of you was a last minute request
22 by the Wayne Volunteer Fire Department for use of
23 the Point View Reservoir. I went over it with the
24 Executive Director and Business Administrator.
25 They were okay as long as Legal was okay. Counsel

1 Brisman looked it over and he's okay with it, so
2 if you would like to take a look.

3 Any questions? Concerns?

4 Okay. Motion.

5 COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: So move.

6 COMMISSIONER VANNOY: Second.

7 MR. AMODIO: On the roll.

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9 (Roll call was taken, all Commissioners
10 present respond in the affirmative. Commissioner
11 Levine is not present yet. Commissioner Sanchez
12 is absent)

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14 MR. AMODIO: Thank you.

15 Move onto the Controller's Report.

16 MR. WEISS: Cash on hand is 33.8 million.

17 Our accounts receivable is 16.8 million.

18 Accounts payable is at 2.7 million.

19 Again, cash on hand might seem a little
20 bit high but that's because we're doing a lot of
21 projects out of cash this year, that's to be
22 expected.

23 You got most of the update already from
24 Commissioner Van Rensalier. Our audit is just
25 about finished. We're expecting that we'll have a

1 draft for the finance committee meeting next month
2 and then we'll have the actual audit on the agenda
3 for next month.

4 I just want to act on Joe's sentiment.
5 The staff in Accounting, this was not me, but the
6 staff in the Accounting Department did a terrific
7 job in terms of working to reconcile all those
8 issues. And also our Customer Service Department
9 did a phenomenal job with working with all the
10 customers online. This was a tremendous amount of
11 extra work for them and they all rose to the
12 occasion. So they should be commended for that,
13 please.

14 MR. AMODIO: Any questions?

15 Moving on. Resolution for closed session.

16 Do I have a motion?

17 COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: So move.

18 COMMISSIONER VANNOY: Second.

19 MR. AMODIO: Okay. Commissioner Rodriguez
20 offers the following Resolution for adoption.

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

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

1 MR. AMODIO: On the roll.

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

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7 MR. AMODIO: The time is 10:36 a.m.

8 You have a quorum.

9 We'll move on to the Consent Agenda.

10 We have the minutes of Passaic Valley
11 Water Commission in camera session, and regular
12 public meetings held May 15th, 2019.

13 Do I have a motion?

14 COMMISSIONER VANNOY: So move.

15 MR. AMODIO: By Commissioner Vannoy.

16 COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: Second.

17 MR. AMODIO: Second by Commissioner
18 Rodriguez.

19 On the roll.

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

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25 MR. AMODIO: Thank you.

1 Next, does the Chair accept, receive, and
2 file miscellaneous purchase orders for the period
3 of May 5th, 2019.

4 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: Yes.

5 MR. AMODIO: Thank you, sir.

6 Moving on, we have three resolutions, one
7 of them being the rate resolution.

8 Would you like to do one vote on that?
9 One roll call?

10 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: Yes, I think we
11 can.

12 MR. AMODIO: Okay. Contract 19-B-10
13 "Flocculation Aid Dry Polymer" Recommendation to
14 award a two-year contract to Polydyne, Inc. of
15 Riceboro, Georgia in the amount of \$406,020.00.

16 Next resolution authorizing a Shared
17 Services Agreement with Passaic County for a
18 Stormwater Overflow Connection-McBride Avenue and
19 U.S. Route 46 westbound ramp in Woodland Park, New
20 Jersey.

21 And finally, resolution to establish rates
22 for two-inch and 12-inch fire line charges for
23 customers in the Borough of Lodi.

24 Any conversation?

25 Hearing none, do I have a motion?

1 COMMISSIONER FRIEND: So move.

2 MR. AMODIO: Motion by Commissioner

3 Friend.

4 COMMISSIONER VANNOY: Second.

5 MR. AMODIO: Second by Commissioner

6 Vannoy.

7 On the roll.

8 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: Yes to the group.

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

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14 MR. AMODIO: Next we have New Business.

15 Summary of disbursements and payrolls

16 through June 19, 2019, in the amount of

17 \$9,784,516.09 certified by Commissioner Vannoy and

18 Comptroller Weiss.

19 Do I have a motion?

20 COMMISSIONER VANNOY: So move.

21 MR. AMODIO: By Commissioner Vannoy.

22 Do I have a second?

23 COMMISSIONER FRIEND: Second.

24 MR. AMODIO: By Commissioner Friend.

25 On the roll.

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

COMMISSIONER VANNOY: Abstain on American Jose Hose and Kyocera.

MR. AMODIO: I have nothing under Executive Conference.

Nothing under Good and Welfare.

COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: In Executive Conference do we need a motion on the settlements?

MR. AMODIO: No.

COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: If there's no other Good and Welfare and New Business, a motion to adjourn is in order.

COMMISSIONER VANNOY: So move.

MR. AMODIO: By Commissioner Vannoy.

Second by Commissioner Friend.

On the roll.

COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: Hearing no objections...

MR. AMODIO: The time is 10:40.

Have a Happy 4th of July.

Next meeting is Wednesday, July 17th.

9:30 a.m.

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