

PASSAIC VALLEY WATER COMMISSION MEETING OF
JANUARY 15, 2020

REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD FOR THE YEAR 2020
(OPEN SESSION)

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

JOSEPH KOLODZIEJ, President

JEFFREY LEVINE, Vice President

RONALD VAN RENSALIER, Treasurer

GERALD G. FRIEND, Secretary

RIGO SANCHEZ

ROBERT L. VANNOY

EDWARD COTTON, JR.

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

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3 MR. AMODIO: Okay. That time of the year.
4 Counsel, assume the Chair, please.

5 MR. HANLEY: Okay. Call the new meeting
6 to order and ask for nominations for President.

7 COMMISSIONER FRIEND: I'll nominate
8 Commissioner Kolodziej for President.

9 COMMISSIONER VANNOY: Second.

10 MR. AMODIO: Nominated by Commissioner
11 Friend.

12 Second by Commissioner Vannoy.

13 On the roll.

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

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18 MR. AMODIO: Thank you.

19 MR. HANLEY: All right. I'll take
20 nominations for Vice President.

21 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: I'd like to
22 nominate Commissioner Levine.

23 MR. HANLEY: Is there a second?

24 COMMISSIONER VAN RENSALIER: Second.

25 MR. HANLEY: All in favor?

1 MR. AMODIO: Who seconded?

2 COMMISSIONER VAN RENSALIER: I did.

3 MR. AMODIO: On the roll.

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

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8 MR. AMODIO: Congratulations, Jeff.

9 COMMISSIONER VANNOY: The good thing is
10 that Commissioner Kolodziej will never miss a
11 meeting so we won't have to wait until 10:00 to
12 start a regular meeting.

13 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: I haven't missed
14 one.

15 MR. HANLEY: Nominations for Treasurer.

16 COMMISSIONER VANNOY: I nominate
17 Commissioner Van Rensalier.

18 MR. HANLEY: Is there a second?

19 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: Second.

20 MR. HANLEY: All in favor?

21 MR. AMODIO: On the roll.

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

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1 MR. AMODIO: Thank you.

2 Congratulations, Commissioner Van
3 Rensalier.

4 MR. HANLEY: Nominations for Secretary.

5 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: Jerry Friend, I
6 nominate Jerry Friend.

7 COMMISSIONER VANNOY: I second.

8 MR. HANLEY: Any other nominations?

9 Hearing none. Call the roll, please.

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

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14 MR. AMODIO: Thank you.

15 Congratulations, Commissioner and all the
16 other Commissioners.

17 Will the four officers, please...

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19 (Whereupon, Commissioner Kolodziej was
20 sworn in as President. Commissioner Levine was
21 sworn in as Vice President. Commissioner Van
22 Rensalier was sworn in as Treasurer, and
23 Commissioner Friend was sworn in as Secretary)

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25 MR. AMODIO: Congratulations, everyone.

1 Any remarks of the outgoing officers or
2 incoming remarks?

3 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: I want to say thank
4 you for your support and I think we had a great
5 year and there's a lot more to do, but there's
6 always more to do and I just want to thank you my
7 fellow Commissioners for supporting me this whole
8 year.

9 Thank you so much.

10 MR. AMODIO: Any other comments?

11 COMMISSIONER FRIEND: I just want to thank
12 Rigo for his service as President this last year.
13 I think we got a lot accomplished. We had some
14 rough points, but we worked them out and everybody
15 worked in the best interest, not only for the
16 Passaic Valley Water Commission, but the people
17 that we serve. So, thank you.

18 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: Thank you.

19 MR. AMODIO: Any other comments?

20 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: I would also like to
21 thank Rigo for his leadership. I would agree that
22 it was a pretty big year for us and we got pretty
23 far down the road. We still got a lot of road
24 ahead of us, but certainly the leadership that you
25 provided started to change the climate and the

1 culture.

2 The only other thing I would like to do,
3 even though Miss Idida Rodriguez is not here, is
4 thank her for her service to Passaic Valley Water
5 Commission and our communities over the years, her
6 legacy here will certainly be hard to deny.

7 And welcome to Mr. Cotton.

8 COMMISSIONER COTTON: Thank you.

9 MR. AMODIO: Okay. Roll call.

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

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14 MR. AMODIO: You have a quorum.

15 The time is 10:09 a.m.

16 Move onto committee reports, please.

17 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: I'll save Rigo the
18 trouble and give a quick personnel committee
19 report.

20 Personnel committee met last week. We
21 reviewed all the items that are on the agenda.
22 There was one item that we tabled pending
23 additional information that we requested, but all
24 the other recommendations were approved by the
25 personnel committee.

1 MR. AMODIO: Finance.

2 COMMISSIONER VAN RENSALIER: Yes, so the
3 finance committee met yesterday.

4 Through discussion we found that
5 disbursements were ordinary with nothing unusual
6 to report on.

7 Overtime was down across the board about
8 2,000 hours lower than the prior year. However,
9 overtime payouts continue to be significantly
10 large, enough to warrant a closer examination on
11 how we may further reduce those amounts. As a
12 result of an extended discussion on overtime, the
13 committee recommended that the administration
14 conduct an analysis across the board in all
15 departments to determine whether the agency could
16 improve efficiency by hiring additional employees
17 rather than continuing to pay out overtime at
18 current levels. The administration agreed to
19 develop a plan of action in this regard to present
20 to the full board for our consideration.

21 After discussion regarding bank rates, it
22 was agreed upon by the committee that the finance
23 department will update the board on a quarterly
24 basis on the status and/or change on interest
25 rates on all of our bank depositories.

1 The agency will be purchasing 15 new
2 vehicles to add to its fleet. The 15 vehicles
3 will be purchased under State contract of the
4 dealership Chas Winner Ford of Cherry Hill, New
5 Jersey. The cost of the 15 vehicles is \$477,201.
6 In addition to these 15 vehicles, the agency will
7 also be purchasing one special heavy duty Ford 550
8 4-by-4 for the purpose of pulling a large chemical
9 tank placed in the truck's bin. This vehicle will
10 be purchased from Route 23 Automall Butler, New
11 Jersey also under State contract. The cost of
12 this one truck is \$104,166.

13 The Finance Department was exploring the
14 possibility of entering into a Shared Services
15 Agreement with the Merchant Pennsauken Water
16 Commission in regards to sharing lobbying costs
17 related to legislative and other matters
18 pertaining to the affairs impacting our mutual
19 operations. We will be updated in the future by
20 the Finance Department relative to any discussion
21 and details on potential agreements.

22 That's all I have.

23 MR. AMODIO: Thank you.

24 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: Any questions on the
25 reports?

1 Move to the Executive Director's report.

2 Joe, you got anything?

3 MR. BELLA: I'd just like to thank the
4 Commissioners for last year. We got a lot, lot
5 done, particularly, strengthened some of our
6 technical areas in the laboratory, in the
7 Engineering Department. That's really key to what
8 we do here and how to qualify people is really
9 important.

10 And, you know, the situation in the back
11 in terms of distribution is transmitting, looking
12 up. People have responded to some of the
13 incentives that we gave them to do. We're getting
14 a lot of work done. We're slowly changing a lot
15 of lead services, which is really important to do.

16 In terms of the reservoirs, we are making
17 progress, however, I'm not pleased with some of
18 the impositions that were put on us, but we think
19 it will make it work and we'll be able to serve
20 our people the way we should.

21 Next meeting I'll have more detailed
22 information about some of the water quality issues
23 that we're dealing with.

24 COMMISSIONER VANNOY: President.

25 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: Yes, sir.

1 COMMISSIONER VANNOY: Joe, it was brought
2 to my attention that we have an outreach program.

3 MR. BELLA: Yes.

4 COMMISSIONER VANNOY: I know nothing about
5 it and I'm pretty sure maybe other Commissioners
6 don't, can you maybe touch on that? I was told
7 they were doing a very good job.

8 MR. BELLA: Sure.

9 What we're doing is we're building, it's
10 not where I wanted it to be, but we have them
11 working with our consultant who is basically
12 helping schools and direct the program in
13 accordance with some other --

14 COMMISSIONER VANNOY: What does the
15 program entail?

16 MR. BELLA: The program right now has
17 been, we've been sort of ramping it up. It slowed
18 down a little bit in the wintertime. We're going
19 to schools and we're going to organizations. We
20 do a presentation about lead and how to mitigate
21 lead, which is really important. We've worked
22 with the Paterson Health Department, the Clifton
23 Health Department. We had an outreach over in
24 Clifton which Commissioner Friend showed up for
25 and elsewhere in Paterson. The mayor's been

1 there.

2 So those are all really good. We're going
3 to start to dive down into some more of the
4 grassroots issues as we move forward next year
5 along with all the public notifications about the
6 lead and the reservoirs and about the work.

7 We're going to be really expanding our
8 pipe work in the distribution system to all of our
9 capital budget. That work will be, you know, that
10 will take like getting out into neighborhoods and
11 explaining to them what's going to happen, because
12 a lot of these projects will be big and will
13 impact people's daily lives in terms of how they
14 get around. You know, the water will receive
15 differences because of how we have to route the
16 water and that kind of thing.

17 So as we move along, that's really going
18 to be key, that's really going to be one of the
19 most important things to do. That's something
20 where we have to go and that's where this
21 Commission needs to go and this infrastructure in
22 terms of replacing mains and upgrading. That will
23 be the big heavy lifting in the next 25, 30 years,
24 40 years.

25 COMMISSIONER COTTON: Mr. President?

1 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: Yes, sir.

2 COMMISSIONER COTTON: The City of Paterson
3 has also passed out these two particular pieces in
4 public locations go out and also in several
5 schools. And I mentioned to Joe earlier that any
6 way that we can give some information out is
7 always a blessing because people need to
8 understand their drinking water system and when
9 you get the kids involved, it's really a good
10 thing.

11 MR. BELLA: We're going to be upgrading
12 our website too. That's another thing.

13 COMMISSIONER FRIEND: Joe attached to your
14 report is a list of all the - quote - current
15 quotes. But some of them expired in '17; some of
16 them expired in '18; some of them expired in '19.
17 Can we get an updated list of existing contracts,
18 when they expire and perhaps they should be put in
19 chronological order so that when we look at this
20 report we can say, hey, insurance is coming up
21 January 1st. I don't remember it coming before us
22 for renewal. Somebody here should have a
23 chronological listing to look at to see what's
24 coming up and, you know, it would be good if we
25 can have this report in chronological order as

1 well.

2 MR. DUPREY: We can do that for both the
3 professional services --

4 COMMISSIONER FRIEND: It's not only for
5 professional services, it's for everything.
6 Because some of the contracts say they expire, but
7 like on the credit card, I know that one is
8 renewed and I still have the 2019 expiration date.
9 So...

10 MR. DUPREY: We'll make sure the list gets
11 updated and issued.

12 COMMISSIONER FRIEND: Thank you.

13 MR. AMODIO: Okay. We have the e-mail
14 from Gibbons Law on Senate Bill 4110 which was
15 signed into law.

16 Are there any comments on that?

17 COMMISSIONER FRIEND: Okay. Just Miss
18 Flynn raised a question. If we go into somebody's
19 home to replace a pipe, we have to get their
20 permission first?

21 MR. BELLA: Of course.

22 COMMISSIONER FRIEND: Absolutely. Okay.
23 Because it says here an attempt to inform the
24 owner of the replacement and if the owner is
25 unable to be reached in person, send a notice as

1 to the scheduled date and time of alleged service
2 replacement and who will be performing it. So if
3 we don't have contact with the homeowner, how
4 would --

5 MR. BELLA: It's the homeowner or the
6 resident you have to inform. If we can't get to
7 the homeowner, let's say it's a, you know, an
8 apartment building.

9 COMMISSIONER FRIEND: Okay. But also the
10 question came up in terms of who's going to pay
11 for that replacement?

12 MR. BELLA: Well, that would be, if it's
13 part of, you know, they call us up, they pay for
14 that. However, if we're doing the job of
15 replacing our main, which is about 150 or so I
16 think, we cannot just change our line, we have to
17 change all the way in. So that becomes our
18 expense and we've been doing that for years.

19 COMMISSIONER FRIEND: So there would be no
20 payment made by the homeowner?

21 MR. BELLA: Not in that circumstance, when
22 we have to change ours. There's about 150 of them
23 out of 35,000 of them. But you can't do a partial
24 anymore. A partial is when you go from the main
25 to the curb and then you reconnect the old lead

1 service, that spikes the leads up very high. And
2 so years ago the Commission made the decision,
3 but, again, it's not that many of them left.

4 MR. AMODIO: Okay. There was one issue
5 that was put on, the Paterson Police Department
6 has asked for use of the Point View Reservoir for
7 vehicle training on January 24th from 8:00 to
8 4:00 p.m. We have all of the hold harmless and
9 insurance certificates in place on that.

10 COMMISSIONER VANNOY: We do that every
11 year, right?

12 MR. AMODIO: Yeah. Actually, I spoke with
13 Yaacov, last year we did a blanket one for
14 Paterson Police. He'd like to do the same thing
15 this year for the Paterson Police and the County
16 of Passaic Police Academy. So, hopefully, he'll
17 have that ready.

18 So can I have a motion?

19 COMMISSIONER VANNOY: So move.

20 COMMISSIONER COTTON: Second.

21 MR. AMODIO: By Commissioner Vannoy.

22 Second by Commissioner Cotton.

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

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MR. AMODIO: Thank you.

Now, if you'd like to move onto
Controller's Report.

MR. WEISS: Cash on hand is 20.1 million.

Our accounts receivable is at
15.6 million.

Accounts payable is 4.2 million. Accounts
payable might seem a little bit high, that's
because we've have got a PERS payment, that's for
the pension, that's due in April for \$2.1 million.
So that's why that number looks high.

Again, our cash numbers might seem high.
The reason why they seem high is because we're
budgeted to do a lot of our capital work out of
cash, so it's not like we have a lot of cash lying
around, that's money, a lot of it has been
earmarked for capital projects.

We had our auditors in last week to do
inventory. That went very smoothly. Actually,
better than it's ever been before.

Our investments are doing well. I'll have
a better report for you probably in the February
meeting in terms of our results for operations for
our investment program.

1 And you got three resolutions in front of
2 you for the beginning of the year. One of them is
3 designating banks. We try and set up
4 relationships with many of the banks. We have
5 some main ones that handle our money. We have
6 other ones we just use for investment purposes.
7 That gives us the ability to negotiate rates. We
8 get preferential rates from them.

9 You got a banking resolution.

10 You got a resolution authorizing us to
11 issue checks.

12 And then you got another resolution for
13 our investment plan. We made no changes to our
14 investment plan from the prior year because it
15 seems to be working well for us. It limits us to
16 \$5 million. If we're purchasing municipal paper,
17 it limits us to \$5 million in each instance. It
18 limits us to be sure that any municipal paper that
19 we are purchasing are A rated or better.

20 That's all I have. I'm happy to answer
21 questions if you have any.

22 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: We're entering with
23 banks and stuff. You don't say the institutions?

24 MR. WEISS: It's on the resolution.

25 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: It's not on here.

1 MR. WEISS: It's on the resolution. You
2 have a copy of the resolution.

3 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: It has who the banks
4 are?

5 MR. WEISS: Yes.

6 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: Any other questions
7 for the CFO?

8 MR. AMODIO: Okay. Hearing none, can I
9 have a motion to enter closed session?

10 COMMISSIONER VAN RENSALIER: Move it.

11 COMMISSIONER VANNOY: Second.

12 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: One more question.
13 Do you go into like RFPs for banks for interest
14 rates and stuff like that?

15 MR. WEISS: Not formal RFPs, but, yes, we
16 call banks and talk to them all the time.

17 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: Are we supposed to
18 or can we go into formal RFPs with banks like
19 that?

20 MR. WEISS: We've done in the past. We're
21 not required to. There's a lot of nuances to
22 banking.

23 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: All right.

24 MR. AMODIO: Okay. Commissioner Van
25 Rensalier offers the following resolution for

1 adoption:

2 WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Open Public
3 Meetings Act permits the exclusion of the public
4 from certain circumstances; and

5 WHEREAS, the public body is of the opinion
6 that such circumstances presently exist.

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

9 1. The public shall be excluded from
10 discussion of the hereinafter specified subject
11 matters; the general nature of the subject matters
12 being: Financial, Insurance, Personnel,
13 Contracts, Negotiations, Security, Law, and other
14 matters as may be discussed in camera.

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

20 3. This resolution shall take effect
21 immediately.

22 Second by Commissioner Vannoy.

23 On the roll.

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25 (Roll call was taken, all Commissioners

1 respond in the affirmative)

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3 MR. AMODIO: Thank you.

4 The time is 10:25.

5 Gentlemen, please close the doors.

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9 MR. AMODIO: On the roll.

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

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15 MR. AMODIO: Thank you.

16 The time is --

17 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: Lou, can we do the
18 Consent Agenda as one vote?

19 MR. AMODIO: Hold on.

20 Yes.

21 The time is 10:41 a.m.

22 You have a quorum.

23 We can do it all in one vote.

24 Commissioner Sanchez, the question that I have
25 before we do that is the matter of setting the

1 monthly meetings. If the board would like to
2 continue Wednesday at 9:30, if not --

3 COMMISSIONER FRIEND: Would anybody have
4 an objection to changing --

5 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: I think it was
6 fine.

7 COMMISSIONER FRIEND: Wednesday is fine at
8 9:30. Does anybody have an objection to the
9 second Wednesday of the month rather than the
10 third? Anybody have an issue?

11 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: That would work fine
12 for me.

13 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: What is it? I'm
14 sorry.

15 COMMISSIONER FRIEND: The second Wednesday
16 instead of the third.

17 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: If we can start
18 9:45, just because I drop the kids off.

19 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: No, 9:30. Let him
20 be late. He will be late anyway.

21 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: 9:30's fine. I
22 don't care.

23 COMMISSIONER COTTON: When will this
24 start? I'll be in Jamaica from the 10th to the
25 15th.

1 COMMISSIONER FRIEND: Oh boy, well, we'll
2 come down there and have the meeting down there.

3 COMMISSIONER COTTON: I hate to miss
4 meetings.

5 COMMISSIONER FRIEND: Why don't we do the
6 third Wednesday in February and then after that.

7 COMMISSIONER COTTON: That will be fine.

8 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: That's perfect.
9 That's what we're going to do. It's going to be
10 the third Wednesday in February and then we're
11 going to move it to the second Wednesday for the
12 duration of the year.

13 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: 9:30, please.

14 MR. AMODIO: Okay. So you have the
15 resolution that Yitzchak spoke about.

16 You have Resolution Shared Services
17 Agreement for the Canada Goose Damage Maintenance
18 \$11,733.

19 Resolution for Passaic Valley to enter
20 into an Administrative Consent Order for the High
21 Crest Distribution System.

22 COMMISSIONER FRIEND: I have questions on
23 that.

24 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: Go ahead.

25 COMMISSIONER FRIEND: You want me to do it

1 now or when we come up for a vote?

2 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: No, do it now.

3 COMMISSIONER FRIEND: Okay. I got to be
4 honest with you, I never, I don't think in four
5 years, I've never seen High Crest System mentioned
6 in any documents that we've gotten.

7 We have?

8 MR. BELLA: It's always in my monthly
9 report every month there's something in there
10 about High Crest Systems.

11 COMMISSIONER FRIEND: Okay. But I mean,
12 there's nothing mentioned in here about what the
13 cost is or anything of that nature.

14 MR. BELLA: I'm sorry?

15 COMMISSIONER FRIEND: There's nothing
16 mentioned in this resolution about what the cost
17 is going to be.

18 MR. BELLA: We don't know what it's going
19 to be.

20 COMMISSIONER FRIEND: We don't have any
21 estimates or anything?

22 MR. DUPREY: May I?

23 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: Yes.

24 MR. DUPREY: We're still formulating that.
25 This is actually a Consent Order that we're

1 entering into with DEP and it's because, by
2 setting the water into the High Crest System it
3 has a longer age because it has to get around,
4 there's not a lot of customers in there. We've
5 been trying to do a lot of things to improve the
6 water that comes from Butler and goes into our
7 system because their quality is kind of pitiful.
8 But what we're doing now is we're proposing to run
9 a new pipe all the way up, directly up to our tank
10 where we have an aeration system. So in doing
11 that, you know, we're doing cost estimates, we're
12 doing everything else. But the DEP required us to
13 enter into a Consent Order to make sure that
14 happens.

15 MR. BELLA: We knew we had to do it, was
16 part of the upgrade of the system. They wanted an
17 ACO because of the MCL violation that we had a few
18 years back.

19 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: And this is the DEP
20 that's pushing this also, right?

21 MR. DUPREY: Yes, that's actually their,
22 I'm going to say probably 100, 150,000. I don't
23 like to put numbers out there. It's kind of on
24 that order, you know. We'll be putting in a new
25 pipe next to the system. You know, things are

1 keeping houses in service and all that. So it's
2 relatively complicated. We're going to have a
3 temporary line to do things in service. We may
4 have to do some adjustments to our pump station,
5 not likely, but possible. So, you know, we don't
6 want to just put a number out there. But at that
7 time we will be putting in, you know, the bids, we
8 would open bids, we will have an open bid for it.
9 So it will go through the normal process that the
10 Commissioners deal with approval and bids before
11 we do. And we're required to do it, so it's just
12 a question of going forward with the process.

13 COMMISSIONER FRIEND: You know, on your
14 part of your report for High Crest it indicates
15 everything is in compliance.

16 MR. BELLA: It is now. It's back into
17 compliance.

18 COMMISSIONER FRIEND: It is back into
19 compliance.

20 MR. BELLA: But that can vary. That
21 varies on the weather conditions. It's about
22 trial, basically, because of the way that it runs,
23 there's a running average, this particular trial,
24 so that if you get a spike, it will put you out of
25 compliance for like up to a year unless you -- and

1 then it just depends on the weather really. It's
2 not to go in and out.

3 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: Any other questions
4 regarding High Crest?

5 Louis, you want to finish the items,
6 please?

7 MR. AMODIO: Yes.

8 You also have a resolution as Treasurer
9 Van Rensalier mentioned earlier purchasing of 15
10 vehicles and one Ford F-550 Super-Duty Pickup.

11 Any questions on those?

12 Hearing none...

13 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: I'm okay, but are
14 we getting rid of any of the old stuff we have,
15 Joe?

16 MR. BELLA: Once we get it out of here, it
17 has to go out to auction.

18 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: Fine. We're
19 eliminating some of that stuff --

20 MR. BELLA: Yes.

21 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: What I'm realizing
22 some of that stuff, it's costing to maintain.

23 MR. BELLA: That's what we're trying to do
24 is get rid of all that stuff, particularly in the
25 lab and a couple of the vehicles in the back.

1 MR. AMODIO: Just for, they're purchasing
2 and working on a list so that we could go out and
3 do public auction. It's just not vehicles, it's
4 other equipment and computers.

5 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: This company, I
6 hope we go through one of those companies.

7 MR. AMODIO: Yes, we have in the past, an
8 online company.

9 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: All right. So what
10 do you need?

11 MR. AMODIO: I need a motion.

12 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: I move it.

13 COMMISSIONER COTTON: I second.

14 MR. AMODIO: Second by Commissioner
15 Cotton.

16 On the roll.

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

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22 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: Yes, to the Consent
23 Agenda.

24 MR. AMODIO: Thank you.

25 You will update us on the committees for

1 2020 at the next meeting.

2 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: So I think what
3 we'll do is the committee assignments is we'll
4 finish finalizing the list and we'll have Louis
5 send that out so that the committees can hit the
6 ground running. We will continue the practice
7 that was reinstated by President Sanchez, which is
8 to make sure that there is one representative from
9 each of the three owner cities so that it's not a
10 voting block of a committee that's pushing things
11 and recommending things forward.

12 I'm going to invoke the words of Idida,
13 "we are a working board". And so these committees
14 do meet on a fairly regular basis. I think that
15 one of the things that works for us with special
16 projects is similar to setting a meeting schedule
17 for our regular meetings, we established a
18 standing day and time and if it wasn't necessary,
19 we just cancelled the committee meeting. But this
20 way it was just easier to set calendars and know
21 when we were meeting sensitive to the fact that
22 Louis has to get information out in the resolution
23 form.

24 Whoever winds up on insurance, good luck.
25 It sounds like from this morning you're going to

1 hit the ground running.

2 And then the only other thing that I'm
3 going to ask that it's not uncommon for
4 Commissioners to send stuff to Administration
5 requesting that stuff get put onto an agenda for a
6 committee level, if they can also cc the Chair so
7 that can assure that any items that a Commissioner
8 is interested in being discussed at the committee
9 level will get discussed at the committee level
10 and that there won't be any kind of accidental
11 vetting where items aren't being brought forward
12 to the committees to be discussed in full.

13 That pretty much covers it. We'll have
14 that list out to you by the end of the week.

15 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: Thank you. I wish
16 our new president luck and on my behalf, I'm here
17 to support you. And come up with a list.

18 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: If we can keep your
19 momentum going, we'll be in good shape. You did a
20 lot last year.

21 MR. AMODIO: We have from closed session,
22 we have the Personnel agenda which has been
23 approved by the committee and we also have the
24 Access Indemnification Reservation of Rights
25 Agreement with Henkel Corporation.

1 Current Salary: \$63,978.71

2 Current Range: \$38,000.00 - \$63,978.71

3 Proposed Salary: \$64,300.80 (1 increment)

4 Proposed Range: \$18,033.60 - \$65,911.26

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6 **II. Changes in TOR and Increments**

7 a. Roy Woodson as Senior Water Treatment
8 Plant Operator

9 Current Title: Senior Water Treatment

10 Plant Operator

11 Current Salary: \$79,598.25

12 Current Range: \$38,000.00 - \$79,598.25

13 Proposed Salary: \$82,217.68 (1 increment)

14 Proposed Range: \$38,000.00 - \$90,075.98

15 b. Javier Velasquez as as Senior Water
16 Treatment Plant Operator

17 Current Title: Senior Water Treatment

18 Plant Operator

19 Current Salary: \$78,723.22

20 Current Range: \$38,000.00 - \$79,598.25

21 Proposed Salary: \$80,615.35 (1 increment)

22 Proposed Range: \$38,000.00 - \$90,075.98

23 c. Johnny Rodriguez as Senior Water
24 Treatment Plant Operator

25 Current Title: Senior Water Treatment

1 Plant Operator

2 Current Salary: \$79,598.25

3 Current Range: \$38,000.00 - \$79,598.25

4 Proposed Salary: \$81,344.54 (1 increment)

5 Proposed Range: \$38,000.00 - \$90,075.98

6 d. Thomas Coates as Senior Water Treatment

7 Plant Operator.

8 Current Title: Senior Water Treatment

9 Plant Operator

10 Current Salary \$78,413.92

11 Current Range: \$38,000.00 - \$79,598.25

12 Proposed Salary \$80,357.60 (1 increment)

13 Proposed Range: \$38,000.00 - \$90,075.98

14 e. Timothy Scott as Senior Water Treatment

15 Plant Operator

16 Current Title: Senior Water Treatment

17 Plant Operator

18 Current Salary \$79,598.25

19 Current Range: \$38,000.00 - \$79,598.25

20 Proposed Salary: \$81,344.54 (1 increment)

21 Proposed Range: \$38,000.00 - \$90,075.98

22 f. Daniel Rosol as Senior Water Treatment

23 Plant Operator

24 Current Title: Senior Water Treatment

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Current Salary: \$79,598.25
Current Range: \$38,000.00 - \$79,598.25
Proposed Salary: \$81,344.54 (1 increment)
Proposed Range: \$38,000.00 - \$90,075.98

g. Zackary Miranda as Senior Water

Treatment Plant Operator

Current Title: Senior Water Treatment

Plant Operator

Current Salary: \$79,598.25
Current Range: \$38,000.00 - \$79,598.25
Proposed Salary: \$81,344.54 (1 increment)
Proposed Range: \$38,000.00 - \$90,075.98

h. Valerie Bridges as Senior Water

Treatment Plant Operator

Current Title: Senior Water Treatment

Plant Operator

Current Salary: \$73,549.84
Current Range: \$38,000.00 - \$79,598.25
Proposed Salary: \$76,304.20 (1 increment)
Proposed Range: \$38,000.00 - \$90,075.98

III. Leave of Absence:

a. Matthew McKoy.

Current Title: Laborer 1

Current Salary: \$63,978.72

1 Current Range: \$38,000.00 - \$63,978.72)

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3 MR. AMODIO: Thank you.

4 Good and Welfare.

5 I have nothing under Good and Welfare,

6 except to welcome...

7 COMMISSIONER COTTON: I have two great

8 things actually.

9 Last Sunday morning about 9:00 a woman
10 called me that had water in her basement on 21st
11 Avenue. By the time I got there, our Passaic
12 Valley Water Commission crew chief was there. I
13 think his name is Steve.

14 MR. BELLA: Steve, right.

15 COMMISSIONER COTTON: And her husband was
16 "happier than a fag in Boys Town". The woman was
17 just...

18 COMMISSIONER FRIEND: Take that out.

19 COMMISSIONER COTTON: I'm sorry, I'm
20 sorry.

21 It was just an excellent display of doing
22 the right thing.

23 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: I would have said
24 that too. Don't worry about it.

25 COMMISSIONER COTTON: The second thing is

1 that one of our own here, Frankie "Holy" Toledo.
2 That was his boxing name. He's been here I think
3 25, 26 years. He's being honored on the 8th of
4 March by the Lou Costello Boxing Club at La Neve's
5 and his resume is really great. Not only him
6 being an employee here, but his brother was a
7 fighter, David "The Shark" Toledo, and his father,
8 I grew up playing baseball with. His name is Fifo
9 (Phonetic).

10 This young man right here, Tommy DeVita, I
11 played baseball against him. He was a tough guy,
12 a tough guy. He was as big as he was when he was
13 13 as he is now.

14 So I just wanted to bring that to the good
15 of the order and look, I'm just happy to be here
16 and hope that we have a good working relationship.

17 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: Thank you,
18 Commissioner.

19 COMMISSIONER FRIEND: Under Good and
20 Welfare, not to beat that horse, but I think I
21 said it several times in the past, I think all of
22 the Commissioners would want to know, as Mr.
23 Cotton said before, if something's going on in
24 their town and if something's being sent to the
25 mayor and municipal council, if there's a meeting,

1 if there's an outreach, whatever it may be, I
2 would like to know about it in Clifton because
3 when I was watching the Clifton council meeting
4 last week, I was sitting there shaking my head
5 saying what are they talking about.

6 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: That's the right
7 thing, I expect the same thing. If something's
8 going on in our town, we expect to know and that's
9 something that the administration should be aware
10 of, that we expect to know everything that's going
11 on in our town.

12 MR. AMODIO: Okay.

13 COMMISSIONER FRIEND: You know, even with
14 the communication that's sent, you know.

15 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: We shouldn't be
16 caught blind, you're right.

17 Anything else?

18 MR. AMODIO: That will be all.

19 Motion to adjourn.

20 COMMISSIONER VAN RENSALIER: Move it.

21 MR. AMODIO: No objections.

22 Time is 10:55.

23 Next Commission meeting is scheduled for
24 Wednesday, February 19 at 9:30 a.m.
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