

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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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.

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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.

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

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

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22 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: That's a labor of
23 love for you guys.

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

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

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31 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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