

Poughkeepsies' Joint Water Board

June 4, 2019

Minutes

Board Members

Jay Baisley
Bill Carlos
Rob Rolison
Marc Nelson
Mark Newton

Others

Randy Alstadt, Water Plant Administrator
Jim Horan, Wallace & Wallace
Bill Brady, City Finance Commissioner
Charlie Emberger, Town Comptroller
Doreen Tignanelli, Town Customer

1. Approval of May 7 Minutes

Minutes were approved 4-0-1. Mark Newton abstained as he did not attend the meeting.

2. Public Participation

Doreen Tignanelli discussed the following.

If there is a plan to hire a scientist to review Central Hudson's Dye Test protocol as proposed at the Hudson 7 meeting, there should be a cap on the maximum amount of money to be spent.

CSOs (combined sewer overflows) from the City, even if permitted and "heavily diluted" as the city says, is still untreated discharge going into the river and there were five such city discharges reported in May alone, three with a Volume/rate of discharge at 500 Gallons per Minute Estimated; one with 65,000 Gallons Actual Volume/rate of discharge and one with 178,000 Gallons Actual volume/rate of discharge.

June 1, 2019 article in "Poughkeepsie Journal How safe is your drinking water? A new report finds reason for concern" should be addressed by the Water Board. If there is a reason for concern, the public should know and if there isn't, they should know that, too.

3. Plant Status Report

Randy Alstadt stated that plant continues to operate well. Randy referred Board to his report.

Randy stated that Low Lift #4 failed for the third time. He stated the pump has been taken to the repair shop and should be back in July. Randy stated that this limits production and if an additional pump fails curtailment could be necessary.

Randy stated that the Maintenance Mechanic position was filled May 28th.

4. Update on 2019 Operating Budget

Randy Alstadt stated that expenses are on target. Currently expenses are at 32-percent compared to 41-percent of the year.

Randy stated he is concerned that he is concerned that polyaluminum chloride price increased over 30-percent, electric costs appear higher than projected and costs for repair of low lift pump was not include in budget.

Randy provided Board a list of items that will need to be replaced in the future. Mark Newton and Marc Nelson thanked Randy for the effort and pointed out that information is valuable. Mark Newton asked if 2019 items are included in this year's budget. Randy stated they are included.

5. 2018 Reconciliation

Marc Nelson stated that City has sent check to Town for 2018 wholesale water sales. Marc stated that Town Controller, Charlie Emberger and City Finance Commissioner worked on reconciliation. Marc stated he would like to establish a payment plan for 2017 and half of 2018.

Marc stated that City Council approved money for making payments to Town last night.

Charlie stated that Town is concerned that split does not address transportation costs.

Marc stated that he needs to get the reconciliation approved. Bill Brady questioned why City has to pay Town to transmit their water. Charlie stated that transportation costs are established in rate and are specified as payment to Town. Bill Carlos stated that customer is paying for cost of water to go through Town pipes.

Bill Carlos and Rob Rolison agreed to table this topic.

6. UV Replacement Project – Update

Randy Alstadt presented schedule and budget. Randy stated the Tighe Bond reduced their engineering costs based upon a detailed design projection \$100,000. Their costs were then reduced \$73,000 based upon plant staff performing on site inspection.

Randy stated that project will take two years once design is initiated. Randy expressed concerns that repair parts will be obsolete in 2021. Randy stated that should a UV unit fail production capacity will be reduced 3.2 MGD. Furthermore, Randy stated that if a UPS unit fails capacity would be reduced 6.4 MGD to 9.6 MGD.

Randy Alstadt asked status of Town Map, Plan and Report. Rob Rolison asked what Map, Plan and Report includes. Jim Horan stated State requires report when a Town is improving facilities. Report shows costs and impacts to customers. Rob asked if Town will apply for bonding. Jay Baisley stated the Town will.

Rob Rolison stated that City Council wants to take money out of water fund which is not recommended. Rob stated that City Council needs to get

reengaged. Rob stated taking money from Water Fund would drop it to dangerous low.

Mark Newton questioned what the contingency would be if we experience failure. Randy stated that a single UV unit would be ok and additional failures could be repaired by taking components from failed unit or contacts with other utilities. Randy stated that if a UPS fails a trailer mounted unit could be contracted.

Jim Horan stated once Town gets Map, Plan and Report approved project can move forward immediately after City Council approval.

7. UV Replacement Project

8. City of Poughkeepsie Water Quality Educational Video

Rob Rolison stated that City has engaged firm to produce three (3) films which are/will be on website. First film was on Combined Sewer Overflows (CSO's). Next film will be Water Quality with emphases on City's commitment to quality water. Third film will be on City's new storage reservoirs.

9. Release of Town of East Fishkill Revenue currently in Escrow

Bill Carlos proposed money be released. Jay Baisley seconded including that monies be included in Resolution. Board approved 5-0.

10. Central Hudson Plan to Dye Test Hudson River

Bill Carlos proposed Board hire Dr. Chant to evaluate Central Hudson proposal. Bill stated his cost will be \$150/hour with \$6,000 maximum. Bill discussed concern that Central Hudson is performing this test to build up prior knowledge that work will not impact our water. Bill stated that their study projects dye will run along the shore.

Jim Horan stated that initial proposal did not consider impact to water plant. He stated that it is hard to believe a release will stay along the shore. Jim stated he is concerned that test was not previously conducted. Jim stated that because Clean-up is considered Type 2 there was little discussion about intakes. Jim agreed that Board needs expert advice.

Bill Carlos stated that spill could impact plant in twelve (12) minutes.

Rob Rolison agreed that Board should hire scientist and tell DEC what we are doing with copy to Central Hudson.

Jim stated that written report from expert will be forceful.

Rob stated that letter should go to Central Hudson with copy to DEC advising our hiring of a consultant with our objectives.

Board approved hiring Dr. Chant 5-0. Rob directed Jim to draft letter to Central Hudson. Marc Newton will sign letter with copy to City Chairman and Town Supervisor

11. Old Business

None

12. New Business

None.

***Board set next regularly scheduled meeting will be July 2, 2019,
4:30 PM at the Poughkeepsies' Water Treatment Facility Board
Room***