

Poughkeepsies' Joint Water Board

October 1, 2019

Minutes

Board Members

Jay Baisley
Bill Carlos
Rob Rolison
Marc Nelson
Mark Newton

Others

Randy Alstadt, Water Plant Administrator
Jim Horan, Wallace & Wallace
Tim Moot, Clark Patterson Lee
Doreen Tignanelli, Town Customer
Tom Colgan, Town Water
Mark McLean, Central Hudson
Wayne Mancroni, Central Hudson
Douglas McNeal, NYSDEC
Bill Brady, City Finance Commissioner
Paul Malmrose, Tighe&Bond
Erin Moore, Tighe&Bond
Charlie Emberger, Town Comptroller

1. Approval of September 2, 2019 Minutes

Minutes were approved 5-0.

2. Public Participation

Doreen Tignanelli stated that budget report does not show revenue correctly.

Doreen stated that per pages 23 and 24 of the IMA the Water Plant Administrator's budget becomes the budget if not approved by Water Board after August 16, 2019.

3. Plant Status Report

Randy Alstadt stated that plant continues to operate well. Randy referred Board to his report. Jay Baisley asked status of disinfection by-products. Randy stated that tests of THAAs had to be retaken as a result of contract laboratory error. Randy stated results continue to be good.

4. Status of 2019 Operating Budget

Randy Alstadt stated that expenses are on target. Currently expenses are at 61-percent compared to 75-percent of the year. Mark Newton asked Randy what he expects year end expense will compare to budget. Randy stated he expects expenses will be within budget.

5. 2020 Operating Budget

Randy Alstadt stated that there are not any candidates for the Water Treatment or Water Plant Operator. Randy requested Board approve Water Operator Trainee. Board approved 5-0.

Bill Carlos asked why Revenue is not shown on Budget. Randy stated that shows what is available in City system.

Jim Horan stated that deadline on Budget of August 15th is to provide numbers for City and Town budgets.

Randy stated that the proposed budget was prepared with Bill Brady and Charlie Emberger. Budget requests an increase of 5-percent.

Rob Rolison left meeting to address family emergency.

Marc Nelson proposed that budget be approved. Bill Carlos moved to adopt budget. Jay Baisley seconded motion. Board approved 4-0.

6. Hudson River Dredging

Marc Nelson stated that Board has done a tremendous job at expressing our concerns which were transmitted to DEC in letter. Bill Carlos stated that DEC has placed dredging on hold until drinking water risks are further reduced. Bill stated that shoreline Sheeting is scheduled to resume October 12th and be completed in October. Bill stated he is hoping for a better plan.

Marc stated that Central Hudson pushed back on protection of intake, however, plan has evolved and improved. Bill stated that turbidity (which is primary test) is not an indicator of coal tar.

Randy Alstadt stated that Central Hudson has set up an instrument to monitor raw water. This instrument, called a Frog, tests for organics that can be tested by a gas chromatograph.

7. Emergency Planning

Randy Alstadt provided Board sections from Emergency Plan that addresses actions that will be taken in the event of a water contamination event.

Randy suggested we coordinate a Table Top exercise to review what will happen in the event of a contamination event.

Marc recommended our plan be shared with County Emergency Planning.

Jim Horan stated it is important to make sure contacts are listed and up to date.

Marc stated that City is planning to keep cistern (College Hill 5 million gallon reservoir) on line until dredging is completed.

8. Purchase Lease Mass Spec

Randy Alstadt presented proposals received from Perkin Elmer (\$123,339.12) and Agilent Technologies (\$174,741.38). Randy stated both instruments are available on State Contract.

Randy recommended that we select the Perkin Elmer instrument. Randy advised that a 5-year lease cost would be \$28,580.16 annually. Randy stated that preliminary additional lab costs are \$30,000 annually. Marc Nelson stated he would have conversation with Central Hudson to help defray costs.

Jay Baisley expressed concern about annual laboratory costs. Jay directed

Randy to provide Board details.

9. Acceptance of Final 2018 Reconciliation

Marc Nelson requested Board approve Reconciliation. Mark Newton stated that this is a matter between City and Town. Marc responded that IMA requires Board approve reconciliation. Board took no action.

10. UV Replacement Project – Update

Erin Moore passed out schedule. Erin stated that Tighe&Bond submitted Grant Application and received acknowledgement that it was received. Bill Carlos moved to award Tighe&Bond proposed design and construction services contract. Jay Baisley seconded. Board approved 4-0.

11. Pipe Surge Analysis

Randy Alstadt stated that plant staff has observed significant surge in High Lift discharge piping when pump shuts down due to power failure or control problem. Based upon that concern Randy requested and received proposal from Tighe&Bond to conduct an analysis and recommend resolution. Cost for this effort is \$8,400.

Jay Baisley asked why Board Engineering Firm, Clark Patterson Lee (CPL) was not asked for price. Randy provided proposal to Tim Moot and requested he provide a proposal for CPL. Request was tabled.

12. Request for Water Service to 5 Cobey Terrace

Jim Horan stated that the South side of Cobey Terrace is in Town and North side is in Hyde Park. Randy Alstadt stated that Town needs to provide connection costs for agreement. Randy stated that he proposes water rate be same as other Cobey Terrace rate.

13. Old Business

Jay Baisley asked if County has been provided cost increase for recently completed capital project. Randy stated that he provided rate which was developed with Bill Brady.

14. New Business

None.

Board set next regularly scheduled meeting will be November 12, 2019, 4:30 PM at the Poughkeepsies' Water Treatment Facility