

Poughkeepsies' Joint Water Board

***December 10, 2019
Minutes***

Board Members

Jay Baisley
Bill Carlos
Rob Rolison
Marc Nelson

Others

Randy Alstadt, Water Plant Administrator
Jim Horan, Wallace & Wallace
Don Beer, Clark Patterson Lee
Paul Malmrose, Tighe&Bond
Erin Moore, Tighe&Bond
Charlie Emberger, Town Comptroller
Doreen Tignanelli, Town Customer

1. Approval of November 12, 2019 Minutes

Minutes were approved 4-0.

2. Public Participation

Doreen Tignanelli recommended that any legal fees spent for services conducted for contract with Pleasant Valley should be paid by Pleasant Valley. Doreen commented that City of Middletown performed an audit that identified cyber attack concerns. Doreen then stated that budget summary does not show revenue which makes it impossible to determine City and Town payments.

3. Plant Status Report

Randy Alstadt referred Board to his report.

Randy stated that we have been experiencing high turbidity in river resulting from frequent rain events. As we are short two operators we have experienced increased overtime to process the solids.

Randy stated that he is concerned over the number of failures experienced in our Low Lift Pumps that were installed in the upgrade. On December 5th Low Lift Pump #1 was removed for repairs. This was the 4th failure within three (3) years. Randy stated Low Lift Pump #4 also failed four (4) times, while Low Lift Pumps #2 and #3 were taken returned to repair shop for warranty repairs. Randy stated that Low Lift #2 is currently experiencing vibration problems and in the event it would fail while #2 is out for service we could have difficulty providing adequate water supply for our customers.

Rob Rolison asked how much pumps cost and questioned if we should secure a spare pump. Rand estimated \$50,000 to \$75,000. Marc Nelson asked if money is in budget. Rob asked if our pumps are subject to failure can we purchase another pump under emergency. Jim Horan stated that if other municipalities bid a similar pump other municipalities can purchase at that price without bidding.

Randy stated he needed a week to review and would provide a recommendation then. Board agreed.

4. Status of 2019 Operating Budget

Randy Alstadt stated that expenses are on target. Currently operating expenses are at 76-percent compared to 90-percent of the year. Randy stated he expects expenses will be within budget.

5. Hudson River Dredging

Randy Alstadt stated that Central Hudson is having trouble with the moon pool operation and will likely not be dredging until next September.

6. UV Replacement Project – Update

Randy Alstadt stated that design is proceeding. Current effort is to prepare UV unit bid package as was done during original installation.

7. Request for Water Service to 5 Cobey Terrace

Jim Horan stated that he has draft Tenancy Agreement. Jim stated rate will be same as 4th Ward plus 50-percent. Property owner will be responsible for connection cost and meter. Jim stated he would have agreement out next week.

8. Water Sale to the Town of Pleasant Valley

Don Beer stated that he expects initial rate of 30,000 gallons per day (gpd) with increase to 60,000 gpd commitment.

9. 2020 Meeting Dates

Meetings in 2020 will be the first Tuesday of the month at 4:30 PM with the exception of November which will be the second Tuesday.

10. Old Business

Marc Nelson stated that he enjoyed being chairman. Marc stated he learned a lot and that he is pleased of collective actions on protecting our water supply from impact of Hudson Valley dredging.

11. New Business

Randy Alstadt requested permission to take vacation February 22, 2020 through March 15, 2020. Randy stated that given approval he will not attend the March 2020 Board meeting. Board approved unanimously.

Board set next regularly scheduled meeting will be January 7, 2020, 4:30 PM at the Poughkeepsies' Water Treatment Facility