

Poughkeepsies' Joint Water Board

***February 4, 2019
Minutes***

Board Members

Jay Baisley
Rob Rolison
Marc Nelson
Rich DuPilka
Sarah Salem

Others

Randy Alstadt, Water Plant Administrator
Jim Horan, Wallace & Wallace
Don Beer, Clark Patterson Lee
Tom Colgan, Town Water
Charlie Emberger, Town Comptroller
Brian Martinez, City Budget Analysis
Doreen Tignanelli, Town Customer
Alan Walther. Bonadio & Co.

New Board Members were introduce:

Sarah Salem replaces Rob Rolison
Rich DuPilka replaces Natasha Cherry
Jessica Lopez replaces Mark Newton

Vice Chairman, Marc Nelson led the meeting due to absence of Chairman Carlos.

1. Selection of Officers

Marc Nelson request nomination for position of Secretary. Sarah Salem was nominated and approved unanimously.

2. Approval of January 7, 2020 Minutes

Minutes were approved 5-0.

3. Public Participation

Doreen Tignanelli pointed out that in budget revenue status report does not show wholesale water revenue. Doreen stated that she has brought this up multiple times. She then stated that report is inaccurate.

Doreen then requested status of 2017 audit report response to recommended actions. Marc Newton responded that the City Finance Commissioner will respond and that 2018 audit is being conducted now.

4. Plant Status Report

Randy Alstadt referred Board to his report. Randy expressed concern that the problems with our low lift pumps remains a concern. Rich DuPilka asked if this could be caused by problems with intake. Randy responded that there is not any indication that the intake is a problem.

Marc Nelson asked cost of a pump. Randy responded that it would be over \$100,000.

Jim Horan stated that the engineer specified the pump performance requirements. Jim stated there may be some inherent design problems related to the long shaft which is longer than previous pumps that were replaced.

5. Status of 2019 Operating Budget

Randy Alstadt stated that expenses were significantly less than budget due to unexpected breakdown of equipment. Marc Nelson stated that he has reviewed and can verify that expenses in 2019 were below budget as Randy has presented.

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. Project is scheduled to be completed the end of 2021.

7. Request for Water Service to 5 Cobey Terrace

Jim Horan stated that he has draft Tenancy Agreement. Jim stated he has followed up with Town of Hyde Park.

Jay Baisley stated cost of water should not be less than Town customers. Jim stated that he has included provision that if customer does not pay, at the end of the year Board can bill Dutchess County.

Marc Nelson asked Jim to present next step. Jim stated that Town will provide service from main to curb stop then install meter in customers home. Jim stated that costs will be:

Connection Fee: \$1,000, Construction Fee: \$2,400.63, Meter: \$300

Jim stated that Board should adopt resolution at next meeting.

Marc Nelson asked why customer wanted connection. Rand replied that customer told him well capacity is insufficient.

8. Water Sale to the Town of Pleasant Valley

Jim Horan stated that he was contacted by Rich Olsen to provide proposed rates and that he sent him rates currently proposed.

Board agreed to table this topic until more information is provided by Pleasant Valley.

9. Old Business

None

10. New Business

Randy requested that Board approve hiring an Operator Trainee as there are not any Operator candidates on County list. Board approved Rand's request.

Marc Nelson reviewed Dredging plan for new members. Marc stated that

dredging did not proceed as planned in 2019 due to numerous concerns presented by Board members and Dr. Chant, a Marine Scientist hired by the Board. Marc stated that they are expected to initiate dredging in September (dredging is limited to between September through January only).

Board set next regularly scheduled meeting will be March 3, 2020, 4:30 PM at the Poughkeepsies' Water Treatment Facility