

Poughkeepsies' Joint Water Board

May 5, 2020

Minutes

ATTENDANCE

Board Members

Bill Carlos
Mark Nelson
Rich Dupilka
Jay Baisley
Sarah Salem, City

Others

Randy Alstadt, Water Plant Administrator
Jim Horan, Wallace & Wallace
Tim Moot, Clark Paterson & Lee
Tom Colgan, Town Water
Keith Ballard, Town Water
Mark McLean, Central Hudson
Wayne Marconi, Central Hudson
Douglas McNeal, DEC
Lee Felshin, Dutchess County DOH
Grant Jaing, Dutchess DOH
Brian Martinez Ph.D, City Commissioner of Finance
Richard Hooley Ed.D, District Superintendent BOCES
Doreen Tignanelli, Town customer

Meeting was conducted online utilizing Zoom.

1. Approval of March 3, 2020 minutes

Minutes were unanimously approved

2. Public Participation

Doreen Tignanelli thanked Brian Morris and Al Losee for providing the public at the March Meeting. Doreen additionally thanked the Board for allowing public access and participation to Zoom meeting.

Doreen requested the meeting be recorded. Randy Alstadt advised he did not know how to record. Jim Horan instructed Randy and recording was initiated. Recording is available.

Jim Horan advised that State Law allows Zoom and other programs for public meetings

3. Plant Status Report

Randy Alstadt advised that plant is operating well.

Next week will be taking our second quarter Disinfection Byproduct testing. Basin #3 is out of service for preventive maintenance. Low Lift #2 failed again and is at the repair shop. Repair shop has proposed modifications to our low lift pumps at no cost. We have approved. Shop has ordered parts. Once received we will schedule modifications during the year.

Probably 2 pumps this year

4. **Update on 2020 Operating Budget**

Randy Alstadt advised the Board that we are currently 33% of year and 24% of budget expended. Randy advised that he and staff are aware of City and Towns financial concerns and have identified items in budget that could be delayed. Randy stated that he does not expect to expend contingency of \$70,000.

Jay Baisley, asked Randy how this year's production compares to previous years. Randy stated flows are similar to last year.

5. **Hudson River Dredging Update**

Mark McLean stated that towards the end of last year Moon Pool could not be fabricated as designed. Engineers and Central Hudson have determined mechanical dredging will not work as planned. They are now pursuing hydraulic dredging. They anticipate conducting a pilot test this year. Do not expect full scale dredging this year.

Bill Carlos asked if plan will be hydraulic dredging or clam bucket dredging. Mark stated at this time they are pursuing hydraulic dredging.

Bill asked if any other attendees would like to comment. Douglas McNeal stated DEC has nothing to add at this time. Dan Eaton stated that his firm has experience in hydraulic dredging.

Randy Alstadt stated that he has received a new quote on Gas Chromatograph Mass Spec (GCMS) and are in the process of modifying the lab to prepare for installation. Bill Carlos stated that we should start GCMS as soon as possible to collect background data. Randy stated he is working with city Finance to acquire unit. Mark McLean asked if we received new bid and if it will be different than what they have seen. Randy stated that purchase will be on State Contract and the same as last year.

Tim Moot stated that his firm has been working on new reservoirs and decommissioning old reservoir. He stated that now that City wants to keep old reservoir they will have to make modifications. Tim stated that he has been in discussion with DOH on plan. He expects to have more information as the move forward.

Bill Carlos asked Keith Ballard to give update on commissioning Town wells. Keith stated that on May 11th has company from Connecticut to pull pumps and rehabilitate wells with completion expected in a month and one half. Keith advised that once ready they will need to do testing for Board of Health.

Randy Alstadt stated that wells are a concern that they have high salt

Marc Nelson questioned if Central Hudson would be participating with costs. Keith and Bill agreed that they have not.

Marc stated that had Central Hudson conducted dredging last year they would have been able to determine if reservoir is needed. Now that project has been delayed City will incur costs to delay decommissioning.

Grant Jaing asked for further information on wells. Keith stated that wells are rated at 1.9 MGD. Wells were taken out of service due to failures including lightning strike.

Grant asked when wells were last used. Keith stated around 2008.

Jay Baisley stated that wells had been run since 2008. Keith stated that wells were run monthly over time

Lee Felshin stated the he has been working with Central Hudson, DEC and DOH to review plans as they move forward.

6. UV Replacement Project – Update

Randy Alstadt stated that we are close to goig out to bid soon. Expect to get bid in June. After UV Units are determine Tighe&Bond will complete design and bid contract for installation.

7. Status for Water Service to 5 Cobey Terrace

Jim Horan stated that he will forward agreement to tenant.

8. Water Sale to BOCES

Randy Alstadt stated that BOCES District Superintendant has requested a letter indicating that Board will sell water for them to Dutchess County Water and Wastewater Authority for them. Bill Carlos asked Jim Horan for advice. Jim stated that this would not go through County Pump Station and that Town will need to include transmission costs. Jay Baisley stated that Don Beer is working on the costs and that he may have completed that task.

Randy stated that they are not asking for cost at this time.

Bill requested a vote to approve sending letter. Jay Baisley made the motion. Marc Nelson seconded. Board unanimously approved.

Bill asked Jim to prepare letter for his signature. Jim agreed to draft letter then requested Randy forward him the letters.

9. Collective Bargaining Successor Agreement

Marc Nelson stated that this is tentative agreement requiring Board approval. If no questions can vote. Jay Baisley moved for approval of agreement subject to approval of City and Town. Marc Nelson seconded. Board unanimously approved.

10. Old Business

None

11. New Business

Jay Baisley asked status of reconciliation. Marc Nelson stated that they expect to be complete in a couple of weeks.

Next Meeting: June 2, 2020 4:30PM. By ZOOM.