

Poughkeepsies' Joint Water Board

September 1, 2020

Minutes

ATTENDANCE

Board Members

Bill Carlos
Marc Nelson
Jay Baisley
Jessica Lopez
Rich DuPilka

Others

Randy Alstadt, Water Plant Administrator
Jim Horan, Wallace & Wallace
Don Beer, Clark Patterson and Lee
Tom Colgan, Town Water
Brian Martinez, City Finance Commissioner
Charlie Emberger, Town Comptroller
Doreen Tignanelli, Town Customer

Meeting was conducted online utilizing Zoom.

1. Approval of September 1, 2020 minutes

Minutes were approved 4-0.

2. Public Participation

Doreen Tignanelli stated that if Board elects to return to meetings on site proper spacing must be provided for Board and public.

3. Plant Status Report

Randy Alstadt advised that plant is operating well. Had problem with ozone which was caused by computer failure requiring support from programmer located in Canada. Due to COVID he could not come to plant. Ultimately a telephone conference was conducted with Armani who was able to reset program. Randy further advised that controller for High Lift Pumps has been problematic due to obsolete parts. Controller is to be replaced in PLC upgrade project which is out to bid.

4. Update on 2020 Operating Budget

Randy Alstadt advised the Board that we are currently 67% into the year with expenses at 55% of operating budget expended. Randy stated budget shows some negative lines which resulted from inaccurate application of expenses. Randy stated he will work with Finance to clean this up.

5. Capital Project Status

Randy Alstadt stated that Control Panel installation is out to bid. Randy stated that once awarded contract time is 1-year. Randy stated that trailers are still under construction. He advised that first trailer is expected to be delivered in September and second trailer in October.

Randy stated that UV contactors were bid and we are now awaiting State Health approval of units. Once State approval is received design will be completed, with

construction to be completed in 2021.

6. Approve 2021 Operating Budget

Randy Alstadt stated that he worked with City Finance Commissioner, Brian Martinez and Town Comptroller, Charlie Emberger to reduce original proposal. Randy stated that he prioritized projects from 1 (high priority) to 4 (lower priority). Randy stated that it was agreed to delay all but priority 1 which reduced requested budget to slightly less than \$5 million which is roughly \$200,000 less than 2020 budget. Charlie Emberger stated Randy did a great job on prioritizing. Brian Martinez agreed that Randy did a good job in prioritizing. Marc Nelson stated that he has seen. Marc asked what contingency is included in budget. Randy stated that budget includes \$50,000 contingency. Marc asked about revenue from electric savings. Randy replied that we are enrolled in a curtailment program that results in annual income of \$60,000. Marc asked that all staff costs are included in budget. Board approve budget 5-0 with understanding that overheads need to be finalized by City.

7. Old Business

Randy Alstadt stated that County has a request to provide water to a development in East Fishkill in the amount of roughly 20,000 gpd. Jim Horan stated that contract has provision for special water sales and another to municipalities. Jim stated he will reach out to Bridget Barclay of Dutchess County Water and Wastewater Authority to get more information. Jim stated that he expects this will be similar to agreement with Hopewell Glen. Jay Baisley stated that East Fishkill Town Supervisor needs to be included in negotiation. Don Beer expressed concern that County may be trying to avoid take or Pay requirement.

8. New Business

Marc Nelson stated he will put IMA modification on October 8th.

Bill Carlos asked Randy Alstadt to update Board on dredging plan. Rand stated that Central Hudson currently plans to start dredging in a non contaminated area. At the end of September. The then plan to start dredging contaminated areas by the end of October. Randy stated his concern is that during dredging areas will be open that can release contaminants. Randy stated he expects GCMS operable by end of month.

Marc Nelson stated that City is under pressure to complete reservoir project. Marc stated that plan is to keep old reservoir for one dredging season. Jay Baisley stated that Randy should keep in contact with Tom Colgan during dredging.

Next Meeting: November 3, 2020 4:30PM. By ZOOM.