

Poughkeepsies' Joint Water Board

December 1, 2020

Minutes

ATTENDANCE

Board Members

Bill Carlos
Marc Nelson
Jay Baisley
Rich DuPilka

Others

Randy Alstadt, Water Plant Administrator
Jim Horan, Wallace & Wallace
Don Beer, Clark Patterson Lee
Tom Colgan, Town Water Superintendent
Doreen Tignanelli, Town Customer

Meeting was conducted online utilizing Zoom.

1. Approval of November 10, 2020 minutes

Minutes were approved with corrections 4-0.

2. Public Participation

None.

3. Plant Status Report

Randy Alstadt advised that plant is operating well. Randy stated that flows and turbidity remain as historical. Randy stated that filter flows have been abnormal. Initial analysis indicates that the flow meters are not working properly

Randy stated that disinfection byproduct testing was November 11th and that on November 9th we ran out of oxygen which terminated ozone. Randy stated that results, however were very good and well below standards

Randy stated that City awarded UV contract to Atlantium today which is very good news and allows project to move forward.

Our first trailer has been completed. Joe Marcinelli was sent to pick it up. His return has been delayed due to some mechanical problems and snow storm. Second trailer will be next year.

PLC bid was cancelled as additional information was needed. Bid documents are being reworked and will go out to bid soon.

GCMS is working well. Had additional training today. Lab staff passed ELAP performance tests and remains certified. Bill Carlos commented that lab is a big asset to our plant.

Jim Horan asked if our lab could contract with other municipalities to perform lab work for them. Randy replied that we could do that, however, concerned about staffing levels.

Bill stated it is something we can consider in future.

4. Update on 2020 Operating Budget

Randy Alstadt advised that adjustments were made to eliminate most of negative balances. Randy then advised that the Board that we are currently 82% into the year with expenses at 86% of operating budget expended. Randy stated that he expects we will be less than budget plus the \$70,000 contingency which will not be spent. Randy stated that he sent message to Charlie Emberger and Brian Martinez to see if 4th quarter payment for City and Town. Randy stated Charlie told him Town has paid 4th quarter payment. Jay Baisley stated their payment was made in October.

Jim Horan asked if water flows have changed based upon COVID. Randy stated flow has not been effected. Jay Baisley stated that Town experienced high demands during the summer. Randy confirmed there were high days, however, overall it has averaged out.

5. Capital Project Status

Randy Alstadt stated he covered issues in his monthly report.

6. Dredging Update

Randy Alstadt stated that Central Hudson is currently dredging in contaminated area with goal to get to 13-feet deep. Randy advised there have been multiple sheen events including one today. Randy stated that plant intake water has not been impacted.

7. 2021 Meeting Dates

Randy stated all meetings will be first Tuesday of the month with the exception of November when it will be the second Tuesday to avoid election day. Marc Nelson asked if a vote was needed to approve dates. Jim Horan stated they could adopted resolution to approve. Marc Nelson moved for approval Jay Baisley seconded and Board approved 4-0.

8. Old Business

None

9. New Business

Bill Carlos asked if Board Members have seen letter Hudson 7 sent out concerning the Champlain Hudson Power Express. Bill stated he is concerned that current alignment goes between our intakes. He is concerned that during installation our intake could be negatively impacted. Jim Horan stated that this project has been around since 2010. Jim stated that there was a lot of outcry initially that included visual impact. Jim stated that burying line eliminated that concern.

Next Meeting: January 5, 2020 4:30PM. By ZOOM.