

Poughkeepsies' Joint Water Board

***July 11, 2017
Minutes***

Board Members

Chris Gent
Rob Rolison
Natasha Cherry
Jay Baisley
Bill Carlos
Mark Newton

Others

Randy Alstadt, Water Plant Administrator
Scott Volkman, SRDD
Marc Nelson, City Finance Commissioner
Don Beer

1. Approval of June 6, 2017 Minutes

Board approved minutes 5-0. Mark Newton abstained as he did not attend meeting.

2. Public Participation

Marc Nelson provided Board bank statement. Marc stated that the preliminary 2016 reconciliation was delivered to the Town and is waiting for comments.

3. Plant Status Report/Upgrade Status

Randy Alstadt directed Board Members to his report. Randy stated that Plant has been operating well. Chris Gent questioned when Lab would be taking over City sampling. Randy stated that our lab is performing required testing and he is aware Joe Kane is also sampling. Randy stated that his lab director is preparing a revised sampling plan that needs to be submitted to Health Department which should be available soon.

4. 2017 Operating Budget Status

Randy Alstadt referred Board to his report. Randy expressed concern that he will over expend his 2017 budget. Randy provided a summary of what budget lines would be over spent and where money could be saved. Mark Newton asked if overage was due to upgrade. Randy stated that electric has gone up by 30-percent (\$115,000), carbon dioxide is five times projected (\$40,000) and sodium hydroxide is three times (\$73,860). Randy stated is looking to postpone some projects and purchases into 2018. Rob Rolison asked where City would get money. Marc Nelson stated General Fund. Randy stated he would closely monitor costs and provide detailed monthly updates.

5. 2018 Proposed Operating Budget

Randy Alstadt provided Board his proposed detailed budget. Randy stated the proposal is a 25-percent increase. Randy stated the increase is to cover extra chemical and electric includes a tractor for hauling sludge at \$130,000. A truck for maintenance at \$40,000 and a van for our lab at \$25,000. Randy directed the Board to his detailed budget for specifics. Mark Newton asked if projects postponed in 2017 are in 2018. Randy stated that is the case and includes 2 pump rebuilds at \$60,000 that were in 2017 budget.

Randy advised Board that per the IMA he is to submit budget to Board in July and Board is to approve budget in August.

Randy stated that he also included two engineering studies in 2018 budget. He proposes a flow study to project future demands and a study to determine specifics of a solid storage tank replacement.

Randy stated that he included a table that identifies the O&M increase due to the upgrade is \$0.07 per 1,000 gallons.

6. 2018-2022 Capital Budget

Randy Alstadt provided Board proposed budget that includes a new roof for the sludge plant in 2019 and a new sludge storage tank in 2019 and 2020.

7. County Extension Request

Randy Alstadt stated that he Scott Volkman and Bill Carlos met with County to discuss request. Randy stated that they informed us that their storage tank has been built and that this will be last need for an extension. Bill Carlos stated that they have built 350,000 gallons of storage and now need to install a pipe to connect it to system.

Scott Volkman stated that agreement is for 50,000 gallons per day and this will be last storage. Scott stated that build out of subdivision has been slower than projected. They have plans for 300 units and now have 90 built. Scott stated that County had paid previous fee directly to Town and has offered to pay fee at time extension is signed.

8. EPA Meeting on PCBs

Bill Carlos stated that he attended a meeting held by EPA to discuss PCB cleanup. Randy Alstadt provide Board monthly testing results between February 1998 and January 2003 of our raw water which shows PCB was not detected. Randy then stated that as PCBs are hydrophobic if they are in are water they would be removed with solids and concentrated in our sludge. Randy referred Board to sludge testing results between July 2012 and March 2017 which shows PCBs were not detected in our sludge during that period.

9. Old Business

Rob Rolison stated that the USCG proposal for anchorage sites is still an issue. Jay Baisley stated that EPA is going to for a Work Group to review issue and is looking for participants. Rob and Jay encouraged Randy to attend phone call slated for tomorrow and request to be member of Work Group.

10. New Business

None

Board set next regularly scheduled meeting will be August 1, 2017, 4:30 PM at the Poughkeepsies' Water Treatment Facility Board Room