

Poughkeepsies' Joint Water Board

***August 1, 2017
Minutes***

Board Members

Chris Gent
Natasha Cherry
Jay Baisley
Bill Carlos
Mark Newton

Others

Randy Alstadt, Water Plant Administrator
Scott Volkman, SRDD
Don Beer, Morris Associates
Doreen Tignanelli, Customer

1. Approval of July 11, 2017 Minutes

Board approved minutes.

2. Public Participation

Doreen Tignanelli stated she was not clear that Addendum number 4 to County contract dedicates \$5,000 to the Town. She then asked status of 2016 reconciliation and whether there is any more information from Auditor concerning compliance to State Audit Resolutions.

3. Plant Status Report/Upgrade Status

Randy Alstadt directed Board Members to his report. Randy stated that Plant has been operating well. Bill Carlos asked how many low lift pumps there are. Randy responded there are four (4) low lift pumps.

4. 2017 Operating Budget Status

Randy Alstadt referred Board to his report. Randy stated that as the end of July (58% of year) total expended is 53%. Randy provided Board a listing of budget lines where he is projecting over expenditure and activities/purchases he is not going to take in order to minimize budget over spend. Randy projected that he will have an over spend of \$286,090 and has identified \$191,000 in areas where he plans to cut back leaving a budget deficit of \$95,090. Randy stated that he is showing an increased water demand which should result in addition water income to City in Town. Randy projected extra water production of 200,000,000 gallons. Randy stated that a charge of \$1.00/1,000 gallons would increase revenue \$200,000 which could cover excess expenses. Randy stated that given this income cost of over expenses and increased revenue will result in \$104,910. Mark Newton questioned why we should defer costs if revenue is going to increase. Mark requested Randy review with City Finance Commissioner, Marc Nelson and Town Comptroller, Charlie Emberger.

Mark noted that electric and chemicals are our biggest bill. Mark asked if Randy had investigated adding solar to reduce electrical costs. Randy stated he had discussed with a supplier but was informed at our electric rate it would not be cost favorable.

5. 2018 Proposed Operating Budget

Randy Alstadt provided Board proposed budget. Scott Volkman stated if budget is not rejected it is to be given to City and Town as approved budget. City and Town can agree to make changes which they can then adopt. Bill Carlos asked age of truck and tractor. Randy stated they are both over 10 years old. Board directed Randy to meet with City Finance Commissioner, Marc Nelson and Town Comptroller, Charlie Emberger to reduce budget to costs that they find acceptable. Natasha Cherry asked if public hearing is required on budget. Scott Volkman stated this will be done as City and Town adopt their comprehensive budget.

6. 2018-2022 Capital Budget

No discussion was held.

7. County Extension Request

Scott Volkman stated that agreement is for 50,000 gallons of storage. Scott stated that this is the third and final request. Scott stated the first extension was at no cost, for the second extension Town was paid \$5,000. This proposal is for the County to pay the Board \$5,000 which will be allocated to the Town. Jay Baisley stated that fee should go directly to the Town. Mark Newton and Bill Carlos agreed. Scott stated that he would not change resolution without County agreement to change first. Bill Carlos moved to table resolution. Jay Baisley seconded. Board approved 5-0.

8. EPA Meeting on PCBs

Bill Carlos stated that and Randy met with Dan Shapley and Rebecca Martin of Riverkeeper to discuss how we could further their efforts to bring users of the Hudson River for mutual benefit. Bill stated that the number 1 effort is to have the seven municipalities form a formal group that can speak as one voice concerning river issues.

Bill stated that the current concern is the USCG to establish twelve (12) anchorage sites on river. Bill stated that if we have to shutdown in 36-hours we will be out of water, which includes two (2) hospitals. Mark Newton stated he thinks forming a group is a great idea.

Bill stated that proposal for anchorage sites received over 10,000 comments. Randy stated that Riverkeeper is facilitating the formation of this group.

Board gave 100 percent approval to support this group.

9. Old Business

None

10. New Business

Natasha Cherry asked for update on College Hill Reservoir. Chris Gent stated sub-base is in. Natasha stated College Hill is now a Historic Site.

Board set next regularly scheduled meeting will be October 3, 2017, 4:30 PM at the Poughkeepsies' Water Treatment Facility Board Room