

Poughkeepsies' Joint Water Board

**October 3, 2017
Minutes**

Board Members

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

Others

Randy Alstadt, Water Plant Administrator
Scott Volkman, SRDD

1. Approval of September 12, 2017 Minutes

Board approved minutes.

2. Public Participation

None.

Marc Nelson provided Board bank statement

3. Plant Status Report/Upgrade Status

Randy Alstadt directed Board Members to his report. Randy stated that Plant has been operating well.

4. 2017 Operating Budget Status

Randy Alstadt stated that provided Board current operating budget status. Randy stated that he expects to exceed budget as provided at September Randy Alstadt stated that meeting.

5. 2018 Proposed Operating Budget

Randy Alstadt stated that City Finance Commissioner and Town Comptroller are reviewing the reductions he proposed and once reach agreement it will be submitted to City Council and Town Board for their approval. Randy provided Board the list of budget items that have been eliminated from his proposed budget based which totals \$437,647.28.

Bill Carlos asked if Operator Trainee is in budget as it will result in less overtime. Randy stated as far as he knows it has not been eliminated. Bill questioned when Board needs to approve budget. Randy replied August. Scott Volkman stated that as Board did not approve budget in August it was given to City and Town. Mark Newton stated that at the end of the day all 3 bodies have to be in sink. Rob Rolison stated that Charlie and Marc have concerns. Jay Baisley stated that they are considering turning some expenses into capital expenses and borrowing for them.

Bill Carlos asked when budget will be brought to Board for approval. Scott Volkman stated the budget does not come back; it will go to City Council and Town Board as modified. Rob stated City budget which include Joint Water will be published this Friday.

Jay Baisley stated Town Board will approve Town budget prior to election. Mark Newton stated Town budget will include place holder for Water Board. Chris Gent stated he assumes Board will get to look at proposal.

6. County Extension Request

Scott Volkman stated that he has not reached agreement on changes from City and Town attorneys. Scott stated that after speaking with City and Town attorneys he has not obtained agreement. Scott agreed to work with Town Attorney, Jim Nelson and City Attorney Paul Ackermann to get agreement for October meeting.

7. Hudson River User Group Report

Bill Carlos stated that there was a meeting with communities and it looks like this group will form. Bill stated he would put together an agreement which would establish group. Bill stated group will stand for protection of the river. Chris Gent thanked Bill for his effort on this

8. Old Business

Rob Rolison state that Board did not get grant to evaluate IMA changes. Bill Carlos stated he believes change will reduce costs. Bill stated that City and Town need to adopt IMA changes. Rob agreed tha IMA needs revisions based upon age.

9. New Business

Rob Rolison stated that hiring of Marc Nelson and Erica Lane has significantly improved City Finance Department by getting things done on time

Board set next regularly scheduled meeting will be November 8, 2017, 4:30 PM at the Poughkeepsies' Water Treatment Facility Board Room