

# **Poughkeepsies' Joint Water Board**

**November 14, 2017  
Minutes**

## **Board Members**

Chris Gent  
Rob Rolison  
Jay Baisley  
Bill Carlos  
Natasha Cherry

## **Others**

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

### **1. Approval of October 3, 2017 Minutes**

Board approved revised minutes.

### **2. Public Participation**

Doreen Tignanelli stated she has not heard status of audits. She then inquired if monies were being spent on audit.

Marc Nelson provided Board September and October bank statement.

Marc stated that he is now City Administrator and that Bill Brady has been appointed Finance Commissioner.

Bill Carlos questioned Marc concerning why payroll is not shown in bank statement. Marc stated payroll is through same account as City payroll is distributed.

### **3. Plant Status Report/Upgrade Status**

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

Chris Gent asked if subcontractors on Capital Project are being paid as he had received a complaint. Randy responded that only HT Lyons has been paid in full. Randy stated he has received complaints from an Electric supplier and Paving Contractor. Randy stated that RLJ Electric still has punch list issues and a problem with MWBE compliance which they are trying to resolve. CO Falter has one pay application waiting to be paid and will have another final invoice.

### **4. 2017 Operating Budget Status**

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

### **5. 2018 Proposed Operating Budget**

Randy Alstadt stated that City Finance Commissioner and Town Comptroller agreed to the reductions he proposed and have submitted that proposal to City Council and Town Board for their approval. Natasha Cherry questioned if Council needs to be advised. Randy stated that revised budget was submitted

to City Council and Town Board for approval.

#### **6. County Extension Request**

Chris Gent stated he received information from Town of Poughkeepsie that their lawyer has approved the addendum to contract. Scott Volkman presented addendum for Board approval. Board approved contact addendum. 5-0.

#### **7. Hudson River User Group Report**

Randy Alstadt reported that group has met twice with another meeting scheduled in November. Rob Rolison requested he be advised of date of next group meeting.

Bill Carlos stated that progress to date has not been insignificant step in getting river users together and push together to protect the river. Bill stated a concern in watershed protection is that watershed typically is within multiple municipalities. Bill stated it is important that group works to protect intakes and water quality. A concern is if something happens in watershed there could be a problem.

Natasha Cherry stated she heard Beacon is having water supply problems. Bill agreed that they are as well as Town of East Fishkill. Bill stated he feels there will be more customers.

Bill stated he is opposed to anchorage sites. He stated that we only have 36 hours before we run out of water. Natasha questioned if municipalities including County could make restrictions on river.

#### **8. Report on USCG Ports and Waterway Safety Assessment (PAWSA)**

Randy Alstadt stated he attended PAWSA and referred Board to his written report. Randy stated that the PAWSA was a comprehensive safety assessment of river including hazards and how risk is currently minimized and could be improved. Randy stated that major concern of shipping industry is the electric line that is to be installed in the river from north of Kingston to Indian Point.

Bill Carlos stated he electric line is going down deepest part of river which is not where anchorage sites are proposed. Bill stated he is concerned that Coast Guard is now letting Tow Companies can hire companies to conduct inspect rather than Coast Guard officials.

#### **9. Old Business**

Bill Carlos passed out the 2016 reconciliation summary. Bill stated that report shows Town paid quarterly. Marc Nelson stated that report is preliminary. Marc stated he will insert City payroll expenses. Bill asked for a revised report that includes payroll. Bill requested that 2017 show payroll. Marc stated City will revise 2016 to include payroll.

#### **10. New Business**

Natasha Cherry asked if chlorine levels in distribution system are high. Randy Alstadt stated that City and Town direct chlorine levels. Chris Gent stated he would look into reducing dosage tomorrow.

***Board set next regularly scheduled meeting will be December 5, 2017, 4:30 PM at the Poughkeepsies' Water Treatment Facility Board Room***