

Poughkeepsies' Joint Water Board

***May 1, 2018
Minutes***

Board Members

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

Others

Randy Alstadt, Water Plant Administrator
Scott Volkman, SRDD
Doreen Tignanelli, Customer
Bill Brady, City Finance Commissioner
Jon Lazarony, Morris Associates
Charles Emberger, Town Comptroller

1. Approval of April 3, 2018 Minutes

Minutes were approved 6-0.

2. Public Participation

Doreen Tignanelli reminded Board that according to the IMA Board is to have annual reconciliation completed by March 1st. Doreen added that she believes City is continuing commingling money.

3. Plant Status Report/Upgrade Status

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

Randy expressed concern that although he has been working with City Purchasing, DOH and EFC the PLC bid package has not received final approval. Randy stated that we continue to have PLC failures which can only be resolved by completing the upgrade.

Randy stated that new trailers may not be received until the fall. He stated that manufacturer has advised he is having staffing problems due to high skill level required for this construction.

Natasha Cherry asked about distribution testing. She asked if we could test in various places in City. Chris Gent advised that Water Plant Staff tests throughout City everyday.

4. 2018 Operating Budget Status

Randy Alstadt provided Board current status. Randy pointed out concern that overtime expenditures are greater than expected due to two employees out for sick leave during multiple months. Randy stated that he believes that annual budget will not be exceeded.

5. City Town Issues

No discussion.

6. Progress for Engineer RFP

Randy Alstadt advised that he and his staff have meet with team from Tighe Bond to discuss concerns and develop a cost proposal. Randy stated he expects cost proposal before June meeting. Mark Newton asked when Board needed to make decision. Randy stated work is necessary but understands there may be need for additional budget which will require City Council and Town Board approval.

7. Old Business

Bill Carlos stated that the Inter-Municipal Agreement (IMA) with 7 communities will be signed at a ceremony May 31st between 12 PM and 3 PM. Bill stated that Riverkeeper has been a tremendous help on this.

Natasha Cherry stated that City Council will decide on their participation at their next meeting.

Rob Rolison recommended that signing ceremony be held first thing so those with heavy schedules could leave.

Randy Alstadt stated that Bill Carlos has been a leader in making this IMA go forward.

Jay Baisley asked Randy status of RLJ Electric contract. Randy stated that RLJ is completely approved through EFC so there will not be any further payment delays. Randy stated further that RLJ has assured him they expect to complete their work soon.

8. New Business

Natasha Cherry invited Water Board members to the May 16th Council Meeting where Waterfront Development will be discussed.

Jay Baisley asked status of County water line to airport. Scott Volkman stated that there is not an agreement. Jon Lazarony stated that pipe is to property but distribution system has not been constructed.

Scott Volkman stated that there are contamination problems in the area. Scott stated Board should be concerned that this sale does not become part of GlobalFoundries sale.

Board set next regularly scheduled meeting will be June 5, 2018, 4:30 PM at the Poughkeepsies' Water Treatment Facility Board Room