

Poughkeepsies' Joint Water Board

November 13, 2018
Minutes

Board Members

Jay Baisley
Mark Newton
Rob Rolison
Chris Gent
Bill Carlos

Others

Randy Alstadt, Water Plant Administrator
Scott Volkman, SRDD
Charles Emberger, Town Comptroller
Don Beer, Clark Paterson & Lee
Doreen Tignanelli, Customer
Marc Nelson, City Administrator

1. Approval of October 2, 2018 Minutes

Board approve minutes 5-0.

2. Public Participation

Doreen Tignanelli stated that at the October meeting Bill Brady handed out a statement of September Finances that contained errors including balance of August 1 instead of September 1 and ending balance of June 30 instead of September 30. She then stated that she found that at Oct. meeting, the city was not forthcoming when Baisley asked why County was behind in their payments as it turned out that payments had been made. Doreen then stated that per Open Meetings Law, members participating by telephone cannot vote, cannot be counted towards a quorum, and cannot move or second motions and JWB by-laws must be consistent with that direction.

3. Plant Status Report

Randy Alstadt directed Board Members to his report. Randy stated that Plant has been operating well. Randy stated that Low Lift Check Valve was installed in early October and that we identified a precipitate in the combined filter effluent pipe which was restricting plant flow. Staff removed valve and replaced it with a spool piece that has resulted in previous filter flows.

Randy stated that RLJ Electric has not moved to complete remaining work. Chris Gent expressed concern and recommended we not return retainage based upon liquidated damages. Mark Newton stated that Randy should present Board options to resolve contract at next meeting. Randy stated that he has asked Armani for a proposal to perform work left undone by RLJ Electric. He proposed that we delete cost from RLJ Electric and close out their contract and have Armani complete the project.

4. 2018 Operating Budget

Randy Alstadt referred Board to his spreadsheet. Randy stated that he projects to expend \$133,000 in excess of 2018 budget. Randy stated that significant part of excess is due to low lift valve costs, new valve electrical and chemical costs that were greater than expected. Randy stated that Revenue will be greater than projected as Arbors Greenbush wholesale is not in 2018 budget at \$86,000 and that he anticipates East Fishkill charge for emergency water will be

around \$35,000.

5. 2019 Operating Budget

Randy stated that he had recently heard that City agreed to latest budget and it is included for Council approval. Jay Bailey stated he believes Town will approve that budget also.

6. Town of East Fishkill Water Sale

Randy Alstadt stated East Fishkill consumed 14 million gallons to date and is continuing taking water. Board asked if Scott's firm had received payment for current invoice. Scott stated they have not.

7. Dutchess County Water and Wastewater Authority contract to Service Airport and Parcels at GlobalFoundries Site

Scott Volkman stated that he has reached out to County twice for additional information which has not been received.

8. Old Business

Bill Carlos passed out page 14 of IMA concerning the reconciliation. Bill stated that he proposes Joint Water Board perform reconciliation by the first meeting of February. Rob Rolison stated that Board had previously agreed that that date is too aggressive.

Rob stated that in the past reconciliation has not been done as there has been disagreement. Bill stated Board should not have to wait until City books are closed. Randy Alstadt stated he can work with City Finance to get a draft to Board at February meeting. Mark Newton stated there are costs that Randy won't have such as retirement. Mark stated it won't be possible to get all the numbers by March 1st.

Rob Rolison stated that IMA goes back to 1995 and that Board has agreed to update. He stated that he does not agree to set a target date with high potential to fail. Rob stated City proposed to County for funding of study to analyze services which was not funded.

Mark Newton asked City when they will complete the analysis of administration costs. Marc Nelson stated it will be done by end of first quarter 2019. Mark Newton requested sooner if possible.

Randy Alstadt stated that he has been advised through City that they are having difficulty paying bills due to lack of money. Mark Newton stated this is a City Town issue not Water Board. Rob Rolison stated that he had not been told this.

Randy stated that if his bills are not paid timely suppliers may refuse to deliver chemicals or take sludge. Marc Nelson stated that City and Town have come to an agreement and problem should be resolved.

9. New Business

None.

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