

# **Poughkeepsies' Joint Water Board**

***February 5, 2019  
Minutes***

## **Board Members**

Jay Baisley  
Mark Newton  
Rob Rolison  
Marc Nelson  
Bill Carlos  
Natasha Cherry

## **Others**

Randy Alstadt, Water Plant Administrator  
Jim Horan, Wallace & Wallace  
Bill Brady, City Finance Commissioner  
John Lazarony, Clark Paterson & Lee  
Charles Emberger, Town Comptroller  
Doreen Tignanelli, Customer  
Keith Ballard, Town Water  
Paul Malmrose, Erin Moore, Tighe&Bond

### **1. Approval of January 8, 2019 Minutes**

Minutes were approved 6-0.

### **2. Public Participation**

Doreen Tignanelli stated that City appointed Marc Nelson to Water Board without proper notification to Town as specified in Inter Municipal Agreement (IMA). Jay Baisley stated he did not receive written notice. Jim Horan stated that City should send letter to Town Board. Rob Rolison stated he would send letter.

*Marc Nelson proposed moving item 6 on agenda to next so that consultants can make presentation and leave once discussion on issue is complete. Board approved*

### **3. UV Replacement Project**

Erin Moore presented summary of recommended proposal. Jay Baisley asked what the reliability of ozone system is. Randy Alstadt replied that it was down for 5 days during which time support from manufacturer was not available. Bill Carlos asked how we select replacement UV system. Jim Horan stated that the best value can be reason for pre-purchase. Jim stated that bid needs to capture all special savings. Jim compared purchasing a truck at higher cost based upon better fuel mileage.

Paul Malmrose stated his firm would prepare detailed request for proposal.

Jay Baisley stated that he does not want to spend \$5 million and have something else come up.

Rob Rolison stated that City would like resolution from Board recommending we move forward to replace UV units. Marc Nelson stated that City would need to present plan to their finance committee. Jay Baisley agreed that resolution would be needed. Jim Horan stated he would prepare resolution. Bill Carlos

moved to pass resolution. Natasha Cherry seconded. Board approved 6-0.

#### **4. Plant Status Report**

Randy Alstadt stated that plant continues to operate well. Randy referred Board to his report.

#### **5. Update on 2018 Operating Budget**

Randy Alstadt provided Board update on year end 2018 Budget. Randy stated that his report shows operating expenses were \$151,408 greater than budgeted. Randy stated that replacement of check valve and increased electrical costs were significant source of overage. Randy stated that increased revenue from Arbors and Greenbush (\$86,000) and from East Fishkill (\$43,780) will offset some of the overage.

#### **6. 2018 Reconciliation**

Randy Alstadt provided Board reconciliation. Randy stated that water production costs were \$1.21/1,000 gallons. Jay Baisley asked if City will be closing books next month. Marc Nelson stated that reconciliation provided by Randy is first draft

#### **7. Town of Pleasant Valley Water Rate**

Board discussed water rates in general. Rob Rolison stated that there is concern about GlobalFoundries and south end towns. Rob stated need to look away from take or pay. Mark Newton stated that take or pay covers risk which should have been County's to take. Marc Nelson proposed Board consider take or pay with a threshold. Mark stated that when municipalities take water it leaves risk with Water Board.

Bill Carlos stated that current County rate is \$2.15/1,000 gallons taken and \$2.01/1,000 gallons not taken.

Rob asked if status of Airport service is known. Marc said he would reach out to County.

Rob proposed a meeting with Bridget Barclay to discuss issues. Appears County desires to reassign GlobalFoundries water to other locations including Airport. Bill stated that a separate agreement will be needed for Airport service.

#### **8. Old Business**

Bill Carlos stated he believes City and Town should notify Central Hudson and DEC concerning cleanup near walkway. Bill asked Randy how many notifications of spills were issued. Randy Alstadt stated that there have been five (5) with one that impacted plant.

Rob Rolison asked if we are requesting them to relook at their program. Bill stated only dredging plan is concern. Jim Horan stated that he has looked at record of decision and found it did not take into account water supplies.

#### **9. New Business**

Randy Alstadt requested Board approval to attend NYSAWWA meeting in Saratoga April 16, 17 and 18. Board approved 6-0.

***Board set next regularly scheduled meeting will be March 5, 2019, 4:30 PM at the Poughkeepsies' Water Treatment Facility Board Room***