**JOHNSTOWN WATER BOARD**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**april 12, 2021 6:00 pm**

The meeting was held at the City of Johnstown Water Department conference room due to the unavailability

of the Common Council Chambers at City Hall.

Due to COVID-19, the meeting was closed to the public. The meeting was broadcast using Facebook Live

on the “Johnstown Water Department” Facebook page.

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Board President Capparello called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

BOARD MEMBERS ATTENDEES

Michael Capparello, Board President Susan Miller, Water Board Clerk

Brandon Lyon, Board Vice President JoAnn Brownell, Water Department Typist

Ralph Marotta, Board Member BY PHONE

Mark Empie, Board Member Bradley Hayner, Common Council Liaison

George DiMarco, Board Member David D’Amore, R.A. Managing Architect

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Resolution 11-2021** George DiMarco – Water Board Appointment

**MOTION** to appoint George DiMarco to the Water Board was made by Board President Capparello; seconded by Board Vice President Lyon.

**Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 0**

**New Typist**

JoAnn Brownell was introduced to the full Board as the department’s newly hired Typist who started on 03/29/21. All members of the Board welcomed her.

**Fulton Friendship Lodge**

Managing Architect David D’Amore, R.A. has requested a Utility Will Serve Letter for the 64 unit project to be built at 507 North Perry Street based on a daily average and peak range of 6,400 – 10,000 gallons per day.

**Discussion:**

Board President Capparello read a brief statement written to the Board by Sr. Water Plant Operator Denmark which stated the following: “David A. D’Amore, R.A. Managing Architect for the Friendship Lodge housing development at 507 N. Perry St, is requesting a utility will serve letter. Based on Mr. D’Amore’s daily average and peak range water usage totals of 6,400 – 10,000 gallons per day. Those additional flows will not cause any strain on the water system supply.”

Board Member DiMarco expressed concern that the daily average/peak range estimates had the potential to exceed the available sellable gallons generated by the filtration plants.

**MOTION** approvinga Utility Will Serve Letter for the Fulton Friendship House/CSD Friendship Lodge at 507 North Perry Street was made by Board President Capparello; seconded by Board Vice President Lyon.

**Ayes: 4 Nays: 1 (DiMarco) Abstain: 0 Absent: 0**

**MOTION** approvingthe Tap Application for the Fulton Friendship House/CSD Friendship Lodge at 507 North Perry Street was made by Board President Capparello; seconded by Board Member Empie.

**Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 0**

**BONDING**  
Purchases/Projects to be bonded for in 2021 by City Treasurer Gifford:

**Item Location/Equipment Vendor Estimated Cost**

Phase II and III Repairs Hydaddy-Cork Center Reservoir GPI $ 4,049,066.

Sedimentation Basin Sylvan Falls CT Male $ 500,000.

Dam Repairs Cold Brook CT Male $ 450,000.

Bypass & Falls Repairs Cork Center Intake Reservoir CT Male $ 250,000.

Route 30A water line In front of Noble/Ace Hardware CT Male $ 255,000.

Vehicle purchases as needed Proposing (3) replacements NYS Contract pricing $ 45,000.

Turbidimeters (x2) Equipment for each Reservoir USA Bluebook $ 10,725.

Leak Locator Equipment Pollard Water $ 3,800.

Chlorinator/vacuum regulator Cork Center Reservoir Avanti Control Systems $ 1,900.

**$ 5,565,491.**

**Discussion:**

Board President Capparello asked the Board Members if they had questions regarding the proposed bonding.

Board Member DiMarco noted the following regarding the anticipated bonding:

1. Construction administration and inspection costs associated not on paperwork from GPI for Phases II/III

2. Asked if the Apple Bessie basin should be included in sedimentation basin work being done

3. Questioned the price per proposed vehicle to be purchased, noting it seemed low for three vehicles

4. Noted lower dollar purchases (leak locator/chlorinator-vacuum regulator) should be purchased; not bonded

Board President Capparello advised he would reach out to GPI Engineers and Sr. Plant Operator Denmark regarding the inquiries and update the Board Members at the next meeting.

**MOTION** approving purchases/projects to be bonded for in 2021 by City Treasurer Gifford made by Board President Capparello; seconded by Board Member DiMarco. **Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 0**

**FINANCIAL**

**February 2021 Industrial Billing** 10 customers billed

Water $56,455.47 Sewer $184,102.42 Maintenance $6,158.92 **Total $246,716.81**

**MOTION** to approve the February 2021 Industrial Levy was made by Water Board Vice President Lyon; seconded by Board Member Empie. **Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 0**

**Deposits: March 09, 2021 – April 12, 2021 Expenses: March 09, 2021 – April 12, 2021**

**$286,687.15 $37,979.69** (excluding payroll: office/source/distribution)

**MOTION** to approve the Deposits and Expenses for 03/09/21 – 04/12/21 was made by Board Member Empie; seconded by Board Vice President Lyon. **Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 0**

**MOTION** authorizing the Water Board Clerk to write a check to Goldberger & Kremer in the amount of $13,175.25 covering period 09/08/20 – 02/01/21 was made by Board President Capparello; seconded by Board Member Marotta. **Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 0**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION** to approve the meeting minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 8, 2021 was made by Board Vice President Lyon; seconded by Board Member Empie. **Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Abstain: 1 (DiMarco)**

**PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next Regular Water Board meeting will be held on Monday, May 10, 2021 at 6:00 pm.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION** to adjourn the meeting at 6:30pm was made by Board Vice President Lyon; seconded by Board Member Empie. **Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 0**

Respectfully submitted by:

Susan Miller, Water Board Clerk