**JOHNSTOWN WATER BOARD**

**MINUTES FOR A COMBINED**

**ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

**AND REGULAR MEETING**

**JANUARY 11, 2021 @ 6:00 PM**

The meeting was held at the City of Johnstown Water Department Office.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the meeting was closed to the public. The meeting was broadcast using Facebook Live on the “Johnstown Water Department” Facebook page.

**2021 ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

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

Board Member 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 Michael Poulin, City Attorney

Mark Empie, Board Member

**BY PHONE**

Ralph Marotta, Board Member

Bradley Hayner, Council Liaison

**APPOINT BOARD MEMBERS**

**Resolution 1 – 2021** Appoint Mark Empie to Water Board

**Motion** made by Board President Capparello; seconded by Board Vice President Lyon.

**Ayes: 3 Nays: 0 Absent: 0 Abstain: 1 (Empie)**

**Resolution 2 – 2021** Appoint George DiMarco to Water Board

**Motion to Withdraw Resolution** made by Board Member Lyon; seconded by Board Member Capparello.

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

**MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS**

**Resolution 3 – 2021** Election of Officers

**Motion** made by Board President Capparello; seconded by Board Member Marotta.

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

**Resolution 4 – 2021** Water Board Meeting Dates for 2021

**Motion** made by Board President Capparello; seconded by Board Vice President Lyon.

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

**Resolution 5 – 2021** Designating Banks

**Motion** made by Board President Capparello; seconded by Board Member Empie.

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

**Resolution 6 – 2021** Designating an Official Newspaper

**Motion** made by Board President Capparello; seconded by Board Vice President Lyon.

**Ayes: 3 Nays: 0 Absent: 0**

**Resolution 7 – 2021** Appoint Water Board Clerk

**Motion** made by Board President Capparello; seconded by Board Vice President Lyon.

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

**Resolution 8 – 2021** Clerk of the Water Board Salary

**Discussion:**

Board Member Empie stated that the Clerk of the Water Board is paid hourly and noted that the line in the Resolution which mentions an annual salary should be removed.

All Board Members were in agreement that the line should be removed from the Resolution.

**Motion to amend Resolution 8-2021** to remove 4th paragraph which states” WHEREAS, effective January 1, 2021, Susan Miller will receive an annual salary of $45,500 was made by Board President Capparello; seconded by Board Member Empie.

**Motion** to vote on amended Resolution made by Board President Capparello; seconded by Board Member Marotta.

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

\*The Organizational Meeting ended at 6:16pm

**REGULAR MEETING**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Purchases**

The following purchase is at the request of Senior Water Plant Operator John Denmark based on a mandated request from the NYS Department of Health:

**Item Reservoir/Location Vendor Cost**

Portable Turbidimeters Cork & Christman USA BlueBook $1,522.04 each

**MOTION** authorizing the purchase of **two** portable HACH turbidimeters to be used at each of the reservoirs for a total not to exceed $3,100 was made by Board Vice President Lyon; seconded by Board Member Empie.

**Finalizing proposal for Frasier Farm**

Attorney Poulin asked the Board if they had made a final determination on the rate adjustment requested by Mr. Frasier for the cattle farm.

All Board Members were in agreement to stay with the original proposal of 5x the amount used in 2021.

Attorney Poulin advised he would convey that determination to Mr. Frasier’s Attorney.

**PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next regular Water Board meeting will be held on Monday, February 8, 2021 at 6:00PM

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION** to adjourn the meeting at 6:19pm was made by Board Vice President Lyon; seconded by Board Member Empie.

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

Respectfully submitted by:

Susan Miller, Water Board Clerk