**JOHNSTOWN WATER BOARD**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**may 17, 2021 6:00 pm**

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

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 ABSENT

Ralph Marotta, Board Member George DiMarco, Board Member

Mark Empie, Board Member Michael Poulin, City Attorney (same time as City meeting) Bradley Hayner, City Liaison (same time as City meeting)

**NEW BUSINESS**

**BONDING**  
Revised and Updated 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 $ 4,643,875.

Neptune Meters Change out all meters in City TiSales $ 850,425.

Sedimentation Basins Sylvan Falls/Apple Bessie CT Male $ 600,000.

Dam Repairs Cold Brook CT Male $ 450,000.

Bypass & Fall 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 (3) Silverado 3500 pickup trucks NYS Contract pricing $ 127,750.

Door & Lighting Project Both Reservoirs CT Male $ 98,000.

SCADA System Upgrade Both Reservoirs General Control Systems $ 34,370.

Turbidimeters (x2) Both Reservoirs USA Bluebook $ 10,725.

Leak Locator Equipment Pollard Water $ 3,800.

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

**$ 7,325,845.**

**Discussion:**

Board President Capparello asked the Board Members if they had questions regarding the revised and updated proposed bonding for purchases and projects.

Board President Capparello stated that he was advised by City Treasurer Gifford to include the purchase of the turbidimeters, leak locator and chlorinator/vacuum regulator under the proposed bond even though the dollar amounts were fairly small. He advised the Board that the cost of the Neptune meters was $850,425 with another $500,000 estimated to have an outside company do the installations.

**MOTION** approving revised and updated purchases/projects to be bonded for in 2021 by City Treasurer Gifford made by Board Vice President Lyon; seconded by Board Member Marotta.

**Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 1**

**FINANCIAL**

**March 2021 Industrial Billing** 10 customers billed

Water $51,939.00 Sewer $148,190.41 Maintenance $5,593.94 **Total $205,723.35**

**April 2021 Industrial Billing** 10 customers billed

Water $58,464.93 Sewer $169,446.26 Maintenance $6,598.03 **Total $234,509.22**

**MOTION** to approve the March and April 2021 Industrial Levy was made by Water Board Vice President Lyon; seconded by Board Member Marotta. **Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 1**

**Deposits: April 13, 2021 – May 14, 2021 Expenses: April 13, 2021 – May 14, 2021**

**$402,810.83 $149,321.17 (**excluding payroll: office/source/distribution)

**MOTION** to approve the Deposits and Expenses for 04/13/21 – 05/14/21 was made by Board Member Marotta; seconded by Board Member Empie. **Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 1**

**WATER PLANT OPERATOR REPORT**

Board President Capparello read a brief monthly report from Senior Water Plant Operator John Denmark. It was noted that the spring hydrant flushing is completed and went well. Denmark advised that the sand washer will be used within the next few weeks and the newly purchased skid steer has been used to skim the top layer of sand from the filters. Denmark reported that the Cork Center Reservoir was running on 3 filters with the 4th filter reserved for backup use. He concluded by noting that water purchased from Gloversville in March was due to the filters being cleaned.

**PROPOSED RATE INCREASE**

Board President Capparello advised the Members that the last time the Water Board passed a rate increase was on 11/10/14. He noted that a Committee consisting of Board Members Empie and DiMarco will review the proposed rate increase and present recommendations at the next meeting.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION** to approve the meeting minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 12, 2021 was made by Board Member Empie; seconded by Board Vice President Lyon. **Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 1**

**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 6:17pm was made by Board Vice President Lyon; seconded by Board Member Empie. **Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 1**

Respectfully submitted by:

Susan Miller, Water Board Clerk