Johnstown Water Board

Meeting Minutes

September 11, 2017

Meeting Commenced at 6:04 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence in Remembrance of 9/11/2001

1. ATTENDEES

George DiMarco, Vice President

Scott Jeffers, Board Member

Jason Hammer, Board Member

Michael Hlozansky, Senior Plant Treatment Operator

Barbara Koehler, Clerk of the Board

Tim Cellary, City Council Liaison

 ABSENT

John Swierzowski, Board Member

Michael Poulin, City of Johnstown Attorney (Arrived at 6:20 pm)

Vacant Position

2. GUESTS

 None

3. FINANCIAL

3.1 Audit Approval to Accept Vouchers for payment.

$ 54,854.46 for August 2017

 $ 350,971.52 for September 2017

$405,825.98 TOTAL

Of the above total: $ 53,898.21 for August 2017 Sewer

$175,700.09 for school taxes

$102,813.70 for the first payment to Carver

 Construction for the Dam Project

MOTION to accept vouchers for payment made by HAMMER , seconded by DIMARCO

3 ayes 0 nays 1 absent

4. PERSONNEL

David Ackernecht will start work for the Water Department on Monday,

 September 18, 2017.

A letter to all the applicants not accepted for the position was mailed on Friday, September 8, 2017.

5. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

 None

6. OLD BUSINESS

6.1 Capital Projects Review

 6.1.1 Cork Center – Dam Rehabilitation Project

Contactor (Carver Construction) working on the drainage system, which is going a bit slower than expected but they are getting it in.

 Most of the stumps (99%) have been removed.

DEC visited the construction site and said “keep going”.

6.2 Review six (6) year Capital Plan

Mr. DiMarco stated that there is a real immediate need for a pick-up truck for the distribution crew. The 2008 pickup (#19) has issues and has become unreliable. Mr. DiMarco proposes using $30,000 from the current 2017 CIP funds to purchase a new prick-up truck on state contract.

Spillway Project for 2018 – Mr. DiMarco proposed increasing the budget from $400,000 to $500,000.00.

The Christman Roof Project for 2018 – Mr. DiMarco proposed increasing the budget from $100,000.00 to $110,000.00.

Dump Truck for year 2018 - Mr. DiMarco proposed increasing the budget from $100,000 to $120,000.00. The dump truck will need to be equipped with a dump / tailgate spreader.

Bloomingdale Avenue – Moved one year from 2019 to 2020. The Water Department will keep in the 6 year budget. The project will be an upgrade to the water mains to a uniform 6”. Currently there are scattered sizes, from 4” – 6”, along that route. Project was pushed back one year.

Transmission Line - Moved one year from 2019 to 2020 to keep in the 6 year budget.

A 2019 project will include replacing Cork Center Filtration Plant roof.

All changes will be made to the current schedule for approval at the October 2017 meeting.

6.3 Budget Review

 On hold.

Monthly Balance Sheet for Revenue Expenditures for 2016 were received from the Treasurer on Friday 9/8/2017, along with January and February 2017.

 The Water Department will to plan another budget session in the coming weeks.

7. MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS

MOTION to accept the minutes of August 14, 2017 meeting made by HAMMER, seconded by DIMARCO

3 ayes 0 nays 1 absent

MOTION to accept the minutes of August 28, 2017 meeting made by DIMARCO, seconded by JEFFERS

3 ayes 0 nays 1 absent

8. NEW BUSINESS

The Water Board is committed to taking appropriate steps to insure that the water infrastructure is adequately maintained and upgraded as necessary.

There may be a rate increase of 5 cents in 2018. The dam project will cost a great deal of money and deplete the Water Department fund balances.

 We have not had a rate increase since 2015.

The Water Department is also proposing a change to miscellaneous fees charged to according to the Operations and Procedure of the Water Department. (i.e. frozen meter, taps, turn on

fee …)

Mr. DiMarco noted CT Male has provided drawings for the doors at Christman. Mr. Dimarco will meet with Chad Kortz on 9/12/2017, to gather product literature.

9. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION to adjourn meeting made by JEFFERS, seconded by HAMMER

3 ayes 0 nays 1 absent

Meeting ended at 6:19 pm

 Submitted by Barbara Koehler

 Clerk of the Water Board