

**JOHNSTOWN WATER BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES  
March 24, 2015**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:00 P.M.

**PRESENT:**

NICHOLAS CANNIZZO, PRESIDENT  
JOHN PRADELSKI, BOARD MEMBER  
ANTHONY CARUSO, BOARD MEMBER  
GEORGE DIMARCO, BOARD MEMBER  
BRETT PRESTON, CITY ATTORNEY  
MICHAEL HLOZANSKY, SENIOR PLANT OPERATOR

**EXCUSED:**

SCOTT JEFFERS, BOARD MEMBER  
KATHY IANNOTTI, COMMON COUNCIL  
CINDA SPRAKER, CLERK OF THE WATER BOARD

**PUBLIC SPEAKERS:** Chad gave his report on the water supply study that was recently completed by C.T. Male. Chad said Gloversville can supply additional water to Johnstown by upgrading the current vaults. Chad estimates 500,000 gallons per day can be received. The cost to upgrade the vaults is approximately \$255,000.00. Chad stated a 6 inch main could be installed from Perry Street to Montgomery Street. It would be approximately 20, 000 feet with an estimated cost \$5,500,000.00. Chad said there's an area behind Holiday Inn that experiences low pressure. If water is obtained from Gloversville and a third connection is made for that area pressure could be greatly improved. The cost for the improvement would be approximately \$500,000.00. Chad stated Gloversville water department installing distribution storage areas will also help in providing Johnstown with water. The financial consideration the Board needs to consider is that Gloversville water rates are higher than Johnstown. Therefore the Board would lose money so Chad suggested the Boards consider a wholesale rate be negotiated if a long term agreement is going to be considered. Chad said the study determined that a connection of water service from Gloversville to Johnstown near the Sheriff's Department could not be accomplished without improvements from both cities being done. John asked Chad if he could determine how long it would take the fluoride in the water from Gloversville to dissipate once it joined with our water. Chad said he could not answer that but could do a study to answer that question. The Board asked Chad to provide a copy of the study to Gloversville Water Board so they can review it.

Nick said Nancy Mc Vean spoke to him and would not be speaking at the meeting. Nancy had requested a relief of charges be granted to the Town of Johnstown. A tap in the Aspen Hills area was turned on and the water was running into the ground. Nick stated he told Nancy that it is part of the City Charter that any water that goes through the meter must be paid for by the customer. John said Nancy would have to speak to the property owner about the additional water usage. Mike said he spoke with TJ Bradt about capping the line. George wants the Board to review the current agreement and update it if needed.

**FINANCIAL**

AUDIT COMMITTEE: Vouchers were approved for payment by Anthony Caruso and George DiMarco  
CARRIED

**MINUTES:** A motion to accept the minutes of the February meetings was made by George DiMarco seconded by Anthony Caruso members

**CORRESPONDENCE:** John would like a date on the revised billing levy. Nick said the current levy will have to be discussed next month with Cindy. Nick said he was upset that the waterbaord was being blamed for a recent incident concerning a gas line being struck while digging. Nick had Mike draft a letter concerning the incident.

**FILTRATION & DISTRIBUTION:** Johns asked about the meter storage area. Mike said it will be worked on as time permits. Gloversville will be purchasing their own line thawing machine and welder. John liked the total counts that Wade provided in his report. Mike told the Board of plow issues on one of the vehicles that was repaired. The Board reviewed a price quote for a hammer for the backhoe. Mike suggested purchasing the hammer now instead of a new truck. If Hydro Qual provides enough revenue maybe a truck can be purchased in the Fall. The Board tabled making any decisions at this time.

OLD BUSINESS: George doesn't have any information on the cameras. George said GPI has inspected the wall at Larrabee, the spillway work will be on hold until mid summer when the water is down, the dam safety inspection reports have been done but they haven't finished their reports to give the Board on the 2 dams. GPI is working on an EA for Christman. The pumps at Larrabee will need to be addressed. George said power to Larrabee may be cheaper now that CG Roxanne has been built.

NEW BUSINESS: Mike said that GCS suggested updating our software. GCS suggested running a new line to our building. When Mike explained the underground concern GCS suggested a transmitter type of device to work between the antenna and the water department building. Johnson Ave will need 2 radios and a wireless unit to be joined in to the existing system. They recommended not moving the antenna. GCS will be providing a quote for the work. Mike told the Board that we had a NYSDEC fuel tank inspection. Mike reviewed the list of things that need to be done. Mike has completed some of the tasks and will continue to complete the list. The Board wants Cinda to notify all contacts to use the [water@cityofjohnstown.ny.gov](mailto:water@cityofjohnstown.ny.gov) address. The Board does not want emails sent to Cinda's email address.

A motion to enter into executive session for personnel and litigation was made by Nicholas Cannizzo seconded by Anthony Caruso

A motion to exit executive session was made by Nicholas Cannizzo seconded by Anthony Caruso

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS: (ATTACHED)

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RESOLUTION #10 2015 by George DiMarco seconded by Anthony Caruso approving the 2015 budget adjustment  
RESOLUTION #11 2015( with an unpaid lunch time per Anthony Caruso) by Nicholas Cannizzo seconded by Anthony Caruso.

A motion to adjourn was made by DiMarco seconded by Cannizzo

The meeting ended at 7:35p.m.