

**JOHNSTOWN WATER BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES  
October 13, 2015**

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

**PRESENT:**

NICHOLAS CANNIZZO, PRESIDENT  
GEORGE DIMARCO, BOARD MEMBER  
ANTHONY CARUSO, BOARD MEMBER  
JOHN PRADELSKI, BOARD MEMBER  
BRETT PRESTON, CITY ATTORNEY  
MICHAEL HLOZANSKY, SENIOR PLANT OPERATOR  
CINDA SPRAKER, CLERK OF THE WATER BOARD

**EXCUSED:**

KATHY IANNOTTI, COMMON COUNCIL  
SCOTT JEFFERS, BOARD MEMBER

**FINANCIAL**

AUDIT COMMITTEE: Vouchers were approved for payment by John Pradelski and Anthony Caruso. George told Mike to make sure the guys are signing their slips. George said the Treasurer's reports are not correct and our bonds should have been paid.

CARRIED

MINUTES: George requested that Fulton Street be added to the tank cleaning so it identifies which tank will be done. A motion to accept the minutes of the September meeting was made by George DiMarco seconded by John Pradelski. Anthony questioned Brett as to why he allowed a personnel matter to be brought up at a Common Council meeting. Brett asked Anthony what incident he was speaking of. Once identified, Brett said once a Resolution is passed it is a public document. The Resolution was appointing the Clerk, it was discussed at a public meeting, it is public record and Brett said he can not cut someone off from discussing it. Anthony said he stands corrected and said he would speak to Kathi Iannotti about it. Nick said it isn't very ethical for one Board to criticize another Board they way they do upstairs.

CORRESPONDENCE: The Board reviewed a certified payroll memo from Mike Gifford. Chad Kortz told the Board how CT Male addresses certified payroll.

FILTRATION & DISTRIBUTION: Mike and Wade submitted their monthly reports. Water usage leaving the plants is down. Cinda told the Board that American Target and Design closed their business at 48 Pleasant Avenue. George said someone should talk to the Mayor about losing business. The Board agreed to pay the current bill for Roland J Down. John asked Mike about the status of the new water taps. Mike said the Beer place and Todd Lee's taps are complete. Mike said the Christman plant will be changed over to gas on Monday. Wayne Tripp will include timbering Maylender with the next timber sale. George said he thought timbering was on hold because the price of timber is down. Nick said they want to do Maylender now. Mike will call Wayne Tripp in the morning. George asked if we could drop the trees at Maylender ourselves but Mike said there's too many. Maylender will not generate any revenue. The contractor is taking the wood for cutting them down. Cinda told the Board we have not received any timber money this year and we budgeted \$30,000.00. George thought we received \$26,000.00 in timber money but that was from 2014. John asked about the dig safely notices that Wade does. Mike said he keeps them out back for review. Mike said Wade has to put them all in the computer once they are completed.

**MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS**

Resolution # 22-Contract with Adirondack Basement was made by John Pradelski seconded by George DiMarco passed 4/0 Jeffers absent

OLD BUSINESS: The 6 year plan is set. Nick said the roofs at Christman and Cork will need to be replaced. Nick met with Tom Donahue from Stephen Miller General Contractors for an estimate to make repairs at Christman. Nick asked if it could be classified as an emergency but Brett said he didn't believe it qualified. The Board doesn't want to bid it out now. Chad Kortz agreed that it would be hard to justify it as an emergency. Chad suggested trying to divert the water that is coming in for now and replace the entire roof in the Spring and the Board agreed.

NEW BUSINESS: The Board approved the purchase of 2 new mixers for filtration at the Christman plant. The mixers are \$2,500.00 each. The current mixers are over 20 years old. Nick made the motion seconded by Anthony, all agreed.

Chad Kortz from CT Male said he will have the facts sheet completed by the end of the week and get it to Mike. Anthony asked Chad what his fact sheet will consist of. Chad said it will tell what our usage is, how many miles of pipe and what it equates to. It will show the loss in the system. He will list unaccounted water sources including leaks in the system, water main breaks, service breaks, flushing ,any use from hydrants including fire fighting and training. Chad will put in comparative rates and other stats. Anthony asked where the Mayor got his figure from for unaccounted water. Chad told him that information comes from the annual quality water report. Anthony said Chad's report will help explain the water loss to the public and he looks forward to it. Chad said the number of gallons is correct but the dollar amount is not. It doesn't mean you had someone to sell that water to and didn't. You did not have anyone to sell the water to. Chad said he estimated the unaccounted water at \$ 20,000.00. Mike said we will be receiving a report from the NYSDOH soon. Chris Demme from NYSDOH did an inspection of the watershed properties last month. Chad asked Mike to provide information on Larrabee's. Mike said our percentage of lost water is great. He said Chris Demme from NYSDOH was very happy with the system. Chad said the cost to replace the leaking pipe may not even be cost effective. The transmission main may cost five million dollars to replace and you may not want to spend that much money to replace it.

A motion to enter into executive session for personnel matters was made by Nick Cannizzo seconded by Anthony Caruso  
A motion to exit executive session and adjourn was made by Anthony Caruso seconded by John Pradelski.

The meeting ended at 8:15 p.m.