

**JOHNSTOWN WATER BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES  
January 5, 2016**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 10:00 A.M.

**PRESENT:**

NICHOLAS CANNIZZO, PRESIDENT  
ANTHONY CARUSO, BOARD MEMBER  
JOHN PRADELSKI, BOARD MEMBER  
GEORGE DIMARCO, BOARD MEMBER  
SCOTT JEFFERS, BOARD MEMBER  
VERN JACKSON, COUNCIL MEMBER  
MICHAEL HLOZANSKY, SENIOR PLANT OPERATOR

**MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS:**

RESOLUTION #1 2016 Water Board President and Vice President for 2016 by Anthony Caruso seconded by John Pradelski.

NEW BUSINESS: Nick stated their needs to be better communication between the Common Council, Mayor and Water Board. Some members of the Common Council are making statements that are not true. Nick said it is a new year and he would like to move forward from here. Nick said if the Mayor needs to know something he can come to the Board and ask and he will get any information he needs rather than making statements that are not true. Nick said Larrabee Reservoir doesn't need to provide the City with additional water at this time and the Board is looking into getting power at Larrabee. Bloomingdale Avenue area is being looked at because of low pressure concerns in the area and the Board was told that Gloversville Water Department may be removing fluoride from their water supply because the amount they are allowed to add has been reduced. Nick said the Mayor has stated that we are not going to get water from Gloversville but Nick questions what would happen if there was an emergency like there was in the 80's. Nick is afraid that Gloversville may not sell us water because of the Mayors comments. There is property in that area that can be developed if the water pressure is improved. Nick said he wished the Mayor would come and talk to the Water Board before making comments to the public. George said 10 acres of land near Coldwell Banker can be developed and Coldwell Banker is interested in city water. There's also land near State Street and the arterial that can be developed. George wonders where the Mayor stands on these issues. Smart Water isn't coming to Johnstown that George is aware of. Chris Swatt stated at the Smart Waters signing he was told that Smart Water is coming to Johnstown next. Chris said he is aware of the friction between the Mayor's office and the Water Board. Chris said someone from the Board should attend the council meetings. This will improve the communication between the parties. George said he sat through many council meetings and listened to Kathi bad mouth the Water Board and the City Attorney sat there and didn't say a word. George also said the Mayor never once asked him for any information about anything. Everyone agreed that we need to move forward in the new year. John said a lot of issues between water department employees and DPW employees needs to stop. Anthony said everyone needs to cooperate, the residents voted to keep the independent Board so everyone needs to move forward together. Mike Hlozansky said he looks forward to everyone working together and putting the past in the past. Vern said he looks forward to putting past issues including facebook comments behind him. Vern said he is not a bad guy and he wants everyone to get to know him. John wants the Board to be able to concentrate on the water and the Council to focus on their jobs because we are all here for the good of the taxpayer. George said the water department never seem to receive any recognition. The City used the water department's Kobelco for four months but never acknowledged the water department when thanking all the parties involved. George said their never seems to be any respect. Chris asked if Mike could attend a meeting with other City Officials. George thought a Water Board member should attend. George said he wrote a liaison report for Kathi but she didn't read the entire report and sometimes didn't read his report at all. Anthony said having a new liaison should improve the communication. George says their needs to be clarification of what the Water Board day to day responsibilities include.

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THE MEETING ENDED AT 12:15 P.M.