

**JOHNSTOWN WATER BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES  
January 11, 2016**

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

**PRESENT:**

NICHOLAS CANNIZZO, PRESIDENT  
ANTHONY CARUSO, BOARD MEMBER  
JOHN PRADELSKI, BOARD MEMBER  
SCOTT JEFFERS, BOARD MEMBER  
GEORGE DIMARCO, BOARD MEMBER  
MICHAEL POULIN, CITY ATTORNEY  
VERN JACKSON, COMMON COUNCIL  
MICHAEL HLOZANSKY, SENIOR PLANT OPERATOR  
CINDA SPRAKER, CLERK OF THE WATER BOARD

**EXCUSED:**

**FINANCIAL**

AUDIT COMMITTEE: Vouchers were approved for payment.

CARRIED

MINUTES: Nick asked Cindy about the meeting minutes saying she had a discussion with Eric from Phil Beckett's office about processing 2015 invoices. Nick didn't recall the conversation and asked the Board if they remembered. Cindy told the Board she had asked the Board about processing vouchers on December 31 as she had done in the past. The Board recalled the conversation. Cindy offered to replay the tape. A motion to accept the minutes of the December 14, 2015 meeting was made by John Pradelski seconded by George Di Marco. A motion to accept the minutes of the January 5, 2016 meeting was made by George Di Marco seconded by Anthony Caruso

**PUBLIC SPEAKERS:**

CORRESPONDENCE: The Board reviewed the 2015 Water Use Report and the 2016 Water Board meeting schedule. Mike said the NYS Department of Health was very happy with the 2015 water usage report.

**MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS**

Resolution # 2-2016 Motion by Caruso seconded by Pradelski for 2016 meeting time 5/0  
Resolution # 3-2016 Motion by Pradelski seconded by Carsuo for 2016 committees 5/0  
Resolution #4-2016 Motion by Jeffers seconded by DiMarco for official newspaper for 2016 5/0

FILTRATION & DISTRIBUTION: John would like a report showing Hydro Qual's usage. Mike and Wade submitted their monthly reports. John asked if Hydro Qual was done drawing water. Mike said they are done drawing water for the season. John asked about the hydrant marker request. Mike said there are approximately 500 hydrants in the City and the markers cost approximately \$20.00 each. The financial committee will review the request. Truck #19 is having some mechanical issues according to Mike. George asked Cindy to obtain some information for purchasing a new truck per NYS contract price. Nick asked Mike to obtain a quote for a hammer for the backhoe. Mike said Pete Connery from NYSDEC completed an inspection Friday.

OLD BUSINESS: John asked if 81 Briggs Street was still being monitored. Mike said it is. George provided a draft from GPI. George will ask a representative from GPI attend next month's meeting. Anthony asked if this is a mandate from New York State. The Board said the work is a mandate. Mike said the reading was completed in the South end in one day with the new system.

NEW BUSINESS: The Board instructed Cindy to prepare the 2016 employee time off request memo for all employees including Nancy. Cindy asked if the Board wanted her time off through August 31, 2016 when her contract ends. The Board said yes. The Board received information on various postage meters. George thought it would be cheaper to continue using the system currently in place rather than leasing. Cindy will get a price to purchase the machine. Mike said the West Main Street pumping station needs a new heater. Mike will get a quote for a heater and propane connection for the building. In the event of a power outage the building will continue to have heat. The Board discussed purchasing a generator for the water department. Johnson Avenue and West Main Street are wired for a generator. In the event of a

long term power outage the department will need a generator. Nick said the Board should get with Mike and tour the various buildings the department has. Mike gave the Board a draft copy of the 2015 (AQWR) Annual Quality Water Report. George informed the Board that Mike Gifford refinanced the 2004 Serial Bond. This refinance will save the water department approximately 3 million dollars. The Board was happy to hear the news. Mike asked the Board if they would purchase coats for the employees similar to the coats the City just bought for the DPW employees. John made a motion seconded by Anthony to purchase the coats costing 39.00 each plus shipping. The rest of the Board agreed. The Board discussed having safety classes. Vern will check with the City Engineer about safety classes.

A motion to enter into executive session for litigation and personnel 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 7:15 p.m.