

**JOHNSTOWN WATER BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
March 14, 2016**

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

PRESENT:

NICHOLAS CANNIZZO, PRESIDENT
ANTHONY CARUSO, BOARD MEMBER
SCOTT JEFFERS, BOARD MEMBER
MICHAEL POULIN, CITY ATTORNEY
VERN JACKSON, COMMON COUNCIL
MICHAEL HLOZANSKY, SENIOR PLANT OPERATOR

EXCUSED:

GEORGE DIMARCO, BOARD MEMBER
JOHN PRADELSKI, BOARD MEMBER
CINDA SPRAKER, CLERK OF THE WATER BOARD

FINANCIAL

AUDIT COMMITTEE: Vouchers were approved for payment.
CARRIED

MINUTES: A motion to accept the minutes of the February 8, 2016 meeting was made by Scott Jeffers seconded by Anthony Caruso.

PUBLIC SPEAKERS: Chad Kortz provided a map of the Distribution system and updated the Board on the Bloomingdale Avenue project. Chad said right now he has the pipeline that connects near Jackland Associates and goes west of 30A to Bloomingdale Avenue. A valve will be placed so that a connection can be made to Gloversville in the future. Chad said a meter pit will be placed there. The connection will be made near Udderly Delicious to the existing water main. It will be a 12 inch line and create a loop. It will allow service to Coldwell Banker and the vacant property next door should it be developed. It will provide better flow to the area. It won't do much to increase pressure in the area unless the system is connected to Gloversville. Some of the 4 inch pipe may be replaced with 8 inch pipe. The pressure reducing valve at Townsend may be used if the system is connected to Gloversville. Anthony asked about the fluoride issue with Gloversville and Chad said that will be up to the Boards to decide. Anthony said it was voted down years ago but Nick said it wasn't voted on. A local law was passed prohibiting fluoride. Nick said in 1985 the Board voted to leave fluoride out. Nick said it is up to the Gloversville Water Board rather to remove it. Chad said the NYS Health Department would prefer they leave it in and suggested they have a public hearing concerning it. Nick said Chris Satterlee, Jim Mraz and him met last Thursday and discussed the meter pits. Nick said he would like to place a length of pipe across the road near Harrison Street. Nick said samples of Gloversville's water is being taken to see how much fluoride is in the water. He said then the Board will decide if they want to go and talk to the Mayor and say here are the facts for how much fluoride is in the water in the Harrison Street area. Nick said he wouldn't have much of an argument then. Vern Jackson stated it isn't an argument, it is a local law issue. Nick said Johnstown could always hold a public hearing about it. Mike Poulin said it isn't necessarily the Mayor or the Common Council against it, it's the local law that was passed a long time ago. That local law can be repealed or changed. Chad said the inter connection vaults can be replaced at any time because it is an emergency connection. At this point Chad is looking for some input on how the Board wants to proceed with the project. Chad said the NYSDOH will be a while in providing any answers. NYSDOT is looking at widening the road up through the area according to Chad from State Street to Harrison Street. Chad will contact them and see what their plans are. Nick said the State is giving \$50,000.00 to put the meters in. That money will be divided between Gloversville, Johnstown and the County. No one wants to be the lead agency but Gloversville will do it because they have a water superintendent. The selling water authority has jurisdiction over the meters and the pits and the maintenance according to Chad. Nick asked Chad if there were any grants available but Chad said not for this type of project. EFC has a program now for 60 percent funding of some projects. Chad said Johnstown would bond the rest of the cost. That could help in replacing the transmission main. Round three of the grant application may be available in the Fall. It will take three months to prepare a report for a grant if the Board wants C.T.Male to prepare it. Mike asked if the electronic mapping could be done. Nick stated he thinks the Mayor should be aware that the prints that are upstairs belong to us. If someone gives them out they will be responsible. Chad said the maps can be scanned for the Water Board but Chad wasn't sure of the expense. Chad said it will be worth the expense just in case something happened to the City Hall building. Nick said he will send Mike or John upstairs to see how many maps are there so Chad can provide a cost estimate. Nick said the City Engineer is an appointment and he doesn't want them up there. Nick wants the maps back in the water department.

Nick said NYSDOH said it is illegal to give the mapping information out. Chad and Mike Poulin believe it is public information subject to F.O.I.L.. Nick said it doesn't have to be released even if it is a F.O.I.L. but others didn't think that was legal. Mike Poulin said you can't just turn down the request without being sued. Chad said even the vulnerability assessment is subject to F.O.I.L.. Mike Poulin will call the Health Department and obtain further information.

CORRESPONDENCE: The 31 S William Street request was tabled until the Board can discuss it with Cinda. Nick wants Cinda to distribute the requests when she receives them. He does not want to receive them in the board packets. Nick also wants to know what action the sewer Board took. Scott suggested notifying the person that submitted the request of the delay. Nick said he will have Nancy call. The Board reviewed Resolution #19 that the Common Council passed. Nick said the Board already approved the tap.

MOTIONS & RESOLUTION: The February billing levy was reviewed.

FILTRATION & DISTRIBUTION: Mike and Wade submitted their monthly reports. The Board reviewed the vehicle use log. Mike told the Board about our water testing schedule per NYSDOH. Nick wants the results published.

OLD BUSINESS: 81 Briggs Street usage was discussed. The Board would like it checked once more and then make a decision. Nick said the meter was tested and it is working properly. There is a large container outside again that is believed to be filled with water. New truck quotes have not been received yet. The hammer for the backhoe has been received without any extra fees. Nick wants to wait for Cindy to return to discuss the postage machine but he thinks the Board should purchase the machine.

NEW BUSINESS: C.T. Male will follow up with information on the electronic copies of all water department maps. A waterline for Linden Avenue was discussed with Nick and the Mayor and Chris. Nick said the Board will put the line in but wants to know who will pay for the material. Anthony asked if there was any updates on the shared space agreement that the Board previously received from the City Engineer. Nick said Chris is supposed to get back to him. The contract is 22 years old so Chris would like to discuss it. Anthony asked about the watershed property assessment changes. Mike Poulin said the order has not been signed by the Supreme Court Judge. As soon as it is signed the assessment figures will be changed. Nick said another laborer needs to be hired to get Dave Sagan in training for Mike's job. Anthony asked if the money was in the budget and Nick said they will have to find a way to pay it. Nick said it will have to be posted at the barn. Nick said that Anthony and John will complete the form to hire a superintendent part time and submit it to civil service. A timeclock has been put in the back office. Nancy started using it already. Mike said he will still have to submit the timecards to Chris Vose because he certifies the payroll. Nick told Anthony to check Nancy's time card. A Board member has to approve Cinda and Nancy's time sheets and time cards.

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 Nick Cannizzo seconded by Anthony Caruso

The meeting ended at 7:40 p.m.