

JOHNSTOWN WATER BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
June13, 2016

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

PRESENT:

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

EXCUSED:

SCOTT JEFFERS, BOARD MEMBER

FINANCIAL

AUDIT COMMITTEE: Vouchers were approved for payment. George said an adjustment will need to be made to the 2016 budget for the bond payments.

CARRIED

MINUTES: A motion to accept the minutes of the May 9, 2016 meeting was made by John Pradelski seconded by Anthony Caruso.

PUBLIC SPEAKERS: Chad Kortz from C.T. Male told the Board that the Bloomingdale project is complete. He will send notices to New York State D.O.H. and D.O.T. and get ready to go out to bid. Chad also discussed a contract he brought for review for the fuel tank removal and his discussion with Ben Hankins of NYSDEC. Chad said if the Board passes a resolution tonight, C.T. Male will be ready to go out to bid before the next meeting. He said the wild card will be if there is any seepage from either tank leaking. Chad said the remaining fuel in the tanks will need to be disposed of.

CORRESPONDENCE:

MOTIONS & RESOLUTION:

A motion was made by George seconded by John to hire C.T.Male for the fuel tank removal at Cork Center and Christman.

A motion was made by George seconded by John to authorize C.T. Male to advertise for the tank removal.

The Board asked Mike Poulin to prepare Resolutions for next month's meeting.

A motion to approve the May 2016 billing levy was made by Anthony Caruso seconded by John Pradelski

Resolution #8, 2016- Cannizzo seconded by DiMarco for 203 S William St.

Ayes:4

Noes: 0

Absent: 1 (Jeffers)

FILTRATION & DISTRIBUTION: Mike and Wade submitted their monthly reports. The Board reviewed the vehicle log spreadsheet. John asked about the logging at Maylanders and Cork. Mike said the logging was done. John Denmark is working on the area at Maylander. A Conservation Officer stopped John Denmark. Mike said the NYS Troopers and Sheriffs are patrolling watershed property. Someone was caught on Maylander property and a trap was found at Cork Center. The Kobelco is going to need some mechanical work done. Nick asked Vern if the City will split the costs. Vern said he will ask. John asked if the hours on the Kobelco are being written down. Mike said yes they are being recorded the same as the other vehicles. Mike will investigate with Charlie to find out who works on Kobelco's. George said Charlie tightened the gaskets but said it was going to need work done. George asked about the generator repairs at Christman. Mike said it is part of the maintenance program that we are now doing. He also asked about the weekly mowing schedule. Mike said mowing is done as needed on various watershed property. George asked about asphalt

patching. Mike said the guys have been doing small repairs. They will look at renting a roller when they get to the point of having the need for it. George told Mike to make sure Wade knows the hydrants by Udderly will be coming out so don't spend a lot of money on them.

OLD BUSINESS: George has not checked the state contract pricing for a new truck. George said he has been busy with other projects and the truck is not a priority. The Board agreed not to purchase a postage machine and to continue to process the postage through the City Treasurer. Nick said he will go along with it for now but he can guarantee it's going to change. Nick said we need to ask Chad about the maps. Vern spoke to Chris Vose and Chris said the Board is welcome to make copies of the maps. Chris wants to retain the maps in the engineer's office. Nick spoke to Mark Gifford concerning the shared space agreement. Mark doesn't want to have a meeting. He told Nick to send the letter stating they have to be out in 90 days and he will discuss it with the Mayor. Vern said Mark may be leaving and doesn't want to be involved. George said it is not efficient to keep bicycles and wrecked cars in the bays. George said a letter to the Mayor will be sent to the newspaper and make it look like the Water Board isn't willing to work with the City. After much discussion the City Attorney advised the President of the Water Board to send a letter to the Mayor terminating the agreement if that was the direction the Board wanted to go. John Pradelski will prepare the letter. Mike Poulin asked about the ownership of the building. He said 99 percent of the time the municipality owns the buildings not the individual departments. Mike said municipalities move various offices and departments all the time. George said this is why having an attorney who represents the City and the Water Board is a conflict for him to wear two hats. Mike Poulin said the City attorney does not take action on the Board, they represent the Board. Mike Poulin said an attorney can not cancel an agreement, the Board has to do it. John asked if a resolution was needed. Mike said a resolution is needed. John asked Mike to prepare one for the Board's review. The watershed property assessment ruling has not been signed by the judge yet. The laborer hire paperwork has been completed by John and submitted to the Mayor for approval. John asked the Mayor about paperwork submitted to the Mayor to hire a water superintendent. John and the Mayor discussed the superintendent. The Mayor feels the City Engineer can handle the responsibilities. John said the Board didn't agree. The Mayor said a laborer should have been hired years ago to train for personnel retiring. John said he hasn't heard from the Mayor since and it has been 21/2 weeks. Theresa Souza was going to forward the paperwork to the State and see if it could be a noncompetitive position like the Gloversville Water Superintendent is. Mike Poulin said he had discussed the positions with the Mayor. Mike Poulin said the job description of the City Engineer in the City Charter conflicts with some of the job duties listed for the Water Superintendent paperwork that the Board prepared. Nick said the charter states the Board can hire a superintendent. John has not contacted anyone about revising the random drug testing. He wasn't sure where the contact information was so Cindy said she will email it to him again. Mike Hlozansky said it is just a matter of letting her know to come here if it is a water department employee. That way we will have a paper trail of the employee being tested for Cindy. Anthony said the job duties need to be clear before a superintendent is hired. Nick said there's one charter and it states the Board can hire a superintendent. Mike Poulin said the job descriptions are being reviewed by the Mayor. George said a lot of job descriptions have similar duties. John said the paperwork for the superintendent was submitted three months ago and the Mayor never mentioned the job description issues.

NEW BUSINESS: The fuel tank proposal from C.T. Male will be accepted per the above motion. The Clerk of the Water Board contract will be discussed in executive session. The GPI update was reviewed by the Board. Asbestos and lead paint may be an issue due to the age. George recommended having them treat everything as though it has asbestos and lead and avoid the costs of having it tested. Nick doesn't think that jack hammering is a good idea. He said it is going to cause more damage to the existing dam. Jake will provide some cost estimates to the Board. The Board will review the options and the costs and then make some decisions as to the best way to proceed. The building work will be done first. John asked if the information that Mike Gifford requested had been sent. Cinda told him the timber contract information had but she was waiting for information from George on Beckett's audit to forward to Mike Gifford.

DISCUSSION: The Board discussed updating their rules and regulations concerning fire systems. Vern said Bruce will meet with the Board anytime to review them. George said the new building codes are going to cause more requests for exceptions from residents. The Board discussed a memo from Mike Gifford stating that the employee's paychecks will be distributed through the City of Johnstown's Crescendoe Road location. George gave Vern a copy of the procedure from Tom Di Napoli's office concerning payroll. Mike Hlozansky said even though he has direct deposit he needs to get his pay stub. Vern asked the Board to talk to the Aspen Hills residents concerning the water charge on their tax bill. Nick said he spoke to Nancy McVean and Jack Wilson. The residents in the Aspen Hills area that have any questions will have to come to the water department. Mike Hlozansky said the health department requested a copy of the agreement and after reviewing it the Town of Johnstown may have to start doing their own sampling per NYSDOH. Nick said he even spoke to the code enforcement officer for the Town of Johnstown. George said the leak was in Aspen Hills Two but the town billed the Aspen Hills One residents. John Pradelski said any resident can come to a water board meeting. Cindy said from what she heard of it the former supervisor put the charge on the Aspen Hills customers tax bills.

A Motion to enter into executive session for employment was made by John Pradelski seconded by Anthony Caruso 7:42 pm.

A Motion to exit executive was made by John Pradelski seconded by Anthony Caruso 8:50 p.m.

The Water Board tabled the employment discussion until a further meeting.

A motion to adjourn was made by Nick Cannizzo seconded by George DiMarco.

The meeting ended at 8:50 p.m.