

**JOHNSTOWN WATER BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
May 9, 2016**

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

PRESENT:

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

EXCUSED:

GEORGE DIMARCO, BOARD MEMBER

FINANCIAL

AUDIT COMMITTEE: Vouchers were approved for payment. The voucher for Monroe Tractor from March 2016 will be discussed with Wade. Cinda said it needs to be addressed or penalties will be applied.

CARRIED

MINUTES: A motion to accept the minutes of the April 11, 2016 meeting was made by Scott Jeffers seconded by Anthony Caruso.

PUBLIC SPEAKERS: Chad Kortz from C.T. Male spoke concerning David D'Amore's plans for 203 South William Street. Chad recommended the rules and regulations of the water department not be changed to require a separate tap for a sprinkler system. Chad also recommended the Board allow Dave to proceed without a separate tap. Chad said the Board can do this via a Resolution per the rules and regulations. The Board will have the City Attorney prepare a Resolution. The line will require a meter on it to ensure it is being used for fire protection only. David said the meter will be tagged to notify the water department if any testing is required. The meter will be purchased by the property owner through the water department. The Board will meet with Bruce Heberer for recommendations for the rules and regulations.

CORRESPONDENCE: Nick asked Vern about a Resolution passed by the Common Council April 18, 2016. Nick said the Resolution included changes that the Board wasn't made aware of. Vern was not at the meeting when the Resolution was passed. Vern said Mike Poulin wrote the resolution so Nick will have to ask Mike when he arrives. Nick asked Mike why the Board wasn't told about the change in the Resolution. Nick said George brought the change to his attention. Mike Poulin explained that the change Nick was referring to was a change made in 2011 when the original contract was revised.

MOTIONS & RESOLUTION:

Resolution #7, 2016- Caruso seconded by Jeffers for change order #1 for the GPI 2016 contract.

Ayes:4

Noes: 0

Absent: 1 (DiMarco)

FILTRATION & DISTRIBUTION: Mike and Wade submitted their monthly reports. The Board reviewed the vehicle log use report. Hydro Qual has not started drawing water yet. Mike Hlozansky told the Board about the camera inspection at HyDaddy. A presentation from GPI will be done in the future. John said he and George discussed purchasing a roller and for the amount of time that one is actually needed it would be better to rent one. Earth Day went well in the park. John wants to track the hours on the Kobelco.

OLD BUSINESS: George was going to check the state contract pricing for a new truck. The postage machine was discussed. Nick said a new machine cost is around \$3,000.00 and an additional \$777.00 annually. Mike Gifford told Cinda that he will do the sealing and postage. He doesn't want anyone in his office that doesn't work for him. Cinda said Mike took all the bills, sealed them and applied postage and she took them to the post office. Vern will discuss the postage with Mike. Anthony and John feel if the postage can be worked out with Mike Gifford it would not be cost

effective to purchase the machine. Scott said he is in favor of leaving the postage as is. John stated an incident occurred recently where the distribution crew needed the water department maps and couldn't access them. This is the reason the maps need to be in the water department. Nick said the prints were moved upstairs because Chad requested them when he was City Engineer. Vern will speak to the Mayor about the maps. Nick will talk to Vern, Chris and Mark Gifford concerning the shared space agreement. The watershed property assessment ruling has not been signed by the judge yet. The laborer hire paperwork will be completed by John. The Board submitted paperwork to the Mayor to hire a water superintendent. John said the Personnel Department hasn't received the signed paperwork from the Mayor yet. The bids for Linden Avenue were rejected by the Common Council. The Board decided to table the waterline until the property is sold.

NEW BUSINESS: Mike Hlozansky requested the CDL drug testing be moved to the water department office for the water department employees. Right now it is set up at the city barn for all dpw and water department employees. Cinda will get the guidelines from the CSEA contract and forward the information to John Pradelski for review. Testing at the water department will also simplify the billing process. Nick asked if the Town of Johnstown was taking stray dogs for the City of Johnstown in their new facility yet. Mike Poulin said he will check with the Mayor but he doesn't believe the facility is completed yet.

DISCUSSION: Nick explained to Vern that the water department's old timeclock was used by DPW and that is why the Water Board had to buy a new one. Vern said he didn't object to the purchase of the timeclock, only the way it was done. He said it makes sense to him for the water department employees to punch in and out at the water department but the timeclock purchase should have been discussed with the City Treasurer before the purchase was made. Vern said he received a call from Tom Roehl from W.E.N.T after the last meeting and asked if the Board reached out to him. The Board members said they hadn't talked to Tom. Mike Poulin will check with Mike Gifford about the water department employees back pay for out of title pay. Mike Poulin will have Mike Gifford call Cinda directly concerning the employees pay. Anthony said he fields a lot of questions about our water being tested. Mike Hlozansky said it is tested daily and a PFOA test was just completed which came back negative. Nick told Anthony to take a copy of the PFOA results and post it in his building. Mike Poulin asked about the outstanding voucher from October 2015 that the Board owes the City. The Board thought it was paid and instructed Cinda to pay the voucher.

A motion to adjourn was made by John Pradelski seconded by Anthony Caruso

The meeting ended at 7:31 p.m.