

JOHNSTOWN WATER BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
MAY 8, 2017
MEETING COMMENCED AT 6:00 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. ATTENDEES:

- George DiMarco, Vice President
- Anthony Caruso, Board Member
- Scott Jeffers, Board Member
- Michael Hlozansky, Senior Water Treatment Plant Operator
- Michael Poulin, City of Johnstown Attorney (arrived at approximately 6:30)
- Barbara Koehler, Clerk of the Board
- Tim Cellary, City Council Liaison

2. GUESTS: Jason Hammer
 John Swierzowski

3. FINANCIAL:

- 3.1 Audit Approval – Accept Vouchers payment
 \$ 78,865.67 for May 2017
 \$ 1,500.18 for April 2017 (National Grid)

Motion to approve vouchers for payment made by Jeffers and seconded by Caruso.
 Yeas 5 Noes 0

4. PERSONNEL:

- 4.1 Appoint new members to replace Nicholas Cannizzo and John Pradelski.
 (See 5 – Resolutions & Motions)

5. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:

5.1 DAM REHABILITATION PROJECT

Received DEC permit for Dam Rehabilitation.

Mr. DiMarco received front end documents from GPI late on Friday, May 6, 2017 and sent the documents to Attorney Poulin for review.

Water Department is ready to go out to bid on project and will place a Legal Notice in the Leader Herald on Thursday or Friday (May 11 or 12) of this week. A Legal Notice for the bid will be placed in the Leader Herald two (2) times.

Estimate for the Dam Rehabilitation Project went to 1.2 million dollars. Mr. DiMarco added there will be a 10 percent contingency added to the project. The construction administration cost will be at approximately \$120,000, as there will be work performed daily, at 55 – 60 hours per week. Unit price item for construction administration.

Dam Rehabilitation Project Dam project will be monitored by DEC.

Along with this Mr. DiMarco noted some leakage at the spillway Underwater valves are questionable. This will be another big ticket item. Divers will be needed to evaluate the situation. This project will be scheduled for next year.

5.2 FULTON STREET STORGAE TANK

A cost proposal was received from Statewide Aquastore, Inc. to provide required testing and cathodic protection for the Fulton Street Storage Tank.

The Fulton Street Tank had a small leak. The Water Department had Aquastore repair it. Aquastore noted we are overdue for the tank inspection and they will return to complete this project. Tanks inspections are done every 5 years.

Aquastore will put Cathodic Protection in tank at a cost of \$4200, in addition to the \$550 for the repair of the leak. Mr. DiMarco noted these are funds that need to be spent.

Mr. DiMarco noted to the new board members when the Water Departments spends over \$2000, that cost must be approved by at least three (3) board members.

6. OLD BUSINESS:

6.1 Timber cutting for the Dam Rehabilitation Project.

- Placed ad for timber sale in Leader Herald, with a return date of May 19, 2017.

6.2 Bloomingdale Avenue

- Contractor is ready to finish. The ground was too wet to grade and seed. As soon as it dries up the contractor will complete project

6.3 CAPITAL PROJECTS REVIEW

6.3.1 Cork Center – DAM REHABILITATION PROJECT

- Will advertise for bid, two times in Leader herald, with a return date of June 6, 2017.

6.4 Review of minimums for Industrial users.

Still in progress Attorney Poulin working with the Water Department on this undertaking

7. MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS:

Motion to accept minutes of May 2, 2017 meeting made by DiMarco and seconded by Jeffers.

Yeas 3 Noes 0

Resolution # 11 - Resignation of Nicholas Cannizzo created a vacancy on the Board.

Motion to accept Resolution #11, appointing Jason Hammer to the Water Board, was made by Jeffers, and seconded by Caruso.

Yeas 3 Noes 0

Resolution # 12 - Resignation of John Pradelski created a vacancy on the Board.

Motion to accept Resolution #12, appointing John Swierzowski to the Water Board, was made by Caruso, and seconded by DiMarco.

Yeas 4 Noes 0

Resolution #13 – Authorization to advertise for bids for Cork Center Reservoir Dam project.

Motion to accept Resolution #13 was made by DiMarco, and seconded by Caruso.

Yeas 5 Noes 0

8. NEW BUSINESS:

8.1 Master Meter – New Meter installations.

The Water Department put new water meter heads on for all residents of Johnstown 2 or 3 years ago, and they are going bad.

Faulty meters give low or no reads.

Master Meter has agreed to supply us with new meter heads at no cost, but will be Water Department responsibility (labor) to install the new meter heads to the all the residents of the City of Johnstown and return the old meter heads to Master Meter within 90 days of receipt. We can accept a pallet of 420 at a time. Our distribution crew will have to do some overtime.

The Water Department might have to hire a part time plumber. We will see how the first pallet of replacements proceeds first.

The City of Gloversville had the same issue and is also replacing their meters from Master Meter.

8.2 Fulton Street Water Tank

Repairs were made to a small hole on the side of tank.

Aquastore will return for an inspection and to install cathodic protection.

- 8.3 Repair work at Cork Center
- Gate House floor and other work
 - Replace filtration plant pass doors

CT Male is going to evaluate and come up with suggestions for the Gate House. The Gate House is not used much.

The Water Department is trying to keep the Gate House Historic. CT Male will get a cost effective plan for the rehab.

There are 12 steel exterior door that all need to be replaced at a \$20,000 estimated cost.

- 8.4 Christman
- Replace filtration plant pass doors
 - Replace section of roof as it is leaking. Needs to be completed before fall 2017

Not currently an emergency but could become one if not completed soon

9. Miscellaneous

- 9.1 Open Water Department employment positions:
Clerk - Typist position open. Exam was last week and we should have a list of eligible candidates for clerk typist by next meeting.
- 9.2 Laborer is on hold. Mr. DiMarco will discuss with Major Jackson.
Might be able to get temporary laborer help with meters.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn made by DiMarco seconded by Caruso.

Yeas 5 Noes 0

Meeting ended at 6:40 p.m.

Submitted by Barbara Koehler
Clerk of the Water Board