

**JOHNSTOWN WATER BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 16, 2019 6:00 P.M.
(DECEMBER 9, 2019 MEETING CANCELLED)**

CALL MEETING TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Board Vice President Swierzowski called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL by Clerk of the Water Board

BOARD MEMBERS

John Swierzowski, Vice President
George DiMarco, Board Member
Brandon Lyon, Board Member
Michael Capparello, Board Member
Marj Kline, Board Member

ATTENDEES

Barbara Koehler, Clerk of the Board

ABSENT Michael Poulin, City of Johnstown Attorney
John Denmark, Senior Water Plant Operator
Brad Hayner, City Council Liaison

PUBLIC SESSION - None

OLD BUSINESS

- Capital Projects Review - Dam Phase II (Spillway)

Board Vice President Swierzowski stated he still has not heard anything from the City with regard to the bonding of Phase II of the Dam Project.

Board Vice President Swierzowski stated this could only cost us more money down the road for something the state mandates.

NEW BUSINESS

- Grievance made by Basem Alikhan, Account 300000 for November 2019 Water / Sewer Invoice. Sewer portion denied by GJJWW.

MOTION to deny Basem Alikhan grievance for water portion of invoice was made by Board Member DiMarco and Seconded by Board Member Lyon.

Ayes 5 Nays 0 Absent 0 Abstain 0

MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS

- **RESOLUTION 24 -2019** 6 Year Capital Plan (2020-2025). Approval was made by Board Vice President Swierzowski and seconded by Board Member Capparello.

Ayes 5 Nays 0 Absent 0 Abstain 0

- **RESOLUTION 25 -2019** 2020 Budget. Approval was made by Board Vice President Swierzowski and seconded by Board Member Capparello.
Ayes 5 Nays 0 Absent 0 Abstain 0

Board Member Lyon questioned why revenues are less than expenses. Clerk Koehler explained the estimated Revenue for 2020 is \$1,750,000 and Expenses are estimated at \$5,922,363, creating a short fall of \$4,172,363. \$3,375,000 would be covered by the BAN/Bond for Phase 2 of the Dam Project. The remaining short fall would be covered by funds in our savings account.

Board Member Lyon asked is we have heard anything about the Bonding from the city. Board Vice President Swierzowski stated the city has not communicated with us.

Board Member DiMarco wanted to add another water plant operator to the Employee List. Board Vice President Swierzowski said it was a good idea as New York State has about 37 Water Plant Operators that are retiring in the near future, creating a shortage in the state.

Board Vice President Swierzowski also stated a Trainee should not be paid the same as the person training them. There is no position in the CSEA contract for a Water Plant Trainee.

Board Vice President Swierzowski said he thinks the city has blocked to Water Department from Union Negotiations, unless this is just an unsubstantiated rumor. Board Member DiMarco stated he knows for a fact the city has had two union meetings. Board Member DiMarco advised he heard this first hand from the union shop foreman.

- **RESOLUTION 26 -2019** ATEC Group install cable at 27 E. Main Street, was made by Board Vice President Swierzowski and Seconded by Board Member Kline.
Ayes 5 Nays 0 Absent 0 Abstain 0

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **MOTION** to accept meeting minutes of November 12, 2019, was made by Board Vice President Swierzowski and Seconded by Board Member Kline.
Ayes 5 Nays 0 Absent 0 Abstain 0
- **MOTION** to accept meeting minutes of November 25, 2019, was made by Board Vice President Swierzowski and Seconded by Board Member Capparello.
Ayes 5 Nays 0 Absent 0 Abstain 0

FINANCIAL

- **MOTION** to accept Claims and Vouchers for payment for December 2019 (Audit Approval), was made by Board Vice President Swierzowski and Seconded by Board Member Capparello.
Ayes 5 Nays 0 Absent 0 Abstain 0
- **MOTION** to approve November 2019 Industrial Levy, was made by Board Vice President Swierzowski and Seconded by Board Member DiMarco.
Ayes 5 Nays 0 Absent 0 Abstain 0

- **MOTION** to approve November 2019 Residential Levy, was made by Board Vice President Swierzowski and Seconded by Board Member Lyon.
Ayes 5 Nays 0 Absent 0 Abstain 0

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Water Department closes at noon December 24, 2019 and is closed December 25, 2019
- Next regular Water Board meeting will be January 14, 2020

2020 ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

- Board Vice President Swierzowski announced the Water Board Organizational meeting will be held on January 6, 2020 at 6:00 pm

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- **MOTION** to enter into Executive Session for “the medical, financial, credit, or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal, or removal of a particular person or corporation” was made by Board Vice President Swierzowski and seconded by Board Member Capparello at 6:19 p.m.
Ayes 5 Nays 0 Absent 0 Abstain 0
- **MOTION** approving Clerk Koehler to remain in Executive Session was made by Board Vice President Swierzowski and seconded by Board Member Capparello.
Ayes 5 Nays 0 Absent 0 Abstain 0
- **MOTION** to exit Executive Session was made by Board Vice President Swierzowski and seconded by Board Member Capparello at 6:44 p.m.
Ayes 5 Nays 0 Absent 0 Abstain 0

ADJOURNMENT

- **MOTION** to adjourn was made by Board Vice President Swierzowski and seconded by Board Member Capparello at 6:45 PM.
Ayes 5 Nays 0 Absent 0 Abstain 0

*Submitted by
Barbara Koehler
Clerk of the Water Board*