**JOHNSTOWN WATER BOARD**

**MINUTES FOR A**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**MAY 09, 2022 @ 6:00 PM**

The meeting was held at the City of Johnstown Water Department Office.

Due to technical difficulties, the meeting was not broadcast on the “Johnstown Water Dept.” Facebook page.

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Board Vice President DiMarco called the meeting to order at 6:07 PM, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

**ROLL CALL**

**BOARD MEMBERS ATTENDEES**

George DiMarco, Board Vice President Susan Miller, Clerk of the Water Board

Mark Empie, Board Member Eric Parker, Common Council Liaison

Ralph Marotta, Board Member Michael Poulin, City Attorney

**ABSENT PUBLIC SPEAKER**

Michael Capparello, Board President John Swierzowski, Previous Board President

Brandon Lyon, Board Member

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Ti Sales: Neptune Water Meter Purchase Proposal**

Vice President DiMarco asked the Board Members to review updated pricing information from TiSales for the Neptune Water Meter purchase and installation. City Engineer Christopher Vose explained in a memo that the document was for the total project cost. He noted that Phase I was for the initial startup costs of $290,000 and an optional phase is the next steps after the initial rounds of meters are installed. He added that if for some reason the Bonding was not obtained by the completion of Phase I, we would either have to pay the money for Phase II out of pocket or postpone the project until the funding was obtained. He advised that if we postpone the installs there would be additional mobilization costs for the contractors to leave and then return to continue the work. It was also shared by Mr. Vose that Neptune is no longer holding pricing longer than six months, noting if meters were not purchased by the end of the year we would likely see a price increase. Board Vice President DiMarco reminded the Board that at the Water Board Meeting of 04/11/22 a Motion was passed to allot $200,000 towards the preliminary purchase ($100,000 for the meter purchase and $100,000 for the meter installation). He advised that the dollar figure of $290,000 is a more accurate figure from Ti Sales for the first phase of the meter project.

**Motio**n authorizing an additional amount of $90,000 towards the preliminary purchase and installation of Neptune Water Meters was made by Board Vice President DiMarco; seconded by Board Member Empie.

**Ayes: 3 Nays: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 2**

**Water Main Interconnection on Route 29**

Vice President DiMarco advised the Board that the City of Gloversville Water Department has proposed a water main extension that is being done to provide the Town of Johnstown’s Town Hall with municipal water to also be connected in that area to the existing City of Johnstown water main. He added that the NYS Department of Health suggested this when reviewing the design submitted by the Town’s engineering firm. He noted this work will carry no cost for the City to bear and would provide us with an opportunity to have access to additional water when needed. He further explained that like other interconnections, this would be shut off over 99% of the time and only opened when needed. Vice President DiMarco stated it would be good to have another access point to receive water that has new infrastructure.

Common Council Liaison Parker stated that the Common Council approved the water main interconnection at a recent meeting. He advised that the City of Johnstown has already given the town permission to tie into our sewer infrastructure.

**Motion** to approve the Water Main Interconnection on Route 29 was made by Board Vice President DiMarco; seconded by Board Member Marotta.

**Ayes: 3 Nays: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 2**

**Ferguson Waterworks Quote for Fire Hydrant Replacement/464 North Perry Street**

Vice President DiMarco asked the Board to review the quote from Ferguson Waterworks for a fire hydrant to be replaced at 464 North Perry Street (by Cumberland Farms). It was noted that a vehicle damaged the hydrant and unfortunately the driver was uninsured and had no license, thus leaving the expense of $3,342.50 to be paid by the Water Department. He noted the hydrant is secured by barrier; however, continues to be hit at that location.

**Motion** for the purchase of a fire hydrant from Ferguson Waterworks not to exceed $3,500 was made by Board Vice President DiMarco; seconded by Board Member Empie.

**Ayes: 3 Nays: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 2**

**RM Headlee Company, Inc. Quote for Actuator at the Cork Center Reservoir**

Vice President DiMarco asked the Board to review the quote from RM Headlee Company for an Actuator in the amount of $2,950 at the Cork Center Reservoir for replacement of one that is not working properly.

**Motion** approving the purchase of an Actuator from RM Headlee Company not to exceed $3,100 was made by Board Member Empie; seconded by Board Vice President DiMarco.

**Ayes: 3 Nays: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 2**

**PUBLIC SESSION**

Previous Water Board President John Swierzowski stated that in his opinion the meter project replacement should be paid for by the City of Johnstown from the funds that former Treasurer Gifford transferred to the City.

Water Board Clerk Miller advised the Board that of the $4.2M that was in the two Water Department accounts when previous Treasurer Gifford transferred the funds to the City of Johnstown’s control a large portion of those funds were utilized in 2021 to pay all Water Department expenses, including accounts payables and payroll. She noted that of that original amount it is estimated that less than $500K is available.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Phase II of the Reservoir and Spillway Projects**

Vice President DiMarco advised the Board that GPI is working on finalizing the plans for Phase II of the Reservoir and Spillway Projects.

**INDUSTRIAL BILLING LEVY**

**March 2022 Industrial Billing Levy 10** customers billed

Water $78,205.12 Sewer $175,448.19 Maintenance $5,765.79 **Total $259,419.10**

**Motion** to approve the March 2022 Industrial Billing Levy was made by Board Member Marotta; seconded by Board Vice President DiMarco.

**Ayes: 3 Nays: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 2**

**FINANCIAL**

Deposits: 04/09/22 – 05/05/22 $119,922.72

Accounts Receivables: As of 05/05/22 $641,211.55

Accounts Payables: 04/09/22 – 05/05/22 $291,608.59

**Motion** to approve the Deposit/Accounts Receivable and Accounts Payable Report was made by Board Vice President DiMarco; seconded by Board Member Empie.

**Ayes: 3 Nays: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 2**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Motion** to approve the meeting minutes of 04/11/22 was made by Board Member Empie; seconded by Board Vice President DiMarco.

**Ayes: 3 Nays: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 2**

**PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next regular Water Board meeting will be held on Monday, June 13th, 2022 at 6:00PM.

Spring hydrant flushing will begin the week of 05/16/22 and is expected to continue through 05/31/22.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion** to adjourn the meeting at 6:57pm was made by Board Member Empie; seconded by Board Member Marotta.

**Ayes: 3 Nays: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 2**

Respectfully submitted by:

Susan Miller, Clerk of the Water Board