

**JOHNSTOWN WATER BOARD  
SEPTEMBER 9, 2019  
MEETING MINUTES**

**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 OF BOARD MEMBERS**

Board Clerk Koehler

**BOARD MEMBERS**

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

**ATTENDEES**

Michael Poulin, City of Johnstown Attorney  
John Denmark, Water Plant Operator  
Barbara Koehler, Clerk of the Board  
Brad Hayner, City Council Liaison

Board Vice President Swierzowski quoted section B - Public Participation, of the proposed Water Department Bylaws.

**PUBLIC SESSION**

No Public Session

**PRESENTATION**

**John Rizzo, GPI Dam Phase II (Spillway)**

John Rizzo gave an overview to new Board Members of the project and presented revised costs to the Board.

See "Exhibit A" for presentation.

John Rizzo stated our new NYS DEC contact is John Smith, PE

Board Vice President Swierzowski asked John Rizzo is we could get a Grant for this project. Rizzo stated that he will get back to us.

Board Vice President Swierzowski stated there will be a Special Water Board meeting on September 12, 2019, for the Board to decide on an option (1, 2, or 3) to complete Phase 2 of this project. Swierzowski noted that he would get the cost of project over to City Treasurer M. Gifford, as we will need to Bond.

Board Vice President Swierzowski also asked John Rizzo to prepare our EAP's (Emergency Action Plans) for the Water Department. Rizzo stated the EAP's are very procedural and are roughly a day's worth of work for a Junior Engineer.

## OLD BUSINESS

- Capital Projects Review  
Dam Phase II (Spillway) (see Presentation by John Rizzo, GPI)
- Sand Filter Replacement  
Chad Kortz, PE and Jake Gordon PE (CT Male) attended the meeting to discuss the Sand Filter Replacement at Cork Center.

Chad Kortz noted CT Male is in contact with the DOH and navigating their rules regarding sand media. CT Male has been addressing the issue with Jablonski Excavating to meet DOH specifications. Jablonski Excavating has been cooperative in getting numerous samples of sand to DOH for testing. Kortz noted sand suppliers have had trouble meeting DOH regulations.

Kortz noted CT Male is comfortable with the latest submittal of sand media and will approve to move forward with the project.

Jake Gordon noted the approved sand pit is in Salisbury NY.

CT Male does not know when Jablonski Excavating can start the project. They will get back to us shortly.

- Smart Waters – Fulton County Water District #1 Taps  
Clerk Koehler noted that in the last meeting the Clerk was not given directive to send out letters to the eligible parcels. Vice President Swierzowski directed the staff, in the interim, to send out letters of interest. Clerk Koehler noted as of 9/10/2019, of the 107 eligible parcels 22 were interested.

Clerk Koehler was directed by Vice President Swierzowski to give Michael Poulin, Esq. a sample Water Agreement. Attorney Poulin is to compose a legal agreement for the residents receiving water to acknowledge and sign.

## NEW BUSINESS

No New Business

## MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS

- **RESOLUTION 15 - 2019** Emergency purchase of Sand Washer from Aggregate Equipment Inc., (AEI) made by Board Vice President Swierzowski and seconded by Board Member DiMarco.  
4 ayes 0 nays 0 absent 0 abstain
- **RESOLUTION 16 - 2019** Agreement with CT Male, Route 30A Project made by Board Vice President Swierzowski and seconded by Board Member Lyon.  
3 ayes 1 nays (DiMarco) 0 absent 0 abstain

**Discussion:** Board Member DiMarco stated that he is against the project as it does not look like the creek is flowing and does not like digging up water lines unnecessarily although there has not been a leak in this area for 6-9 months. Board Member DiMarco also noted in light of all the other projects we have going, he feels we could wait on this project.

- **RESOLUTION 17 – 2019** Appoint Michael Capparello to the Water Board, made by Vice President John Swierzowski and seconded by Board Member Kline.  
4 ayes 0 nays 0 absent 0 abstain

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- **MOTION** to accept meeting minutes of August 12, 2019 made by Board Vice President Swierzowski and seconded by Board Member Kline.  
4 ayes 0 nays 0 absent 1 abstain (Capparello)

### **FINANCIAL**

- **MOTION** to accept Claims and Vouchers for payment for September 2019 (Audit Approval) was made by Board Vice President Swierzowski and seconded by Board Member Lyon.  
4 ayes 0 nays 0 absent 1 abstain (Capparello)
- **MOTION** to approve of August 2019 Industrial Levy was made by Board Vice President Swierzowski and seconded by Board Member DiMarco.  
4 ayes 0 nays 0 absent 1 abstain (Capparello)

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- **MOTION** to enter into Executive Session at 6:49 p.m. 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 Lyon.  
5 ayes 0 nays 0 absent 0 abstain
- **MOTION** to exit Executive Session at 7:22 p.m. made by Board Vice President Swierzowski and seconded by Board Member Kline.  
5 ayes 0 nays 0 absent 0 abstain

### **EMERGENCY MOTION**

- **MOTION to not proceed with supplying a temporary water line to Linden Avenue** made by Board Vice President Swierzowski and seconded by Board Member Capparello.  
4 ayes 1 nays (DiMarco) 0 absent 0 abstain

### **PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Water Department closed Monday, October 14, 2019 in observance of Columbus Day.
- Next regular Water Board meeting will be Tuesday, October 15, 2019 at 6:00 pm

### **ADJOURNMENT**

- **MOTION** to adjourn was made by Board Vice President Swierzowski and seconded by Board Member DiMarco at 7:32 p.m.  
5 ayes 0 nays 0 absent 0 abstain

Submitted by  
Barbara Koehler  
Clerk of the Water Board