



## CLIFTON PARK WATER AUTHORITY

### BOARD MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 9, 2016

Those present at the Clifton Park Water Authority board meeting were: Mr. John Ryan, Vice Chairman; Mr. George Peterson, Treasurer, Mr. Peter Taubkin, Secretary; and Mr. William Butler, board member. Absent: Mr. Helmut Gerstenberger, Chairman. Also present: Mr. Donald Austin Jr., Administrator; Mr. Walter Schlesier Jr., Superintendent; Mr. Neil Weiner, Attorney; and Mr. Edwin Vopelak, CT Male Associates.

Mr. Ryan called the meeting to order at 7:09pm.

#### **PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

Devin Collins, a student of Galway High School, was in attendance to observe the board meeting.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

##### **CT MALE ENGINEERING CONTRACT**

Mr. Peterson made a **motion** to move into executive session at 7:37pm to discuss the CT Male contract; seconded by Mr. Butler. The **motion** carried 4-0, 1 absent.

Mr. Taubkin made a **motion** to move out of executive session at 8:15pm; seconded by Mr. Peterson. The **motion** carried 4-0, 1 absent.

The Board asked Mr. Vopelak for clarification on a couple of items and asked for slight modifications to some other items in the contract. The Board and Mr. Vopelak came to agreement on these items and Mr. Weiner will work to have the contract modified accordingly for the next meeting.

#### **FIVE –YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN**

Mr. Austin shared with the Board an email that Mr. Vopelak sent to him explaining the electric rate used for the calculations for the double pumping scenario for the county connection. The figures were derived by taking the average usage and delivery charges over a two year period from 2011 – 2013 for the Boyack Road Water Treatment Plant.

Mr. Austin has been speaking with Mr. Vopelak and his hydrogeologist about doing some testing in the Preserve further west of the wells currently being used. When Well #4, the westernmost well was drilled, some observation wells were also drilled west of that location. At that time the well driller stated that the formation in that direction looked very good, better than what was being seen in the areas of the current well locations. Mr. Austin suggested drilling a test well in that location. He asked that the Board hold off on approving the five-year plan until he does some more research and possibly include it in the capital improvement plan.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

##### **AMEND CAPITAL BUDGET FOR THE PURCHASE OF HEATER FOR LAPP ROAD**

A **motion** was made by Mr. Peterson authorizing the purchase of a heater for Lapp Road; seconded by Mr. Taubkin.

**RESOLUTION #10, 2016 – AMENDING RESOLUTION #20, 2015  
AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF HEATER FOR LAPP ROAD**

**WHEREAS**, the Clifton Park Water Authority needs to purchase a new gas unit heater for its Lapp Road facility, and

**WHEREAS**, the Clifton Park Water Authority Board of Directors passed Resolution #20, 2015 adopting the Capital Budget for 2016, now therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Clifton Park Water Authority hereby amends Resolution #20, 2015 to include an additional \$3,607.00 item in the 2016 CPWA Capital Budget for the purchase of one gas unit heater including installation.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Gerstenberger	- Absent
Mr. Ryan	- Aye
Mr. Peterson	- Aye
Mr. Taubkin	- Aye
Mr. Butler	- Aye

**OTHER BUSINESS**

- Mr. Peterson requested a copy of the Ballston Lake Water District contract and the current water rates being charged to those customers. Mr. Peterson commented that the Authority is billed by the Town of Ballston by usage on the master meter. The Authority bills the customers for their usage based on their meter readings. He questioned what happens if there is a water leak or hydrant usage that isn't being metered. Mr. Austin will review the contract. Mr. Austin also noted that the lead and copper results in this area are at elevated levels. He explained that there are a lot of older homes in that area that were built before 1982. The NYSDOH is requiring 10 lead and copper samples twice a year in this district. Mr. Austin explained that this will be difficult because there are only 14 homes in the district. If the lead and copper levels continue to be elevated, NYSDOH may force a chemical addition to try and deal with the elevated levels.

**APPROVE MINUTES OF JANUARY 12, 2016 MEETING**

A **motion** was made by Mr. Taubkin to approve the minutes of January 12, 2016; seconded by Mr. Butler. The **motion** carried 4-0, 1 absent.

The next scheduled board meeting is Tuesday, March 8, 2016 at 7pm.

A **motion** was made by Mr. Butler to adjourn the meeting at 8:30pm; seconded by Mr. Taubkin. The **motion** carried 4-0, 1 absent.

Respectfully submitted,

*Sheri Collins*

Recording Secretary

cc: CPWA Board of Directors  
Neil Weiner