



CLIFTON PARK WATER AUTHORITY

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

DECEMBER 12, 2017

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

Mr. Gerstenberger called the meeting to order at 7:06pm.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Andrew McUmbler who lives on Ushers Road and works for the 109th Airlift Wing Base in Glenville was in attendance to learn more about NYS water regulations and how they apply to the Base. He was looking for monthly water quality reports as well. Mr. Gerstenberger explained that the Base is located in the Town of Glenville and he should contact Chris Koetzle, Supervisor for the Town of Glenville for answers regarding that water system. Mr. Austin told Mr. McUmbler he could call him in the office and he would gladly answer general questions regarding water and water quality.

OLD BUSINESS

WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT ON PLANK ROAD

Mr. Vopelak reported that they are finishing up design work. They are waiting on a couple of final reports. Once they are received we should be able to go out to bid in January.

HEALTH COVERAGE FOR MEDICARE-ELIGIBLE EMPLOYEES/RETIREES

Mr. Gerstenberger, Mr. Peterson, and Mr. Austin met with Dave Shantz from Jaegar and Flynn. Mr. Shantz gave a good overview of the options available. Mr. Shantz took a copy of the CSEA Agreement to have his office review. Mr. Austin is waiting to hear back from Mr. Shantz.

POTENTIAL SYSTEM UPGRADES TO INCREASE CPWA PRODUCTION CAPACITIES

Mr. Austin sent the Board a copy of the proposal prepared by Mr. Vopelak reviewing potential system upgrades. The fee to perform the study would be a lump sum cost of \$10,150.00. The cost is broken down by option below. Mr. Vopelak reviewed his proposal as follows:

- The Halfmoon Interconnect is not practical because right now they do not have the source capacity. \$900.00
- The Latham Water District Interconnect would require a new water line installed under the Mohawk River. \$3,050.00
- The Surface Water Treatment Plant would be a very expensive option. \$3,100.00
- Increasing the Glenville Interconnect capacity could be done but it would be limited. \$2,200.00
- An improved connection to SCWA. This could be done by expanding the capacity of the pump station at Ballston. Mr. Vopelak feels this would be the most practical solution. \$900.00

Mr. Vopelak recommended speaking with the county about applying for a grant for water projects. He explained that the state has a program that awards grant money for inter-municipal agreements for water system upgrades. He stated he could put an application together for the grant.

Mr. Austin would like to see the Board move forward with a system upgrade after receiving a phone call today from Kristine Wheeler of NYSDOH regarding secondary inorganic contaminant testing done at the Shenendehowa well. The testing showed high levels of sodium and chloride at the well. Their solution to this problem is to treat the well. He stated that it would be more costly to treat the 110 gpm well for chloride than what we get out of it. Ms. Wheeler stated a variance could be applied for to buy some time but it would not be a permanent solution. Mr. Austin is concerned because we are faced with another well that we would lose from our current supply, which would result in a loss of around 160,000 gallons per day in capacity. He would really like to be in a position to have the ability to get additional water from another source.

Mr. Gerstenberger questioned Mr. Vopelak about a timeline moving forward with the improved connection to SCWA. Mr. Vopelak stated the design and approval for the new pump station could be done in 3-6 months. Construction would take 6-9 months, with the lead time being the pump. Mr. Austin asked Mr. Vopelak to put together a proposal for the design portion of the project so it can be presented to the Board at next month's meeting. The Board would like to move forward and begin the application process for the grant money.

NEW BUSINESS

OTHER BUSINESS

- Mr. Austin was reviewing the latest round of disinfection by-products from SCWA. He explained that the issue is sort of a regional issue because Troy has also had problems recently with disinfection by-products. The warm weather that we had this fall has increased the organic content in local rivers, lakes and reservoirs. SCWA saw TOC (total organic carbon) numbers the highest they have seen, normally at 4.5 and they were at 6. It seems that they didn't take enough additional measures with their treatment to compensate for the higher than normal TOC levels. Water sampled at State Farm this quarter showed total Trihalomethanes levels at 163ppb. The MCL (maximum contaminant level) is 80ppb and the total Haloacetic Acids levels were at 147ppb, with the MCL at 60ppb. Mr. Austin explained that the MCLs for disinfection byproducts are not based on any particular quarterly result, they are based on a location running annual average at each sample location. The Authority has 4 locations that are tested for disinfection byproducts every quarter. Every location has to maintain a running annual average below the MCL. The numbers seen at State Farm this quarter will throw the running annual average for this location over the MCL for Total Haloacetic Acids which will have to be reported as a violation on the annual water quality report and public notification will be required. The CPWA will likely have the same problem for the next four quarters until this result drops off because the MCL result is so high. Mr. Austin spoke with Ed Hernandez this morning to talk about the test results. Mr. Gerstenberger stated that he will draft a letter to the SCWA stating the CPWA's concern and requesting that they take measures to prevent this issue in the future.

- Mr. Gerstenberger forwarded an article he read a few weeks ago regarding the Glens Falls water department to Mr. Austin and the Board. It was recommended, following a

NYS Comptroller audit, that they should improve their cyber security systems. He commended Mr. Austin and the Board for adopting the CPWA's cybersecurity policy at the October meeting.

- Mr. Austin forwarded a question to BSP that Mr. Weiner had at last month's meeting regarding the proposed Lease Agreement Amendment to T-Mobile. Mr. Weiner questioned Amendment #1 which shortened the term to a 10 year guaranteed term with one 5 year renewal option which will be guaranteed upon exercise of renewal term. BSP responded that shortening the term makes sense because it puts the CPWA in a position to renegotiate at the then current market value.
- Mr. Gerstenberger made a **motion** to move into executive session at 8:12pm to discuss ongoing contract negotiations with the SCWA; seconded by Mr. Taubkin. The **motion** carried 4-0, 1 absent.
Mr. Gerstenberger made a **motion** at 8:30pm to move out of executive session; seconded by Mr. Peterson. The **motion** carried 4-0, 1 absent.

APPROVE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 14, 2017 MEETING

A **motion** was made by Mr. Butler to approve the minutes of November 14, 2017; seconded by Mr. Taubkin. The **motion** carried 4-0, 1 absent.

The Authority's next board meeting is Tuesday, January 9, 2018 at 7pm.

A **motion** was made by Mr. Butler to adjourn the meeting at 8:32pm; seconded by Mr. Taubkin. The **motion** carried 4-0, 1 absent.

Respectfully submitted,
Sheri Collins
Recording Secretary

cc: CPWA Board of Directors
Neil Weiner Esq.