



CLIFTON PARK WATER AUTHORITY

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 18, 2021

Due to COVID-19 the Clifton Park Water Authority board meeting was held via Zoom.

Those present were: Mr. Helmut Gerstenberger, Chairman; Mr. Peter Taubkin, Board Member; Mr. William Butler, Treasurer (left meeting at 4:30pm); Ms. Alexis Osborne, Secretary; Mr. Donald Austin Jr., Administrator; Mr. James Trainor, Attorney; and Mr. Chad Kortz, CT Male Associates. Absent: Mr. John Ryan, Vice Chairman.

Mr. Gerstenberger called the meeting to order at 4:09pm.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

OLD BUSINESS

PROJECT TO INCREASE CAPACITY FROM SCWA

Mr. Kortz reported that the pumpstation is being built and delivery should be in late March.

KNOLLTOP WATER STORAGE TANK REFURBISHMENT

Mr. Austin reported that the project is complete. The contractor has submitted a payment request for the 5% retainage on the work completed to date. The balance to finish on this project is \$5,000 for the First Anniversary Inspection, which will need to be performed in the Fall of 2021.

A **motion** was made by Mr. Taubkin approving Payment Request No. 4 in the amount of \$25,625.75 to Pittsburg Tank & Tower; seconded by Mr. Gerstenberger. The **motion** carried 4-0, 1 absent.

SCWA WATER PURCHASE AGREEMENT RENEWAL

Mr. Gerstenberger, Mr. Austin, and Mr. Trainor had a zoom meeting on February 1st with the SCWA Board. They reviewed the entire contract. They pointed out areas of the contract that they felt needed to be addressed.

Mr. Gerstenberger made a **motion** at 4:46pm to move into executive session to discuss the SCWA contract negotiations; seconded by Mr. Taubkin. The **motion** carried 3-0, 2 absent.

Mr. Gerstenberger made a **motion** at 4:57pm to move out of executive session; seconded by Ms. Osborne. The **motion** carried 3-0, 2 absent.

PROJECT TO INVESTIGATE CAPACITY IMPROVEMENTS IN PRESERVE

Mr. Austin reported that the well drilling contractor is in the Preserve doing some cleaning on the other wells. Some minor clearing is being done to allow the well driller access to the two sites where the new wells are going to be drilled. The work permit from the NYS Canal Corporation has to be amended to include the installation of a stone pad at each well location for the contractor to work on. Mr. Austin is hoping the contractor can begin drilling within the next few weeks.

Mr. Kortz explained the test wells will be very close to the river's edge in the general location of our building in the Preserve. He is hopeful the location of these two wells will result in improved pumping

rates and will have less iron and manganese that need less maintenance and cleaning. The primary objectives are good water quality and quantity from these wells. If the preliminary tests show these results, he feels this will be a good option to add some capacity to the Boyack WTP. He estimated a couple of weeks to a month for the drilling process and pump testing. Water samples for analytical testing will be taken during the pump testing, which will also take a couple of weeks for the results to come back.

VERIZON REQUEST FOR INSTALLATION OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS TOWER AT BOYACK WTP

Mr. Austin sent the Board simulations that were done at the proposed site. Verizon is proposing to install a monopole at this location. They floated a balloon at the site to show what the installation will look like from different vantage points and how visible the tower will be from different locations around that area. He asked the Board to review these simulations and decide whether they are agreeable to the tower installation at that location. If they agree, the next step would be to begin negotiating contract terms. Mr. Trainor stated if the Board agrees to allow them at that location Verizon would have to go to the Town of Clifton Park Planning Department for site plan approval before they could install a tower at this location. Mr. Austin will send the Board Verizon's proposed contract for review as well as the contract we have with AT&T who already exist on our tank at that location for comparison.

NEW BUSINESS

OTHER BUSINESS

- A representative from Dish Network contacted Mr. Austin last week and stated they are interested in locating equipment on the Knolltop tower. He asked CT Male to look into it from an engineering standpoint and a capacity standpoint to see if there is room to consider their request.

APPROVE MINUTES OF JANUARY 14, 2021 MEETING

A **motion** was made by Mr. Gerstenberger to approve the minutes of the January 14, 2021 board meeting; seconded by Ms. Osborne. The **motion** carried 3-0, 2 absent.

A **motion** was made by Mr. Gerstenberger to adjourn the meeting at 5:00pm; seconded by Mr. Taubkin. The **motion** carried 3-0, 2 absent.

Respectfully submitted,
Sheri Collins
Recording Secretary

Cc: CPWA Board of Directors
Trainor Law PLLC