

## CLIFTON PARK WATER AUTHORITY

### BOARD MEETING MINUTES

**AUGUST 17, 2022**

Those present were: Mr. Helmut Gerstenberger, Chairman; Mr. John Ryan, Vice Chairman; Mr. Peter Taubkin, Board Member; Mr. Donald Austin Jr., Administrator; Mr. Ronald Marshall, Superintendent; and Mr. James Trainor, Attorney. Absent: Mr. William Butler, Treasurer.

Mr. Gerstenberger called the meeting to order at 7:04pm.

#### **APPROVE MINUTES OF JULY 13, 2022 MEETING**

Mr. Gerstenberger made a **motion** to approve the July 13, 2022 board meeting minutes; seconded by Mr. Taubkin. The **motion** carried 3-0, 1 absent.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

##### **PROJECT TO INCREASE CAPACITY FROM SCWA**

Mr. Austin reported that they are still having meter issues. A Badger Meter representative was there during the last install and witnessed the tests that were done on the meter head, seeing the outputs and seeing what it was doing. They are now going to be testing the meter head at the factory to make sure it has a consistent output before sending a new meter head out for installation.

##### **DISH NETWORK LEASE RENEWAL**

Nick Smith and Jack Vandenabeele from Airosmith Development spoke to the Board regarding the lease language, specifically the Default section, for the new antennas on the Knolltop tank. Mr. Smith stated that DISH would be willing to do 15 days for monetary default and 30 days for non-monetary default. They are looking for this buffer in case of any technical glitches with the payments or some unforeseen issue that may delay the payment. They know that there are other carriers at this site and are just looking to match the language that is already in place with the other leases. The Board is in agreement with the above stated default language. Mr. Trainor will present the Board with a finished copy for review for approval at next month's board meeting.

##### **AMEND CAPITAL BUDGET FOR HYDRAULIC SYSTEM MODEL UPDATE**

CT Male & Associates sent over the existing hydraulic model of the CPWA's water distribution system. Delaware Engineering reviewed the model which was last updated in 2015. As a result, the model does not include any recent improvements to the system, including the booster station which draws water from the SCWA system into the CPWA system. This addition has significant impacts to the CPWA's overall system hydraulics. They provided a proposal to review and update the existing hydraulic model for a lump sum cost of \$5,000.00. Mr. Gerstenberger made a **motion** to amend the Capital Budget for updates to the water system model; seconded by Mr. Ryan.

**RESOLUTION #23, 2022 – AMENDING RESOLUTION #21, 2021  
AMEND CAPITAL BUDGET FOR UPDATE OF WATER SYSTEM MODEL**

**WHEREAS**, the Clifton Park Water Authority wishes to have Delaware Engineering update the existing water system hydraulic model used for assessing water transmission capabilities, flow rates and pressures throughout the system to assist in long-term planning, and

**WHEREAS**, Delaware Engineering has provided a cost for updating the existing model of \$5,000.00, and

**WHEREAS**, the Clifton Park Water Authority Board of Directors passed Resolution #21, 2021 adopting the Capital Budget for 2022, now therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Clifton Park Water Authority hereby amends the 2022 Capital Budget to add a line item for the updating of the CPWA's existing water system hydraulic model by Delaware Engineering in the amount of \$5,000.00.

Roll Call Vote:

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

**SPRINT LEASE TERMINATION – KNOLLTOP**

SprintCom LLC, as successor in interest to Independent Wireless One Leased Realty Corporation has served written notification of termination of their Water Tower Lease Agreement, site address: 51 Castle Pines, Clifton Park NY, effective January 21, 2023.

**MOUNTAIN VIEW MEADOWS SUBDIVISION**

Mountain View Meadows is a proposed subdivision of 120 homes in the Town of Malta on Eastline Road. They came to Mr. Austin with a set of plans after they had already been almost all the way through the planning process in the Town of Malta. The plan had them connecting the subdivision to the back of the Avendale subdivision, off of Ruhle Road South. Mr. Austin will not allow this connection without making a secondary connection down at Miller Road, which would be approximately 2,500 feet of water main. The developer didn't want to install all that extra water main so they asked if they could approach the Town of Ballston and connect off the Eastline Road main. The Eastline Road main is a dual ownership main that serves CPWA and the Town of Ballston, so it would either have to be metered separately by the County for billing purposes or the Town of Ballston could serve the subdivision. The County was not in favor of metering separately. The Town of Ballston agreed to serve the subdivision with the stipulation they have a second connection to the CPWA system in the back, which Mr. Austin will not allow. The developer is now looking into installing the 2,500 feet of water main from Miller Road. Mr. Austin will have to discuss with Mr. Trainor how best to proceed with allowing the developer to initially make the connection through the Avendale subdivision, but also install water main to the second connection at Miller Road in the future.

Once the hydraulic model is updated, Mr. Austin would like to look into the possibility of installing a 24-inch water main from the Eastline Road pumpstation to the Round Lake Road metering station for the ability to take more water. The properties in between those two points

are the Town of Ballston's customers, so Ballston takes a portion of the capacity that is being pumped down through that line. The Town of Ballston is taking close to a million gallons a day of the water being pumped down that line during high demand periods and will take more as they continue to grow. Mr. Austin stated we could get a lot more water if we had our own independent larger diameter main.

#### **AT&T EQUIPMENT MODIFICATION REQUEST**

AT&T has put in a request to modify their equipment on the Knolltop water tower. Mr. Austin reviewed the request and their current lease allows for three 80 square foot areas on the exterior of the tank for their antenna rays. Their new proposed modifications are looking to occupy 120 square feet per location on the tank. That is a significant increase in their lease area on the tank. They are looking to go from 400 square feet total lease area, including ground space, to 520 total square feet which is a 30% increase in lease area. The proposed request exceeds the contracted space so the lease amount will have to be renegotiated.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

- Mr. Gerstenberger let the Board know that the Town of Clifton Park Board is actively looking for a board member to replace Ms. Osborne's position.
- Mr. Austin reported that we purchased water from the Town of Glenville for 2 days this month because of the extended dry weather. Warning and Violation Notices post-it pads have been ordered and will be used to notify customers that they are watering on the wrong day. Next May he plans on having an employee come in at 5:30am for a few weeks to patrol neighborhoods and post notices on homes to make them aware of the sprinkling restrictions. The Board recommended notifying customers next spring with an educational piece on why we have sprinkler restrictions, what effect they have on the water system, and asking for their cooperation.

The CPWA's next board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 14, 2022 at 7pm.

A **motion** was made by Mr. Gerstenberger to adjourn the meeting at 8:33pm; seconded by Mr. Ryan. The **motion** carried 3-0, 1 absent.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Sheri Collins*  
Recording Secretary

cc: CPWA Board of Directors  
Trainor Law PLLC