

The Onondaga County Water Authority met in regular session on March 16, 2011. Members of the Authority present were R. Tomeny, F. Picardi, E. Gilligan, S. Miller and J. Bianchini.

Others present: M. Hooker, A. Geiss, T. Pickard, L. Khanzadian, G. Miller and C. Marvin.

I. R. Tomeny called the meeting to order at 12:35 p.m. R. Tomeny announced a change in the Board meeting schedule from 12:30 p.m. on June 8, 2011 to 11:00 a.m. on June 1, 2011.

II. Minutes of the regular Board meeting of February 17, 2011, were on Motion by F. Picardi, seconded by E. Gilligan approved by all Members.

Minutes of the Governance Committee Meeting of February 17, 2011, were on Motion by J. Bianchini, seconded by E. Gilligan approved by all Members.

Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting of February 17, 2011, were on Motion by J. Bianchini, seconded by F. Picardi approved by all Members.

III. M. HOOKER REPORTED:

- M. Hooker introduced Brian Dumond, CPA & Lori Ciarla, CPA of Dermody, Burke & Brown.

On Motion by S. Miller, duly seconded by F. Picardi, with all Members approving, the Board convened as the Audit Committee at 1:05 p.m. Minutes of the Audit Committee Meeting are filed separately with these Minutes.

On Motion by J. Bianchini, duly seconded by E. Gilligan, with all Members approving, the Board returned to the Regular Board meeting at 1:30 p.m.

On Motion by J. Bianchini, duly seconded by F. Picardi, with all Members approving, the Board accepted the Financial Statements for the year end 12/31/2010, Audit Letter and Letter of Observation and Recommendations as presented by Dermody, Burke & Brown.

- M. Hooker reviewed his Executive Director's report.
- Water sales are ahead of last year.
- Announced that Solvay Paperboard, for the first two months of the year, is our largest customer.
- Lawson Financial system upgrade is on track and scheduled to go live by the end of March, 2011.
- Developing a rate calculator, for OCWA residential customers to be included on the OCWA web page.
- CenterState Business Expo to be held on March 24, 2011, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- Preparing an informational bill stuffer on the safe disposal of pharmaceuticals.
- OCWA's 2011 \$17,500,000 Bond Issue was rated Aa2 by Moody's.
- The 2010 Consumer Confidence will be going out before the regulated may 31 deadline.
- Distributed a schedule of upcoming seminars on public authority board governance through the NYS Authority Budget Office. All Board members were urged to attend.
- Reviewed the new water rate schedules with the Town of Camillus and Crucible Steel. M. Hooker and J. Bianchini are scheduled to meet with management at Crucible Steel to review the rate increase
- M. Hooker introduced C. Marvin to present to the Board the various reports required by the Authority Budget Office for 2010, to be filed by March 31.

- C. Marvin reviewed OCWA's Annual Report for the year ending December 31, 2010. On Motion by F. Picardi, duly seconded by S. Miller, with all Members approving, the Board accepted OCWA's Annual Report for submission to the ABO for the period ending December 31, 2010.

- C. Marvin reviewed OCWA's Procurement report. On Motion by F. Picardi, duly seconded by E. Gilligan, with all Members approving, the Board accepted the Procurement Report, as outlined, for submission to the ABO through PARIS reporting system.

- C. Marvin reviewed OCWA's Quarterly and Annual Investment Report for 2010 including Investment Guidelines. On Motion by, F. Picardi duly seconded by S. Miller, with all Members approving, the Board accepted the outlined Annual Investment Report for submission to the ABO.

- C. Marvin reviewed OCWA's Property Report of Real Property Transactions. On Motion by J. Bianchini, duly seconded by E. Gilligan, with all Members approving, the Board accepted the outlined real property transactions for 2010.

- C. Marvin reviewed, as required annually, OCWA's property disposal guidelines. On Motion by S. Miller, duly seconded by, J. Bianchini, with all Members approving, the Board accepted OCWA's property disposal guidelines.

- J. Bianchini asked about insurable values, specifically, dam replacement.

IV. A. GEISS REPORTED:

- Reviewed the Chief Engineer's Report.
- Lake level last weekend at +14.00" Currently at +3.0"
- WTP has been operating at increased flow rates a result of the recently completed upgrade.
- Discussed Otisco Lake streams and some flooding in the areas adjacent to the creeks.
- Reviewed the recent repair of the 30" transmission main in Marcellus located across the street from Marcellus High School on the west side of Nine Mile creek.
- Reported on the evaluation of a leak in the 30" transmission main from Otisco WTP. The leak is located in the Town of Camillus near the Village of Camillus. Monitoring and preparing to make repairs.
- Disclosed participation, as a Town of Van Buren representative, on the Rte 81 Challenge Committee.
- Pointed out that the number of breaks in 2011 significantly exceeds the number of breaks during the same time period in 2010, which has been attributed to the weather conditions.
- G. Miller reviewed OCWA's Capital projects. Town of Constantia continues to work on planning for the Bernhard's Bay project and will be holding a public information meeting March 24, 2011.
- Madison County is moving ahead with the SEQR process for their Agricultural and Renewable Energy Park located in the Town of Lincoln. One option for water supply is an extension of the OCWA system out of Canastota
- The Town of Lenox and Town of Sullivan have several projects that have been on hold due to archeological reviews with the Oneida Nation.

V. LEGAL REPORT

- T. Pickard reviewed his Legal Report.
- Decision remains pending on the Finger Lakes Railway Corporation trial.

VI. HUMAN RESOURCES /INSURANCE/RISK MANAGEMENT REPORT

- L. Khanzadian reviewed the Human Resource and Insurance/Risk Management report.

VII. NEW BUSINESS:

- Two Right(s) of Way were presented for consideration.

On Motion by J. Bianchini, duly seconded by S. Miller, with all Members approving, the Board authorized A. Geiss to execute the following Right's of Way:

N/A Michael Burgan Shorelawn Drive, Town of Sullivan
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- A. Geiss reviewed Bid information
BIDS
#1 Furnish & deliver stone
#2 Furnish & deliver topsoil
#3 Blacktop paving and patching
#4 12 ton Utility Trailer

On Motion by J. Bianchini, duly seconded by F. Picardi, with all Members approving, the Board accepted OCWA management's recommendation of the lowest responsible bidder for the following:

Furnish & Deliver Stone – T H Kinsella, Inc.

Furnish & Deliver Topsoil – Brown Excavation Co., Inc.

Blacktop Paving & Patching – Cornerstone Paving

12 ton Utility trailer – General Welding & Fabricating, Inc.

- G. Miller reviewed the following bid & proposal:
#1 Roof/HVAC Bid review

On Motion by J. Bianchini, duly seconded by S. Miller, with all Members approving, the Board accepted OCWA management's recommendation as outlined and reviewed, of the lowest responsible bidder – JD Taylor Construction Corporation.

#2 Tank Inspection Proposal review

On Motion by S. Miller, duly seconded by F. Picardi, with all Members approving, the Board accepted OCWA management's recommendation of the Engineering firm Tank Industry Consultants.

On Motion by S. Miller, duly seconded by F. Picardi, the Board approved the Change Order #1 for the Northern Concourse roof and HVAC contract, a no cost change order clarifying unit price information for deck replacement.

On Motion by F. Picardi, duly seconded by E. Gilligan, the Board approved the agreement from Onondaga County to reimburse \$82,000 of the \$198,000 for Thompson Road.

On Motion by F. Picardi, duly seconded by J. Bianchini, with all Members in the room approving, the Board approved adjourning to Executive Session at 3:40 p.m.

On Motion by F. Picardi, duly seconded by J. Bianchini, the Board adjourned the Executive Session and returned to the regular Board meeting at 4:06 p.m.

There being no further business to come before the Board, on Motion by E. Gilligan, duly seconded by F. Picardi, with all Members in the room approving, the Board adjourned the regular Board meeting 4:07 p.m.

The next Authority meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 6, 2011 at 12:30pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Laurie Khanzadian, Recording Secretary