

The Onondaga County Water Authority met in regular session on May 11, 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. Khazadian, G. Miller and C. Marvin.

I. R. Tomeny called the meeting to order at 12:35 p.m.

II. Minutes of the regular Board meeting of April 6, 2011 were, on motion by F. Picardi, seconded by E. Gilligan, approved by all Members.

C. Marvin distributed and reviewed a summary of notes on OCWA's first quarter investment report.

On motion by J. Bianchini, duly seconded by S. Miller, with all Members approving, the Board accepted OCWA's first quarter investment report as outlined.

III. M. HOOKER REPORTED:

- M. Hooker reviewed his Executive Director's report.
- Implementation of the new water rates and billing, overall, has gone very well.
- Consumer Confidence Report preparation is on schedule and should be ready for delivery to OCWA customers by mid May.
- City of Syracuse had an instance of high turbidity in their Skaneateles Lake Water supply and sent out notices of the event to their customers which included us.
- At the request of the County Executive, a Syracuse University Humphrey Fellow from Turkey toured our Northern Concourse facility.
- Met recently with the Town of Dewitt and discussed a suggestion of aggregate billing. Will review the impact of aggregate billing and advise the Board.
- Reviewed the correction of apartment complex billing which appropriately belongs under commercial and not residential. Change will be made to adjust this billing category.

IV. A. GEISS REPORTED:

- Reviewed the Chief Engineer's Report.
- Reviewed the current lake level which is at +5.75.
- The Western 30mg tank is operable and in full use. The completion of the area surrounding the tank has been delayed due to the continuing wet weather. The Eastern 30mg tank requires some backfill to complete the project.
- The Eastern 20mg tank is progressing on schedule. There are three Change Orders in review, totaling approximately \$22,500 that will be detailed at the next Board meeting. They include:
  - Rock removal
  - Rock near drainage lines
  - Replacement of an inoperable 16' valve.
- Updating the Emergency Action Plan and Operations & Maintenance Plan for the Otisco Dam.
- Continue to work on the leak in the Camillus Milton Ave area.
- Working on Southern Branch pump station improvement study.

- The overall number of water main breaks and leaks has started to subside, however we did have a recent break in Canastota which resulted in a loss of 400,000 gallons of water. The break was identified and limited by distribution operations personnel monitoring the system.
- G. Miller provided an update on the Capital projects.
- Reviewed the HVAC and roof project currently underway. Discussed the roof design modification proposed by JD Taylor, specifically the slope design resulting is a cost savings of \$85,000.00.

On motion by J. Bianchini, duly seconded by F. Picardi, with all Members approving, the Board accepted the recommendation of Engineering subject to final approval by O'Brien & Gere.

- West Hill Water System project has been advertised for bid.
- Reviewed the schedule for tank inspections and discussed the status of Tank Industry Consultants inability to provide appropriate insurance coverage as outlined in our proposal. Will review other proposals received and consider requirements.

On motion by S. Miller, duly seconded by E. Gilligan, with all Members approving, the Board authorized the Executive Director to select the second proposal if the insurance from T. I. C. is not acceptable.

#### V. LEGAL REPORT

- T. Pickard reviewed his Legal Report.
- Reminded the Board that Financial disclosure statements are due to the County Executive by May 15, 2011.
- Decision remains pending on the Finger Lakes Railway Corporation trial.
- Village of Fayetteville requested renewal of the lease of their water system with us.
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#### VI. HUMAN RESOURCES /INSURANCE/RISK MANAGEMENT REPORT

- L. Khanzadian reviewed the Human Resource and Insurance/Risk Management report.
- Reviewed the status of the two Teamster grievances and the resolution.
- Reviewed the upcoming Excellus health plan renewal and rate increase of 9.5%.

#### VII. NEW BUSINESS:

- Two Contractor Main Extension(s) were presented for consideration

On motion by F. Picardi, duly seconded by J. Bianchini, with all Members approving, the Board authorized M. Hooker to execute the following Main Extension Contract:

4110046	Woodside Developers, Inc.	8" Extension, Inverness Gardens, Phase II
9003509	B&C Storage	8" Water main

- One Right(s) of Way was presented for consideration.

On motion by J. Bianchini, duly seconded by F. Picardi, with all Members approving, the Board authorized the right(s) of way.

4100052	St. Mary's Parish Center	System Betterment
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- A. Geiss reviewed Bid information  
BIDS  
#6 Radio Services

On motion by F. Picardi, duly seconded by, E. Gilligan with all Members approving, the Board accepted OCWA management's recommendation of the lowest responsible bidder, United Radio Inc. for services.

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 at 2:15 p.m.

The next Authority meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 1, 2011 at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laurie Khanzadian, Recording Secretary