

The Onondaga County Water Authority met in regular session on July 13, 2011. Members of the Authority present were R. Tomeny, F. Picardi, S. Miller, E. Gilligan, and J. Bianchini.

Others present: A. Geiss, T. Pickard, L. Khanzadian, and G. Miller.

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

II. Minutes of the regular Board meeting of June 1, 2011 were, on motion by F. Picardi, seconded by E. Gilligan, approved by all Members present.

III. M. HOOKER'S REPORT (Presented by A. Geiss):

- A. Geiss reviewed M. Hooker's Executive Director's report.
- Provided an update on evaluation of Dig Track program which is a computerized underground utility mark-out service. They offer a thirty day trial usage.
- Reviewed "EcoKits" program. Continue discussion at the next Board meeting.
- Open House scheduled at the Eastern Reservoir tank(s) site on July 20, 2011, at Route 257, Manlius, NY.
- Reviewed and discussed Hydraulic Fracturing concerns. The Board recommended that OCWA send a letter to the DEC during the "comment period" outlining OCWA's concerns regarding the lack of information on chemicals used, concern of potential impacts to the Otisco Lake water quality and limited ability of OCWA's treatment plant to remove fracking chemicals if they should enter the water. The Board requested that a draft letter be circulated for Board review prior to mailing.
- Reviewed revenue from water sales.

IV. A. GEISS REPORTED:

- Reviewed the Chief Engineer's Report.
- Current lake level is stable at +0.00".
- Western 20mg tank project is near completion. Paving is complete and a final punch list is being developed.
- The Department of Health has inspected the Western and Eastern tank project sites. A "completed work" application is in progress for Western. An application for the Eastern 30 mg tank will follow after the final work is complete.
- Eastern 20mg tank –Floor is poured and columns and panels are being completed. Discussed the finalized dollar amount for the modification regarding rock removal – drain line crossing the road (\$1,473.26) and a guiderail (\$5,386.50). The total amount for Change Order #1 is \$6,859.76.

On motion by F. Picardi, duly seconded by J. Bianchini, with all Members approving, the Board accepted the recommended Change Order in the amount of \$6859.76

- Discussed the two 16 inch valves at the Eastern Tank site that will be replaced due to age and condition. Need to finalize costs which are in the range of \$23,000 - \$25,000.
- Malcolm Pirnie is working on finalizing the Engineering report for Southern Branch Pumping stations.
- G. Miller provided an update on the Northern Concourse Roof, Siding, HVAC and Facility repairs project. Currently about 40% complete. Distributed to the Board an outline of change order #2. Will present the final cost of the change order at the August Board meeting.

- Update on the Westhill water system in the Town of Camillus including new pump station under construction. Distributed the informational bulletin sent to the Town of Camillus and posted on the OCWA web site.

V. LEGAL REPORT

- T. Pickard reviewed his Legal Report.
 - Judge Karalunas has requested a transcript of testimony given at the Finger Lakes Railway trial conducted on August 23, 2010 and August 24, 2010. Decision remains pending.
 - OCWA has been named in a lawsuit relative to a land sale on Otisco Lake. Depositions were held on July 11, 2011, at which time the parties resolved their dispute at no cost to OCWA.
 - Reviewed DEC charges regarding the removal of hazardous waste during the rehabilitation and painting of the Clay elevated storage tank in 2007. Board requested that OCWA review the applicable statute and register complaint with State Legislative delegation where appropriate.
 - Reviewed the proposed lease for Town of Constantia Water District.
- On motion by J. Bianchini, duly seconded by E. Gilligan, with all Members approving, the Board approved entering into a lease agreement with the Town of Constantia for the operation, maintenance and repair of the Town of Constantia Water District.

VI. HUMAN RESOURCES /INSURANCE/RISK MANAGEMENT REPORT

- L. Khanzadian reviewed the Human Resource and Insurance/Risk Management report.
- Reported on a grievance received from the Teamsters on July 8, 2011 regarding assignment to a work headquarters as outlined in Article 11 of the union contract. Union meeting and hearing is scheduled for July 27, 2011.

VII. NEW BUSINESS:

- One Main Extension Contract was presented for consideration.

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

4110049 Homewood Development, LLC 8" Ext., Homewood Tract, TMAN

There being no further business to come before the Board, on motion by E. Gilligan, duly seconded by F. Picardi, with all Members approving, the Board adjourned the regular Board meeting at 2:50 p.m.

The next Authority meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 10, 2011 at 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laurie Khanzadian, Recording Secretary