

The Onondaga County Water Authority met in regular session on September 15, 2010. Members of the Authority present were R. Tomeny, F. Picardi, E. Gilligan, and J. Bianchini. Others present: M. Hooker, A. Geiss, T. Pickard, L. Khanzadian, and G. Miller.

I.R. Tomeny called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m.

II. Minutes of the regular Board meeting of August 11, 2010, were approved by all Members on Motion by F. Picardi, duly seconded by E. Gilligan.

- R. Tomeny welcomed John Bianchini as OCWA's new Board member effective September 1, 2010.
- R. Tomeny reviewed the Board schedule for the remainder of the year and noted the October meeting changes from October 20, 2010 to October 15, 2010.
- R. Tomeny appointed J. Bianchini as the Board Secretary/Treasurer.

III. ELECTION of OFFICERS

- F. Picardi nominated the following to the positions indicated opposite their names:
 - R. Tomeny, Chairperson
 - F. Picardi, Vice Chairperson
 - E. Gilligan, Asst. Treasurer
 - S. Miller, Asst. Secretary
- R. Tomeny nominated J. Bianchini as Secretary and Treasurer.

On Motion by F. Picardi, duly seconded by E. Gilligan, with all Members the Board present approving the slate of Officers as presented were approved and authorized to sign signature cards for banking transactions.

IV. FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

- Finance Committee meeting moved to October 15, 2010

III. M. HOOKER REPORTED:

- M. Hooker reviewed his Executive Director's report.
- Reviewed the Water Sales Analysis report through August 31, 2010, noting good sales revenues are anticipated through the year end.
- Reported that water usage by Sunoco continues to be higher than expected.
- GPS project continues with 20% of valves and hydrants located and incorporated on the GPS equipment.
- Credit card use for payment of water bills is at 11% and 96% of the credit card payments are being done online.
- Met with the Director of Onondaga County Office of Economic Development, Mary Beth Primo and the Director of MWB, Holly Rosenthal to discuss the current economic development initiative directed toward Marketing the abundance and availability of water in and around Onondaga County. The Economic Development Office has asked OCWA to consider financial support in Marketing outside of Onondaga County. The matter was tabled to the October budget preparation session.
- Requested approval of a one year contractual extension to the current contract between OCWA and TI-Sales for the purchase of Neptune meters and radio read equipment.

On Motion by F. Picardi, duly seconded by J. Bianchini, with all other present Members approving, the Board authorized the one year contractual extension as outlined.

- Reviewed the request from AJ Montclair for an access easement on Corporate Drive in Hastings. Board advised OCWA management to move forward in preparing for approval pursuant to OCWA land disposal guidelines.
- OCWA has received a request from the Tyburn Academy in Auburn to place an FM radio antenna on the Limeledge tank for an educational radio license. The request requires an Engineering review at Tyburn's expense, of potential impacts to the tank, our SCADA system, and other potential cell phone requests before a commitment can be considered.
- Reported on an emergency repair of the Westvale tank initially authorized by the Executive Director in order to take immediate action to avoid any potential hazard. Settling on one side of the tank with separation between the rafters and a column was noted during an inspection of the tank as Worldwide prepared the tank for painting. Tank Industry Consultants and OCWA evaluated an estimate from the Contractor and agreed on a cost estimate of \$38,000. Requested authorization from the Board to continue emergency work.

On Motion by F. Picardi, duly seconded by E. Gilligan, with all other Members approving, the Board authorized \$38,000 for a one time emergency repair of the Westvale tank on Westfield Drive.

- Reported on the recent responses to the Cost of Service study and distributed an analysis of five proposals received. A Committee of six OCWA Senior staff reviewed and discussed the proposals and recommend that the rate study evaluation work be awarded to Red Oak Consulting.

On Motion by F. Picardi, duly seconded by E. Gilligan, with all other present Members approving, the Board approved the selection of Red Oak Consulting group to conduct a Cost of Services Study and Rate Analysis for OCWA.

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IV. A. GEISS REPORTED:

- Reviewed the Chief Engineer's Report.
- Reviewed the outlined Eastern and Western Reservoir Project budget. F. Picardi requested that General and Financing costs be allocated for the two tanks.
- Reported that the Western tank is full and seepage concerns at the base of the tank are being resolved by the Contractor.
- Eastern Tank is ahead of schedule and filling the tank is planned for November. Wire winding continues.
- Attended the Otisco Lake meeting on September 1, 2010. They are installing signage and asking for participation on keeping the lake clean.
- Reviewed the initiative to remove silt from Otisco Lake due to deposits from Rice's Brook which is a tributary to Otisco Lake, north of the causeway on the East side of the lake. The silt and sediment are coming from land areas upstream which discharge into Rice's Brook. OCWA is assisting with a joint project with NYSDOT, NYSDEC and the Town of Otisco. Staff will report to the Board in October.
- Reported that the Onondaga County Health Department sampled raw water from the Skyridge well, which OCWA operates for the Town of Manlius, and detected above acceptable lead levels. OCWA's last sample of tap water was at a non-detectable level for lead. OCWA will follow-up with a sample of raw and tap water.

- Reported that preliminary discussions have taken place with the Town of Cazenovia for potential service to areas in the northern portion of the Town, along the east side of the lake and to the Village of Cazenovia. They will be advised of the upgrades to the system that are necessary on OCWA system. The driving issue is an estimated 25 customers that are currently on well water which is impacted by arsenic.

V. LEGAL REPORT

- T. Pickard reviewed his Legal Report.
- Confirmed that the Finger Lakes Railway Corporation trial was completed on August 23 and August 24, 2010. Trial notes were previously sent to all Board members.
- Reported that there are currently 28 inquiries on Otisco Lake edge properties.

VI. HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT

- L. Khanzadian reviewed the Human Resource and Insurance/Risk Management report.
- Reviewed the Standard Workday resolution on file for Mr. Pickard, indicating the need to define a term as required by the NYS Retirement system. Requested Board approval.

On Motion by F. Picardi, duly seconded by E. Gilligan, with all other present Members approving, the Board approved the term of 01/01/10 – 12/31/2012, as outlined on the Standard Workday and Reporting Resolution.

- Reviewed the current status on health benefit contributions made by non-union Administrative staff and requested approval of a 10% health premium contribution for remaining Administrative staff effective January 1, 2011.

On Motion by J. Bianchini, duly seconded by E. Gilligan, with all other present Members approving, the Board approved the recommendation regarding a 10% non-union premium contribution.

- Reminded Board members of the upcoming flu shot clinic scheduled at OCWA on November 2, 2010 from 12:30-3:30pm.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Geiss reviewed the distributed bid information on the Salina Gardens Pump Station Roof & Siding. Reviewed the bid specifications and recommended awarding the lowest bidder, Empire State Contracting provided that they meet the required time frame and specifications as outlined

On Motion by F. Picardi, duly seconded by E. Gilligan, with all Members approving, the Board accepted the recommendation of the lowest responsible bidder, Empire State Contracting.

- Three Developer Main Extension(s) were presented for consideration.

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

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| 4100047 | Combat Construction | 8” Ext., Wallington Meadows, Sec. 7 |
| 4100051 | Woodside Developers, Inc. | 8” Ext. Inverness Gardens, Town of Clay |
| 9003482 | Two Plus Four Construction | 8” Ext., Toll Road Senior Apts., Village of N. Syracuse |

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

