

The Onondaga County Water Authority met in regular session on January 16, 2008. Members of the Authority present were R. Tomeny, F. Picardi, W. Simmons and H. Rosenthal.

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

- I. R. Tomeny called the meeting to order at 9:10am.
- II. Minutes of the meeting of December 14, 2007 were approved by all Members by Motion of F. Picardi, duly seconded by H. Rosenthal.
- III. R. Tomeny requested a motion to adjourn to executive Session in order to discuss the pending Condemnation proceedings against Finger Lakes Railway Corporation.

On Motion by F. Picardi duly seconded by W. Simmons with all Members approving, the Board adjourned their regular meeting to convene to Executive Session at 9:15am.

On Motion by F. Picardi duly seconded by H. Rosenthal with all Members approving, the Board adjourned the Executive Session and returned to the regular Board meeting at 10:12am

On Motion by F. Picardi duly seconded by W. Simmons with all Members approving, the Board approved that legal counsel, Carter Strickland should continue to move forward on the petition to condemn the right of way for the Finger Lakes Railway Corporation according to the terms of the lease of 1907, including the right of Finger Lakes Railway Corporation to cause OCWA to relocate, at OCWA's expense, to a location provided by Finger Lakes Railway Corporation.

IV. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- M. Hooker reviewed his Executive Director's report.
- Indicated confirmation that the Town of Constantia and the inter-municipal agreement between West Monroe and Constantia was approved by the respective town's board.
- Reported that bids regarding the Southern Onondaga (Tri-Town) Project will be awarded by 1/24/08. The pump station will be re-bid as a result of design modifications to the Limeledge Water System.
- Early reports on the cyber-security test indicate that our Information Technology security is working well.
- Reported that initial phases of OCWA's audit have begun and that the auditors will be onsite beginning on 2/4/08.
- Tony Geiss and Geoff Miller met this week with the NYSDOH and four county health departments. Reported that OCWA has obtained approval of the updated vulnerability assessment.
- Update on active customer accounts that total 88,031. Anticipated to reach 90,000 active accounts by June.
- Reported on the loss of revenue as a result of the closing of the Penny Curtis Bakery.
- Attended with G. Miller, the Onondaga County Environmental Protection Committee meeting on January 15, 2008. The agreement between the

County and OCWA relative to the covered tank project was approved at this meeting and is scheduled to go before the Ways and Means Committee on January 29 at 9:30am.

- Distributed the preliminary budget variance report for December 2007, which is subject to change following the audit.
- Mentioned the accounting rule changes that will change the look of the audit report.
- Reviewed the proposed 2008 Board schedule and made a change to the March and November meetings. Amended Board schedule is attached.

IV. CHIEF ENGINEERS REPORT:

- Provided an update on the Otisco Dam inspection. The inspection using ground penetrating radar was completed in December. Should have a complete report by the end of January 2008.
- E. Syracuse Mayor has received our recommendations for improvements in order for us to consider taking over the water system. The proposed improvements cost approximately \$220,000.
- Distributed an updated list of the Major Construction projects and reported that there are no significant changes.
- G. Miller provided an update on the Minoa Road MWB project that is the result of a transmission main leak. Indicates that the MWB valve that was not working properly has been repaired. On January 23, there will be a test shutdown of the MWB transmission main that will shut down water to 17 OCWA customers for approximately 12 hours. Following this there will be a boil water order. The actual shutdown for repair is scheduled for 2/4/08 at which time the 17 customers will be without water for 2-4 days. All residents have been advised. There will be an offer of reimbursement for a hotel stay during the 2/4/08 shut down period.
- G. Miller reported that the water treatment plant design is 90% complete. Anticipate that the bid process will begin in April 2008. Plans for financing and bonding will begin in the next couple of weeks
- Reported on the next steps in the SEQR process regarding the Water Treatment Plant. B. Tomeny requested a motion to confirm OCWA's position as the lead agency.

On Motion by H. Rosenthal duly seconded by W. Simmons with all Members approving, the Board agreed with the SEQR recommendation confirming OCWA as the lead agency.

- In addition reported on environmental impact and evaluation and the findings that there is no significant impact on the environment. Request made for a motion of negative declaration.

On Motion by F. Picardi duly seconded by H. Rosenthal with all Members approving, the Board agreed with the Negative Declaration and the determination of non-significance relative to environmental impact.

V. LEGAL REPORT

- T. Pickard reviewed his Legal Counsel report.
- Reported that Tri-Land Properties completed their payments to OCWA amounting to \$66,328.19.
- Discussed an amendment to the Ethics Law. Reported that currently under OCWA's policies and procedures, employees are able to accept gifts under \$75. Under the NYS Finance Law relating to Procurement policies, public

authority employees are not allowed to accept gifts of any monetary value during procurement periods. Discussed OCWA modifying present policies and procedures such that employees shall not accept gifts with monetary value. T. Pickard will prepare an amendment for review at the February Board meeting.

- T. Pickard reported that Cornerstone Paving agreed to extend their current contract for one year. An amendment to their contract will be prepared.

VI. HUMAN RESOURCES/INSURANCE

- L. Khanzadian reviewed her report.
- Reviewed the status of the Solvay Main break claims.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

VIII NEW BUSINESS:

- No Rights of Way for consideration.

- One Developer Main Extension was presented for consideration.

On Motion by W. Simmons duly seconded by H. Rosenthal, with all Members approving, the Board authorized M. Hooker to execute the following Main Extension Contract:

4070099 Viewpoint Development Corp. 8" Ext. Viewpoint Estates

On Motion by F. Picardi duly seconded by W. Simmons with all Members approving, the Board agreed to adjourn the meeting.

As there was no further business to come before the Authority, the meeting adjourned at 11:15am. The next Authority meeting is scheduled for February 27, 2008 at 12:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laurie Khanzadian,
Recording Secretary