

The Onondaga County Water Authority met in regular session on April 30, 2008. Members of the Authority present were R. Tomeny, F. Picardi, C. Incaudo, and W. Simmons.

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

- I. R. Tomeny called the meeting to order at 12:25pm.
- II. Minutes of the meeting of March 26, 2008 were approved by all Members by Motion of F. Picardi duly seconded by W. Simmons.
- III. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:
 - M. Hooker reviewed his Executive Director's report.
 - Adjustment to the Board meeting schedule for June due to a conflict. The June meeting is re-scheduled for June 25, 2008 at 12:30pm.
 - Discussed the deployment of lap top computers to OCWA field staff in order expedite work and eliminate the use of large paper documents such as maps etc. Also discussed making available laptop computer to Board members for improved communication and to discontinue mailing paper reports and documents.
 - Water sales are slightly above 2006 and 2007.
 - The Village of E. Syracuse lease agreement is in the hands of the Village.
 - The Town of Dewitt has contacted OCWA on April 22, 2008 to discuss consolidation.
 - The active accounts are up by 216 since January 2008.
 - The meter change outs continue and year to date are over 1,421.
 - Reviewed the letter from the Town of Hannibal Supervisor sent to OCWA requesting formation of a water district. Discussed the required specifications.
 - Reported on attending the National Conference of Mayor's Water Council meeting in NYC on May 1. Participating in roundtable forum on asset management and other water issues.
 - Reported that we have installed new SPAM hardware in order to filter the ever increasing amount SPAM.
 - Update on the SCADA equipment and the Water Treatment Plant has been linked to DSL and information is moving faster.
 - M. Hooker requested C. Marvin review the Quarterly Investment Report and the Procurement report.
 - C. Marvin reviewed the Quarterly Investment Report for period ended March 31, 2008.

On Motion by C. Incaudo duly seconded by W. Simmons with all Members approving, the Board accepted the Quarterly report as presented.

- C. Marvin reviewed the annual Procurement Report and discussed the requirement of submission to the Authority Budget Office. The first section of the report reviews the procurement guidelines and the second section outlines procurement contracts. Requested a motion to approve submission of the reports acted on in 2007.

On Motion by W. Simmons duly seconded by C. Incaudo with all Members approving, the Board approved submission of the Annual Procurement report as presented.

- C. Marvin reviewed the OCWA action plan following D.B. & B's audit recommendations.
- M. Hooker reported that G. Hitchin from Economic Development has informed us of interest in a Clay business site. These parties would like to discuss a long term water agreement which Mr. Hooker recommended against such an agreement and the Board agreed.
- General discussion on how to effectively report OCWA's business activity to the County Legislature. M. Hooker suggested a monthly highlight or milestone report.

IV. CHIEF ENGINEERS REPORT:

- T. Geiss reviewed the Engineering report.
- Reported on the lake level.
- Update provided on the Mathews (SW side of Otisco Lake) is that OCWA has not had any further contact or calls received since we had our meeting and sent our letter regarding the easement.
- Town of Marcellus, Limeledge continues to proceed on the project design. OCWA is reviewing preliminary pump station designs.
- The Developers of the Upper Crown Mills area has requested a temporary construction easement to enter onto OCWA property.

On Motion by F. Picardi duly seconded by C. Incaudo with all Members approving, the Board approved a temporary construction easement.

- G. Miller updated the Board on the Water Treatment Plant project specifically the letter submitted by Stearns & Wheler on the bid submissions. Reviewed the lowest bid received by C.O. Falter and recommended that the Board award the contract to the lowest responsible bidder.

On Motion by F. Picardi duly seconded by W. Simmons with all Members approving, the Board agreed award the bid to the lowest responsible bidder.

V. LEGAL REPORT

- T. Pickard reported on the status Devoe Road Water district in Camillus and requested approval

On Motion by C. Incaudo duly seconded by F. Picardi with all Members approving, the Board approved the Devoe Road Water District.

- Reported that the terms and conditions of Finger Lakes Railway agreement are close to finalization and closely mirror the 1907 Agreement.

VI. HUMAN RESOURCES/INSURANCE

- L. Khanzadian reviewed her report.
- Reported and reviewed the changes, as required by the New York State Deferred Compensation Board, to our Deferred Compensation Model. Requested approval of the resolution distributed.

On Motion by C. Incaudo duly seconded by W. Simmons with all Members approving, the Board approved the Deferred Compensation Resolution to amend and Restate the Model Plan as outlined and accepted on April 30, 2008.

- Reviewed the upcoming anticipated health benefit premium increase. We anticipate the current benefit cost increase will be between 17-18% which exceeds the budgeted amount of 9% due to utilization of health and drug

coverage. Proposed consideration of a three tier drug program to reduce premium costs and discussed presenting it to the CSEA union as outlined in the contract. The Board agreed that the three tier drug program should be pursued and considered.

- Discussed a proposed donated leave program for OCWA employees should an employee have a catastrophic situation arise.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

- Regular Board meeting adjourned, convened Executive Committee at 2:35pm

On Motion by F. Picardi duly seconded by W. Simmons with all Members approving, the Board convened to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing contract negotiations with the City of Syracuse and Metropolitan Water Board concerning the Southern Branch pipeline.

On Motion by R. Tomeny duly seconded by W. Simmons with all Members approving, the Executive Session adjourned the meeting at 2:45pm and reconvened to the regular Board meeting.

- Bids - None
- One Right of Way was presented for consideration.

On Motion by F. Picardi duly seconded by W. Simmons with all Members approving, the Board approved the following:

4080035 Widewaters Milton Avenue Company LLC Hinsdale Plaza, Phase 1

- Three Developer Main Extensions were presented for consideration.

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

4080040 Group One Development, LLC Country Meadow, Section F

4080017 Riedman Properties, LLC The Hammocks @ Timberbanks

4080032 Mallards Landing Assoc., LLC Mallards Landing, Sec. 10C

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 2:45pm. The next Authority meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 20 2008 at 12:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laurie Khanzadian,
Recording Secretary