

The Onondaga County Water Authority met in regular session on May 20, 2008. Members of the Authority present were R. Tomeny, F. Picardi, C. Incaudo, H. Rosenthal and W. Simmons.

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

- I. R. Tomeny called the meeting to order at 12:30pm.
- II. Minutes of the meeting of April 30, 2008 were approved by all Members by Motion of F. Picardi duly seconded by C. Incaudo.
- III. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:
 - M. Hooker reviewed his Executive Director's report.
 - Adjustment to the Board meeting schedule for September due to a conflict. Following a Board discussion, it was decided to combine the September and August meetings on August 27. The August meeting will include the Organizational meeting that is normally held in September. Updated meeting schedule included.
 - Discussed the Village of East Syracuse agreement indicating that the Village voted unanimously to accept the lease agreement with the Onondaga County Water Authority. Joint meter reading is scheduled to be done in mid June for transition of services. With this addition we will add about 1300 customers bringing our total to almost 90,000 customers.

On Motion by W. Simmons duly seconded by F. Picardi with all Members approving, the Board authorized M. Hooker to execute a lease agreement when a signed contract is received from the Village of E. Syracuse.

- T. Geiss, M. Hooker and G. Miller met with Mike Ryan to discuss the Southern Branch pipeline operations, maintenance and purchase of water from the City. Discussion focused on increased net revenue to the city through elimination of operating expenses and payments for the water instead of credits. Waiting for M. Ryan on City tariff for water sales to OCWA. A notice of complete application for a water supply permit was received from the NYSDEC. Both OCWA and the Town of Onondaga are moving ahead to allow construction of these necessary facilities to begin.
- Discussion with B. Meyer on Authorities in New York. Provided responses to specific questions about OCWA and also start dates for all NYS water authorities.
- Budget is reflecting expenses lower than budgeted due to the late start up of Spring paving and restoration. However, May is projected as a very busy month, so it is expected that May expense variance will be higher than budgeted.
- Completed the basic testing for pharmaceuticals of raw and finished water for Ontario and Otisco. Minute quantities of caffeine were found in Otisco's raw water and Ibuprofen in Ontario's finished water. No compounds were found in the raw water. As a comparison, the amounts of the compounds found are:
 - Caffeine in Otisco raw water is the equivalent of a customer drinking 73 million, 8 oz. glasses of water to get the equivalent of a one 8 oz. cup of coffee.

-Ibuprofen in Ontario finished water is the equivalent of a customer drinking 528 million 8 oz. glasses of water to get the equivalent of one 200mg Ibuprofen tablet.

- Reviewed the Water Sales Analysis Report. Sales are holding steady.
- Provided an update on the newly established OCWA green team currently looking at several environmental and energy items affecting OCWA. Holly Rosenthal initiated contact with Syracuse University's Industrial Assessment Center for an energy evaluation of OCWA's facilities. The audit is being conducted as part of a Department of Energy grant. The audit will culminate in a report of recommendations for improvements. We may also include MWB so as to provide a "full" picture of our water process.

IV. CHIEF ENGINEERS REPORT:

- T. Geiss reviewed the Engineering report.
- Reported on the lake level. Otisco at 1.75 inches above crest as of May 20, 2008.
- Announced Patrick Sherlock as the Acting Manager of Engineering.
- Reported that our paving contractor is almost caught up with work created from winter water breaks that totaled 182.
- Marcellus Limeledge meeting is scheduled for next Tuesday, May 27, 2008.
- G. Miller reported on Capital Projects.
- The Canastota tank is complete and the switch over to the new tank began today, May 20, 2008.
- Provided an update on tank repairs and painting indicating that Sylvan Beach work is progressing well and when completed the contractor will move to the Abbey Road tank.
- Provided an update on the Water Treatment Plant project. The pre-construction conference scheduled for June 17, 2008. Reviewed the modification of financing with the NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation from leverage bonding to direct financing. The result is that OCWA will have the same terms and EFC will reduce the cost of issuance of Bonds. Closing should occur on June 19, 2008.
- T. Geiss reported that Tarolli, our 2008 contractor, has been very responsive and has completed three repairs including one near the railroad crossing off Park Street. We are evaluating replacing the pipe in this area.
- Work is progressing on the design of the water service to the Otisco dam site.
- Reported on The Father Mathews Otisco lake property, on the south west side of the lake. Contractor has been hired and the insurance is in place.

V. LEGAL REPORT

- T. Pickard reported on the interpretation of the prevailing wage amendment and the review of certified payrolls. The Department of Labor requires that the certified payrolls submitted are "facially correct". OCWA has met with the Department of Labor and explained that they are contracting work outlined in a contract with a fixed completed price and is not on the job site 100% of the time, therefore, we cannot attest to the accuracy of the payrolls.

We are able to review them for reasonableness, which is how we will proceed.

- Reported on the Finger Lakes Railroad and the petition to condemn which is scheduled for May 21, 2008.
- Update on the CSX Transportation and the extension granted to June 30, 2008. Continue to diligently work on defining Rights of Way.
- Provided information on the Utility work agreement, State of New York on Route 11. Request for Board resolution.

On Motion by H. Rosenthal duly seconded by C. Incaudo with all Members approving, the Board approved the Utility Work agreement as outlined.

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VI. HUMAN RESOURCES/INSURANCE

- L. Khanzadian reviewed her report.
- Provided an update on the Teamster Call-out grievance and the outcome of the meeting that we offered as an opportunity to review and discuss the situation. No agreement reached. Teamsters called for arbitration.
- Continue to work with CSEA to obtain agreement for an off cycle benefit modification effective July 1, 2008. Following a meeting with CSEA on May 14, 2008 we have requested Excellus reports showing the impact, of moving to a three tier program, on CSEA members.

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VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Discussed the status of the Metropolitan Water Board covered storage tank project.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

- Bids - None
- Two Rights of Way were presented for consideration.

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

4080040	Group One Development, LLC	Country Meadows, Sec. F
4080019	The Timbers, LLC	The Timbers, Sec. 1B & 2A

- One Developer Main Extension was presented for consideration.

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

4080034	Baldwinsville Vol. Fire. Co.	8" Ext. Crego Road Fire Station
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- Seven Easements – Town of Lenox Water District

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

Joint Rights-of-Way with Town of Lenox Water District No. 11

5003944	Silver City Tire, Inc.	Pine Ridge / Lewis Point Rd. WD
5003944	Nicollette, Martin J. & Mary C.	Pine Ridge / Lewis Point Rd. WD
5003944	Lamberton, Marshall P. & Kathleen A.	Pine Ridge / Lewis Point Rd. WD
5003944	Sullivan, Wendy A. & Shonna D.	Pine Ridge / Lewis Point Rd. WD
5003944	Judd, Carroll, W. & Reina Y.	Pine Ridge / Lewis Point Rd. WD
5003944	Iannone, John D.	Pine Ridge / Lewis Point Rd. WD
5003944	Popple, Scott	Pine Ridge / Lewis Point Rd. WD

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 Wednesday June 25, 2008 at 12:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laurie Khanzadian,
Recording Secretary