

The Onondaga County Water Authority met in regular session on June 25, 2008. Members of the Authority present were R. Tomeny, F. Picardi, H. Rosenthal and W. Simmons.

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

- I. R. Tomeny called the meeting to order at 12:35pm.
- II. Minutes of the meeting of May 20, 2008 were approved by all Members by Motion of F. Picardi duly seconded by H. Rosenthal.
- III. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:
 - M. Hooker reviewed his Executive Director's report.
 - Reviewed water sales outlined in a report. Indicated that water production is down, water sales are up.
 - Fulton bio-fuel is delayed due to start-up issues.
 - The operation and maintenance of the Village of E. Syracuse will officially begin on July 1, 2008.
 - Waiting for the Town of Dewitt to provide information on their water system so that we can complete the evaluation of their system per the Town's request.
 - Distributed Board members laptop computers.
 - M. Hooker reported that C. Marvin researched and OCWA is now accepting American Express for water bill payments. Currently the cost of using American Express is lower than Master Card and Visa.
 - M. Hooker updated the Board on a FOIL request from the Post Standard. Reported that he has provided the requested information on the OCWA employee population.
 - Provided an update on the status of the Otisco Lake road improvements that are planned by Mathews and Roberge. Preliminary plans have been submitted by Brillo Construction, insurance has been reviewed.
 - Informed the Board of OCWA's water treatment plant was awarded the USEPA Director's Award for the Partnership for Safe Water for ten years of compliance with the voluntary program.
 - Reviewed the number of remaining wholesale accounts. Wholesale water sales volume is down to 21%.
 - Provided an update on the Southern Branch pipeline and direct water sales to OCWA from the City of Syracuse. The last meeting was held May 30, 2008 and progress continues.
 - Reported to the Board on the diligent efforts of G. Miller, T. Pickard and C. Marvin which resulted in securing the NYSEFC loans and realizing a projected \$2.5 million savings over the term of the loan.
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- IV. CHIEF ENGINEERS REPORT:
 - T. Geiss reviewed the Engineering report.
 - Reported on the Otisco lake levels.
 - Reviewed the Rte 31 water main break of June 5, 2008 and indicated that the boil water order was in place for 24 hours and transitioned smoothly.

- Provided an update on the Town of Granby's service area approval. Recently spoke with E. Williamson, Supervisor, Town of Granby. The bill for OCWA to provide water passed the Assembly but not the Senate. OCWA will continue to serve on an emergency basis and seek approval of the Granby service area. Board recommended that OCWA request a letter from the Town Supervisor and continue the relationship.
- OCWA has been approached by the Village of Jordan relative to potential wholesale of water. Staff from OCWA has met with the village water supervisor concerning costs of service. An evaluation will be completed and a report sent to the Town.
- Discussed the Town of Schroepfel and the status of the water district project. There is a need to increase the width of the proposed water line from 12 inches to 20 inches, which would serve to benefit the OCWA system and all involved. Reported on the request from the Town for OCWA to co-funding the line improvements in order for Schroepfel to qualify for a state revolving fund loan.

On Motion by H. Rosenthal duly seconded by F. Picardi with all Members approving, the Board agreed that OCWA should proceed with \$25,000 co-funding, if the Town of Schroepfel receives a DWSRF loan.

- Environmental Protection Agency inspected our Water treatment plant this week and specifically looked at the risk management plan, safety procedures, and fit testing. The EPA was pleased with their review.
- Commented on completion and receipt of the Otisco Dam inspection report.
- Brief discussion on a request from the owners of the Lathrop property and their request to purchase additional land from OCWA. Tony will provide Wayne and Claude with maps and review project with them prior to proceeding.
- Reported on the Water Treatment Plant pre-construction meeting that was held on June 17, 2008. The work has begun. In an effort to carry out work without delay Tony discussed and requested approval from the Board for the OCWA Executive Director to approve up to a \$10,000 change order without having to wait for Board approval.
- G. Miller reported on Capital projects.
- Reported that work has begun on the Water Treatment plant.
- Van Buren tank is complete and we have begun filling the tank.
- OCWA has received the water supply permit from the NYSDEC for the Nedrow Water Supply and will move ahead with the work with completion planned for late August, early September.
- Discussed the progress on our review of roof replacement design options and siding repairs for the Northern Concourse location. We evaluated several types of roofs including modified Bituminous, PVC membrane and green roofs. The green roof would require significant structural modifications while the modified bituminous could potentially cause disruption in our operations during construction; therefore, it was decided to proceed with a PVC membrane type roof. Also indicated that necessary loading dock structural roof improvements will be included in the repairs. The estimated cost of the project is \$1,500,000.00
- T. Geiss updated the Board on the status of the Metropolitan Water Board covered storage project. On June 16, 2008 OCWA reviewed plans and drawings, which are approximately 30% complete. Also discussed and

reviewed tank types and how the project will be broken down and segmented for bid. The next meeting is a conference call on June 30, 2008.

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V. LEGAL REPORT

- T. Pickard reviewed the resolution between OCWA and Onondaga County to accept assignment of the contract as recommended by Legal counsel and agree to pay Onondaga County upon securing financing.

On Motion by F. Picardi duly seconded by W. Simmons with all Members approving, the Board agreed that OCWA should proceed as outlined in the Resolution.

- T. Pickard reviewed recent activity on the petition for Condemnation of the Finger Lakes Railway. Introduced Carter Strickland to give the Board an overview of the condemnation action and the ROW agreement. Carter reviewed for the Board the memo and conditions dated June 12, 2008 specifically the aspects of the contract that required updating from the original 1907 agreement. A motion to approve the outlined proposed condition was made to the Board.

On Motion by F. Picardi duly seconded by W. Simmons with all Members approving, the Board agreed that OCWA should proceed with the outlined conditions for OCWA right-of-way.

- Passed by legislation without modification, the Metropolitan Water Board tank right of entry agreement.
- Reviewed the partial release of a Right of Way at 2137 Bitter Road. Requested approval of the resolution from the Board.

On Motion by H. Rosenthal duly seconded by F. Picardi with all Members approving, the Board approved the partial right of way and easement as outlined for 2137 Bitter Road, Town of Camillus.

VI. HUMAN RESOURCES/INSURANCE

- L. Khanzadian reviewed her report.
- Provided an update on the on-call arbitration indicating that an arbitrator has been selected and a date has been scheduled. There is still time for negotiation of agreed upon language that will be discussed between the assigned attorneys.
- Reviewed the proposal by Brown & Brown of Pollution Liability insurance. At the Boards request we will investigate what other Authorities are doing.

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VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- H. Rosenthal discussed the activities of the Green Team and their interest in having a Board policy that guides the initiatives of the team. There was discussion on staying in line with the laws and overall mission that governs OCWA as well as considering the best interests of our customers. Holly proposed drafting a policy statement.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

- Bids - # 5 Copper Tubing

On Motion by H. Rosenthal duly seconded by W. Simmons with all Members approving, the Board approved the lowest responsible bidder.

- Seven Rights of Way were presented for consideration.

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

4080049	Bella Casa Bldrs. by Alberici, Inc.	8" Ext. Talamore
4070094 & 4080050	ESM Central School District	Kirkville Road, Fremont/Schepps
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4080052	Kelly-Tobin Development Corp.	8" Ext. Lawton Valley Hunt, Sec. 18 & 19
4080034	Baldwinsville Vol. Fire Company	8" Ext. Crego Road Fire Station

- Four Developer Main Extensions were presented for consideration.

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

9003430	VIP Structures	10" Service G.A. Braun Facility, Hancock Airpark
4080016	COR Development	8" & 12" Ext. Clay Centre, Lowe's
4080049	Bella Casa Builders	8" Ext. Talamore by Alberici
4080052	Kelly-Tobin Dev. Corp.	8" Ext. Lawton Valley Hunt, Sec. 18 & 19

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 2:55pm. The next Authority meeting is scheduled for Wednesday July 16, 2008 at 12:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laurie Khanzadian,
Recording Secretary