

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

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

- I. R. Tomeny called the meeting to order at 12:33pm.
- II. Minutes of the meeting of June 25, 2008 were approved by all Members by Motion of H. Rosenthal duly seconded by F. Picardi.
- III. R. Tomeny presented a motion memorializing both Ephraim Shapero and Thomas Pasqua. A motion was made by all accepting the resolution and it passed unanimously. R. Tomeny then asked for a tribute of silence in memory of both Ephraim Shapero and Thomas Pasqua.
- IV. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:
 - M. Hooker reviewed his Executive Director's report.
 - Reviewed water sales analysis through June 30th. Sales were down for the month of June. Production was down as well in June, accordingly it is anticipated that sales will be down for July as well.
 - Accounts are just over 90,000 including 1,070 accounts in E. Syracuse.
 - Fulton bio-fuel is delayed due to start-up issues. Anticipate startup on July 22, 2008.
 - OCWA assumed operation and maintenance of the Village of E. Syracuse water system on July 1, 2008.
 - We are still waiting for the Town of Dewitt to provide information on the evaluation of operating the water system per the Town's request.
 - M. Hooker reported that C. Marvin met with representatives of American Express and given the favorable rate, OCWA is now accepting American Express for water bill payments. Currently the cost of using American Express is lower than Master Card and Visa and Curt will be contacting their representatives.
 - M. Hooker reported on the status of the Granby legislative authorization. The Town has sent us a letter requesting that we continue to serve them and they will continue to pursue action at the state level.
 - Provided an update on the Lawson software upgrade.
 - Provided an update on the Southern Branch pipeline status and purchase of water from the City of Syracuse.
- IV. CHIEF ENGINEERS REPORT:
 - T. Geiss reviewed the Engineering report.
 - Reported on the Otisco lake levels. The lake is near historical average for this time of year. The level last week was -5.25".
 - T. Geiss updated the Board on the status of the covered storage tank project. Design progress meetings have been held with Malcolm Pirnie Inc. Representatives of MWB have been included in the meetings and all work completed to date. The existing reservoirs are considered dams to the NYSDEC and as such the work will require reviews and approvals by the NYSDEC dam safety unit. The plan is to modify the basins such that no

future DEC dam permits or reviews will be required. Evaluations are being conducted relative to the tank heights and overflow evaluations. It is anticipated that three contracts will be bid, one for each tank; however, various options for bidding are being evaluated. M. Hooker reported that we are reviewing financing options and are considering thirty to forty year bonds due to the lifespan of the tanks.

- G. Miller reported on Capital projects.
- The Water Treatment Plant project is progressing well. The tap onto the finished water line was conducted this week and it went well. A progress meeting is scheduled for July 22, 2008 with the contractor and Stearns & Wheler.
- The Southern Onondaga project is progressing well. The steel erection for the storage tank will begin next week. Work continues on the excavation and form work for the pump station. Work is progressing well on the waterlines.

V. LEGAL REPORT

- T. Pickard reviewed the Legal report.
- Reported on the latest actions regarding the Finger Lakes Railway Right-of-Way.
- Discussed the SEQR for the covered storage tank project.

On Motion by F. Picardi duly seconded by H. Rosenthal with all Members approving, the Board agreed to accept the resolution relative to accepting the SEQR completed by the County.

- Reviewed the proposed Town of West Monroe and Town of Constantia North Shore Water District lease agreements.

On Motion by F. Picardi duly seconded by H. Rosenthal with all Members approving, the Board authorized M. Hooker to execute the lease agreements on behalf of OCWA.

- Presented information on upcoming Public Authority Board member training.

VI. HUMAN RESOURCES/INSURANCE

- M. Hooker reviewed the HR/Insurance report.
- Reviewed the new voluntary donated leave policy.
- Teamster Arbitration session is still scheduled for July 29, 2008 with a settlement drop dead date of July 18.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

- R. Tomeny mentioned that MWB is evaluating options related to the covering of their Terminal Reservoir. MWB will be contacting OCWA for potential involvement in the project.
- Reviewed request from Lathrop to purchase property near the causeway on Otisco Lake. Tabled due to additional information and review required.
- Discussion was held regarding the OCWA policy of providing water service, at a reduced cost, to customers on the opposite side of the road from water mains. We will evaluate placing limits on the length of service that we will provide.

- Two Rights of Way were presented for consideration.

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

4080016 Clay South Development Co. 8” Ext. Clay Centre – Lowe’s

4070094 ESM-NS Federal Credit Union Main Improve. Kirkville Road

- Three Developer Main Extensions were presented for consideration.

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

4080047 LaVec, LLC 8” Ext. Carly Court, Phase 2

4080065 Group One Development, LLC 8” Ext. Northfork, Sec. 2, Phase 1

9003280 C&S Plumbing & Mechanical 8” Ext. Wellwood Middle School

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 August 27, 2008 at 12:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laurie Khanzadian,
Recording Secretary