

The Onondaga County Water Authority met in regular session on April 25, 2012.

Members of the Authority present were R. Tomeny, F. Picardi, S. Miller, E. Gilligan, and J. Bianchini.

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

- I. R. Tomeny called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m.
- II. Minutes of the regular Board meeting of March 21, 2012 were, on motion by E. Gilligan, seconded by S. Miller, approved by all Members.
- III. Minutes of the Audit Committee meeting of March 21, 2012 were, on motion by E. Gilligan, seconded by S. Miller, approved by all Members.

IV. M. HOOKER REPORTED:

- M. Hooker reviewed the Executive Director's report
- Reviewed the revised sales report through March 31, 2012.
- Reported that five RFP responses have been received from vendors regarding the Billing System software upgrade/ replacement.
- Reported on the upcoming e-Waste recycle event scheduled at OCWA on May 10, 2012 from 9:00 to 1:00.
- Distributed Onondaga County draft Climate Action Plan, dated August 2011.
- Reviewed list of Bonds issued 2001 – 2011 and related capital improvements.
- Presented leak analysis data.

VI. A. GEISS REPORTED:

- Reviewed the Chief Engineer's Report
- Reported on the current Otisco lake level. Currently 4" over the dam.
- Provided an update on the discussions with Honeywell regarding the operations and maintenance of the Cardiff and Tookes Springs Water Systems.
- Reported Western 20mg tank project is complete.
- Reported Eastern 30mg tank project is complete pending the closeout documentation.
- Reported Eastern 20mg project is near completion. Contractor is onsite to seal damp areas of the tank.
- Indicated bids for the upgrade of the Southern Branch pump station facility will be advertised in May, 2012.
- G. Miller reviewed the Capital Projects.
- Reviewed the status of the inspection of the transmission main and proposed repairs to the bank of Nine Mile Creek.
- Reported that the Town of Parish has contacted OCWA to investigate options for water supply. Currently the area receives water through wells.

VII. LEGAL REPORT

- T. Pickard reviewed the Legal Report.
- Reported on the recent Finger Lakes railroad condemnation decision.

On motion by F. Picardi, duly seconded by all Board members, with all Members approving, the Board authorized payment of the amount awarded to the condemnee, plus interest, less the advanced payment of \$103,000.

- Reviewed the 2010 Smart Growth Public Infrastructure Policy Act and its impact on government agencies, noting that the requirements of the Act are binding on State Authorities, but not local authorities such as OCWA.
- Reviewed Honeywell's request to install air monitoring equipment for Onondaga Lake at the Park Street pump station site. Agreement will be terminable by either party on 90 days notice.

On motion by F. Picardi, duly seconded by E. Gilligan, with four Members approving, the Board agreed to provide access to the Park Street pump station for installation of air monitoring equipment. S. Miller opposed.

- Reviewed a request from the Sportsman's Federation to convey a 5.5 acre parcel of land near the Amboy dam in the Town of Camillus to the Department of Environmental Conservation. The land, acquired by OCWA's predecessor in 1931, consists primarily of a millpond and surrounding banks on Nine Mile Creek. Investigation by OCWA's consulting Engineers. O'Brien & Gere reveals the land is subject to DEC flood rights and of no use to OCWA. In addition, conveyance of the property to DEC will relieve OCWA of liability associated with ownership, including liability for injury to persons attracted to the water and liability associated with operation and decommissioning of dam structures. Mr. Pickard distributed to the Board a memo dated April 25, 2012 outlining the details of the donation to the DEC, together with statutory requirements.

On motion by J. Bianchini, duly seconded by S. Miller, with all Members approving, the Board approved the conveyance of the land by deed to the DEC, and authorized the Executive Director to enter into a donation agreement with the DEC on terms acceptable to OCWA's Legal counsel.

VIII. HUMAN RESOURCES /INSURANCE/RISK MANAGEMENT REPORT

- L. Khanzadian reviewed the Human Resource and Insurance/Risk Management report.
- Reviewed the Deferred Compensation plan change to add a percent contribution option.

On motion by S. Miller, duly seconded by J. Bianchini, with all Members approving, the Board approved the outlined change to the Deferred Compensation Plan (457b).

- Reviewed Open Meetings requirements and advised that documents pertaining to actionable items on the monthly agenda will be posted, prior to the meeting, on the OCWA website for public review.
- Reported that the Teamster grievance has been withdrawn.
- Reviewed the health insurance benefit options and considerations available to OCWA for the upcoming renewal.

IX. NEW BUSINESS:

- Three Contractor Main Extension Contract(s) was presented for consideration.

On motion by J. Bianchini, duly seconded by F. Picardi, with all Members approving, the Board authorized M. Hooker to execute the following Main Extension Contract(s):

4120038 Paul Fowler 8" Ext., Cedarvale Ridge, Sec. E-A, Phase I

4120012 Oot Brothers, Inc. 8" Ext., North Ridge, Phase I

9003564 The Salvation Army Install 6" Fire Service, 3904 Brewerton Rd.

- Two Right(s) of Way were presented for consideration.

On motion by S. Miller, duly seconded by, J. Bianchini. with all Members approving, the Board authorized the following right(s) of way.

4120038 Cedarvale Development Corp. Cedarvale Ridge Sec. E-A, Phase 1

4120011 North Ridge, LLC North Ridge, Phase I

- T. Pickard reviewed proposed Main Extension contracts and temporary and permanent rights of way with Walmart for expansion and relocation of water service at the E. Syracuse store. Reviewed current OCWA business practices and agreement provisions.

On motion by J. Bianchini, duly seconded by S. Miller, with all Members approving, the Board authorized the execution of Main Extension Contracts and Temporary and Permanent Right of Way Agreements, subject to review by Legal Counsel on conformity with OCWA's business practice requirements.

- R. Tomeny requested that the June 20, 2012 Board meeting be changed to Tuesday, June 19, 2012 at 11:00 am. Hearing no objection, the date and time of June's Board meeting was changed.

On motion by S. Miller, duly seconded by E. Gilligan, with all Members approving, the Board adjourned the regular Board meeting at 2:20 p.m. and convened an Executive Session to discuss upcoming Teamster contract negotiations.

- Returned to regular session at 2:40 p.m.

There being no further business to come before Board, upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

The next Authority meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 16, 2012 at 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Laurie Khanzadian, Recording Secretary