

The Onondaga County Water Authority met in regular session on August 15, 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, G. Miller and C. Marvin.

I. R. Tomeny called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m.

II. Minutes of the regular Board meeting of July 18, 2012 were, on motion by F. Picardi, seconded by J. Bianchini, approved by all Members.

III. M. HOOKER REPORTED:

- M. Hooker reviewed the Executive Director's report
- Update on the billing system project. Implementation process, travel expenses, and maintenance cost negotiations should result in considerable savings. Expect approximately a thirteen month implementation. Requested final approval of the software agreement with Harris Computer Corporation.

On motion by E. Gilligan, duly seconded by J. Bianchini, with all Members approving, the Board authorized M. Hooker to execute the contractual agreement.

- Town of Camillus continues discussion with OCWA relative to consolidation and lease of the Town's consolidated water system. The Board authorized OCWA management to move forward with negotiations. Review of the proposal is expected at a public meeting to be held on September 11, 2012.
- Annual AMWA meeting will be held in Portland Oregon, October 21-24, 2012.
- Continue to evaluate Home Serve USA as a potential provider of service agreements for customer water services. Review is being conducted in conjunction with Onondaga County and the Department of Water Environment Protection.
- Reported that Soil & Water Conservation will lose 25% of their funding. Requested financial support of up to \$80,000 from OCWA in return for services such as farm best management practices and training related to the Otisco Lake Watershed.
- Onondaga County Planning Board has a potential industry looking for a site in Onondaga County and is in need of 100,000 gpd of water.
- Curt Marvin distributed and reviewed the Second Quarter Investment Report indicating that funds are down due to construction projects being completed and utilizing allocated funds.

On motion by F. Picardi, duly seconded by S. Miller, with all Members approving, the Board accepted the Second Quarter Investment report as presented.

- Distributed a memorandum dated August 14, 2012 outlining the RFP submissions received for Accounting Services to OCWA. Eight proposal packages were sent out and six responses were received. Three proposals in response to the RFP were lower in cost than the current auditor, Dermody Burke & Brown. Board recommended further review of the proposals, including interviews.
- Mentioned that water purchases are currently over budget due to higher demand. Water Treatment Plant reached the highest output ever due to all of the improvements. The Board recommended that a letter should be sent to the WTP and Operations staff complimenting them on their diligent efforts during a dry summer.

IV. A. GEISS REPORTED:

- Reviewed the Chief Engineer’s Report
- Otisco lake level is currently at -21.00”.
- National Grid work on the new Northern Concourse electrical service is complete with the exception of the final connections.
- Discussed the possible need to review options on the control of disinfection by products in Sylvan Beach and McConnellsville. Options include additional aeration, the potential use of chlorine dioxide at MWB WTP, and reducing water age by completing the North Shore water transmission main.
- Linda Road tank is filled and approval has been received to put the tank in service.
- Right-of-Way clearing going very well.
- Eastern 20mg tank – final grading is complete.
- Review of Change Order for Eastern 20mg tank, encompassing a number of items totaling \$13,699.35.

On motion by F. Picardi, duly seconded by E. Gilligan, with all Members approving, the Board accepted the Eastern 20mg tank Change Order as described.

- OCWA employees completed an in-house training on calibrating Venturi meter testing.
- G. Miller reported on OCWA capital projects.
- Town of Lincoln is moving ahead with water system planning.
- Constantia/Bernhard’s Bay/Cleveland project scored too low for funding through DWSRF. Pursuing other avenues. Town of Sullivan – potential project near Rte. 31 and the Town of Lenox. Linda Drive tank project is complete and in service. Waiting for completion and submission of paperwork from the Tank Contractor before final payment is made.
- Western Reservoir-USEPA will audit the project on August 29 and 30, 2012.

#### V. LEGAL REPORT

- T. Pickard reviewed the Legal Report.
- Discussion of the counter-offer submitted by Finger Lakes Railway Corp. for appraisal fees and attorney’s fees.

On motion by S. Miller, duly seconded by E. Gilligan, with all Members approving, the Board accepted the recommendation from OCWA Counsel to settle demand for legal fees and appraisal costs pursuant to Section 701 of the Eminent Domain Law in the sum of \$44,534.73.

#### VI HUMAN RESOURCES /INSURANCE/RISK MANAGEMENT REPORT

- L. Khanzadian reviewed the Human Resource and Insurance/Risk Management report.
- Reported on OCWA’s refund from CNA insurance for good claim performance on 2011 Worker’s Compensation claims.

#### VII. NEW BUSINESS:

- Two Contractor Main Extension Contract(s) were presented for consideration.

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

9003634	Landmark Enterprises	Hydrant relocation Cherry Road School, TGED
4120051	Pooler Development	8” Ext., Sun Meadow, Phase 5, TVAN

There being no further business to come before Board, upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

The next Authority meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 19, 2012 at 12:30 p.m. at the Northern Concourse Office.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Laurie Khanzadian, Recording Secretary