

# OCWA Board Meeting Minutes

September 19, 2012

**Board Members Present:** R. Tomeny, F. Picardi, S. Miller, E. Gilligan, J. Bianchini

**Others Present:** M. Hooker, A. Geiss, C. Marvin

- I. Meeting called to Order by R. Tomeny at 12:40 p.m.
- II. Minutes of the regular Board meeting of August 15 were, on motion by F. Picardi and seconded by J. Bianchini, approved by all members.
- III. John Bianchini motioned, with second by F. Picardi, to approve staff's recommendation to name Dermody, Burke and Brown as the Authority's Independent Auditor for five years (2012-2016), further it should be acknowledged that the annual audit fees submitted by DB&B for the period are substantially lower than current audit fees and the Board further acknowledges the DB&B's auditing services meet the Board's expectations with respect to annual audit of the Authority's finances.

- IV. M. Hooker Reported:

Reviewed the Executive Director's Report

Advised the Board that the kick off meeting for the new billing software project is set for Monday, September 24, 2012 and the project is expected to take 13 months.

Discussed the PCI (Payment Card Industry) compliance issue currently being addressed by the IT staff. A solution has been found that will keep OCWA in compliance until the new software is in place and does not add cost to OCWA

The Town of Camillus water system lease to OCWA will be voted on by Camillus Consolidated Water System customers on November 6th during the general election

Water Purchases are up year-to-date and water sales have increased correspondingly. Also YTD, Anheuser Busch has regained its spot as OCWA's largest industrial customer.

- V. A. J. Geiss Reported:

Otisco Lake levels are the lowest experiences since 1995. However, there have been no capacity issues at the water plant. Additionally, there have been no complaints from Otisco Lakes residents related to the level of the lake.

Currently the distribution system is experiencing more leaks than any earlier month this year. Totals leaks to date are still lower than the total for 2011 through the first 8 months

Discussed the 20" transmission main break in the Town of Camillus. The 100 year old main is located in an OCWA right of way that was overgrown with brush and trees that needed to be cleared to gain access for the repair. Cause of the leak is still under investigation.

Reviewed the 16" main break in Lysander that put the Timber Banks development out of water on Monday, September 17th. This is the second time that the main in question, broke in conjunction with the 20 MG Western Reservoir being taken off line for inspection. OCWA personnel are investigating potential causes with MWB personnel. OCWA is also looking into installing a 16" valve to the south of the Timber Banks development to allow for continued service in the event of future main breaks on this line.

Reported that during July and August Distribution Maintenance personnel cleared 18 miles of rights of way where transmission mains are located. Going forward maintenance of the Rights of Way will be done annually.

Reviewed elevated Trihalomethane sample results being found in the far reaches of the northeastern portion of the OCWA distribution system. Various options that might address the issue were discussed. The Board requested the Executive Director send a letter to MWB to open discussion related to potential treatment options that the Water Board might explore to alleviate the situation

Reported the asbestos abatement project in the NC receiving areas has been completed and that the area is being cleaned up and is looking much better.

Advised that the Southern Branch project is progressing slowly, but should pick up considerably in February of 2013 once the new pumps have arrived.

Reported that the Northern Concourse electric has been finally converted over to the new service and equipment. The old equipment is currently being removed, however we are waiting for Nation Grid to disconnect the old service to allow for the old transformer and substation to be removed.

- VII. A.J. Geiss, on the behalf of G. Miller presented Change Order No.1 for D&M Painting Corp's tank painting projects the Linda Drive tank and the West Hill Tanks. Work on the West Hill tank was not as extensive as anticipated, resulting in a deduction. Work on the Linda Drive tank required extra attention. The net increase per change order No. 1 is \$8,592. It should be noted the project is still coming in under budget and Staff recommends approval of the Change Order.

On motion by S. Miller, seconded by J. Binachini, the full Board approved Change Order No.1 in the amount of \$8,592 for D&M Painting Corp.

- VIII. On the behalf of T. Pickard, M. Hooker Reported

The Finger Lakes Railroad condemnation case is closed.

As a result of a recent transmission main break Mr. Pickard was able to clarify OCWA's entry rights and responsibilities when working on mains contained within the FLRR Rights of Way.

IX. On the behalf of L. Khanzadian, M. Hooker Reported:

PESH visited OCWA for a routine site inspection. In addition to safety manuals and training records being provided, Geoff Miller and Kelly Caramanna escorted the PESH inspector to several OCWA facilities, including tanks, pump stations and the Northern Concourse office. Several minor items were noted during the tour and many have already been addressed. Corrected items will be noted once the draft report is reviewed with PESH and any additional items cited will be addressed once identified.

X. Copper Bids:

Martisco Corp, Liverpool, NY was low bidder and staff is recommending awarding the bid to them. On a motion by S. Miller, seconded by E. Gilligan, the full Board approved awarded the Bid #14 for Copper Tubing, to Martisco Corp.

XI. Rights of Way, on motion by J. Bianchini, seconded by S. Miller the full Board approved five Rights of Way as presented per T. Pickard's memo to Chairman Tomeny dated September 19, 2012.

4120039	Elliot Lasky, Minoa Farms Dev. Co.	Minoa Farms, Sec. 4B, VMIN
4120043	JGM Custom Homes	Northfork, Sec. 2, Ph. 2, TCLA
4120053	Red Barn Country, LLC	Hyland Meadows, TSAL
4120064	LMM Properties, Inc.	Thompson's Landing
9003634	Westhill Central School District	Hydrant Relocate, Cherry Road School, TGED

Main Extension Contracts, On motion by F. Picardi, seconded by S. Miller, the full Board approved five Main Extension Contracts as presented per T. Pickard's memo to Chairman Tomeny dated September 19, 2012.

4120013	Brinnan Development, LLC	Ext., Austin Meadows North, Ph. 1, TMAN
4120050	Great Midland Corp.	Ext., Crown Pointe Ext., Sec. 3B, TONO
4120053	Southwest Buckley Properties, LLC	Ext., Hyland Gardens, TSAL
4120064	John Szczech	Ext., Thompson's Landing, TCAM
9003637	Onondaga Community College	Install 6" Svc. to Multi-Field Athletic Complex

XII. On motion by E. Gilligan, seconded by J. Bianchini, the Board moved to enter executive session at 2:45 p.m. to discuss impending contract negotiations.

The regular Board meeting reconvened after the Executive Session at 3:03 p.m.

There being no further business to come before Board, upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board meeting adjourned at 3:04 p.m.

The next Authority meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 17, 2012 at 12:30 p.m. There will also be a Board Budget Workshop conducted on Wednesday, October 10, 2012 at 12 noon.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Laurie Khazadian, Recording Secretary