

**KINGSTON BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 8, 2015**

The regular meeting of the Board of Water Commissioners was called to order at 3:04 p.m. on July 8, 2015 in the Department's offices at Jansen Avenue. Present were President Joseph DeCicco, Commissioners Ray McSpirit, Abel Garraghan, Robert Niedzielski and Dennis Crosswell. Also in attendance were Superintendent Hansen, Assistant Secretary Allan Alberts, Attorney William Cloonan, Council Liaison Brad Will, and James Caggiano. Mayor Shayne Gallo was not present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved on a motion made by Commissioner Garraghan and seconded by Commissioner Niedzielski. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Bills in the amount of \$29,809.17 dated 6/15/15; \$72,949.63 dated 6/24/15; \$41,460.21 dated 7/1/15; and \$229,793.71 dated 7/8/15 were ordered paid as audited on a motion by Commissioner McSpirit and seconded by Commissioner Garraghan. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

The Board was given an update on the Cooper Lake Dam Project. Superintendent Hansen reported that the project might be eligible for funding through the Commerce Department. The Board requested that additional avenues of funding be pursued.

The Board discussed the Mink Hollow Intake Improvements. Plans and a bid advertisement will be prepared by Schnabel Engineering. The project must be completed by October 1.

The Board discussed the Phase 1B Filter Renovation Project. The project will be rebid within two weeks.

The Board received information on the NYS Water Infrastructure Improvement Grant. The Board discussed that multiple applications should be submitted for funding.

The Board discussed the project of replacement of the Treatment Plant Wash Tower. A prebid meeting is scheduled for July 15 and bids are due on July 31. Recommendations from CDM Smith on awarding the job are expected to be ready for the August Board Meeting.

The Board received information for Change Order #1 for the Foxhall Avenue Main Relining Project in the amount of \$29,909. A motion was made by Commissioner Garraghan and seconded by Commissioner McSpirit authorizing the change order. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Communications included a letter from Ronnie Wade, of Deyo Street, requesting the waiver of a frozen meter charge. Superintendent Hansen was directed to communicate to him that the request was denied. A letter was disbursed from Vicente and Linda Archer, of Clifton Avenue, requesting the Board to reimburse a \$100 charge for removal and installation of their meter. The Board decided to defer a decision on this request until they consulted Attorney Cloonan.

Letters of July 31 retirement announcements were received from Richard Inge and Michael Inge. A motion was made by Commissioner Garraghan and seconded by Commissioner Niedzielski to accept the retirements. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

The Board was informed that union negotiations will begin for a new Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Superintendent Hansen informed the Board that she had been selected as new chairperson of NYWARN.

Superintendent Hansen informed the Board that the Filter Plant Lime Room roof needed replacement. Three quotes were received: 1) \$11,900 from Klomm Roofing; 2) \$13,000 from Superior Roofing; and 3) \$17,400 from J & A Roofing. It was discussed that the bid from Superior Roofing was based on a thicker material than the bid from Klomm Roofing. A motion was made by Commissioner Garraghan and seconded by Commissioner Croswell to award the job to Superior Roofing. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

The June Superintendent's Report was read and ordered filed on a motion by Commissioner Croswell and seconded by Commissioner Niedzielski. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

A motion to move into Executive Session was made by Commissioner Croswell and seconded by Commissioner Niedzielski at 4:19 pm. A motion to come out of Executive Session was made by Commissioner Garraghan and seconded by Commissioner Croswell at 5:09 pm. Motions carried by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Commissioner Croswell and seconded by Commissioner Garraghan to hire Jack Hayman for the position of Laborer at the hourly rate of \$18.6491. The starting date is to be set by the Superintendent based on the candidate's availability. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

The Board set the next meeting date to be August 19.

Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner McSpirit and seconded by Commissioner Niedzielski at 5:12 pm. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Assistant Secretary

