

**KINGSTON BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 19, 2015**

The regular meeting of the Board of Water Commissioners was called to order at 3:03 p.m. on August 19, 2015 in the Department's offices at Jansen Avenue. Present were President Joseph DeCicco, Commissioners Abel Garraghan, Robert Niedzielski, Dennis Croswell and Joanne Seche. Also in attendance were Superintendent Hansen, Assistant Secretary Allan Alberts, and James Caggiano. Mayor Shayne Gallo, Council Liaison Brad Will, and Attorney William Cloonan were not present. James Quigley and Mary McNamara were present to address the Board.

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

Bills in the amount of \$76,513.02 dated 7/15/15; \$50,335.39 dated 7/22/15; \$32,083.32 dated 7/29/15; \$31,025.62 dated 8/5/15; \$106,712.33 dated 8/12/15; and \$231,338.05 dated 8/19/15 were ordered paid as audited on a motion by Commissioner Niedzielski and seconded by Commissioner Garraghan. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

The Board discussed a request from Ulster County Soil & Water Conservation for a temporary easement on KWD property in the Mink Hollow Stream vicinity. A motion authorizing the Board President to sign the legal agreement for the temporary easement was made by Commissioner Garraghan and seconded by Commissioner Niedzielski. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

The Board discussed the Mink Hollow Intake Improvements. Greg Daviero, of Schnabel Engineering, presented the Board with information and cost estimates for the project. A motion approving the project at a cost not to exceed \$150,000, to be funded from the KWD Capital Bank Account, was made by Commissioner Garraghan and seconded by Commissioner Niedzielski. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

The Board discussed the Phase 1B Filter Renovation Project. The project will be rebid within two weeks. The project will be funded by the Storm Mitigation Loan Program administered by NYSEFC.

The Board discussed the NYS Water Infrastructure Improvement Grant. Project descriptions and engineering reports are forthcoming. A project listing form with other materials must be submitted to the NYSEFC by September 4. A motion was made by Commissioner Garraghan and seconded by Commissioner Croswell authorizing KWD to request approval from the City Common Council to pursue funding from EFC for a project total not to exceed \$3,500,000. The request is to include the project description. Motion carried by unanimous vote. A motion was made by Commissioner Niedzielski and seconded by Commissioner Croswell declaring that the project components considered individually and collectively meet the definition of a Type II action per 617.5 and, as such, are not subject to review under Part 617. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

The Board discussed the project of replacement of the Treatment Plant Wash Tower. Bids were received on July 31. Recommendations from CDM Smith were for awarding the job to the low bidder, Statewide Aquastore Inc. for the amount of \$1,218,700. A motion awarding the job to Statewide Aquastore, Inc. for the amount of \$1,218,700 was made by Commissioner Garraghan and seconded by Commissioner Niedzielski. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Communications included a letter from Christopher Esola requesting the waiver of a past due balance of a water account for 167 Fairview Avenue. Superintendent Hansen was directed to communicate to this individual that water charges cannot be waived.

The Board was informed that the proposal to replace the Filter Plant Lime Room roof that was authorized at the July meeting had been amended from \$13,000 to \$14,300. A motion was made by Commissioner Garraghan and seconded by Commissioner Niedzielski approving the new amount to do the work. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

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

Superintendent Hansen informed the Board that the Filter Plant Phone System needed to be replaced. A proposal from Webjogger in an amount not to exceed \$6,060 was presented. A motion was made by Commissioner Garraghan and seconded by Commissioner Croswell authorizing the purchase. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Mary McNamara, of Saugerties, presented the Board with a report from the NYCDEP on the Beaverkill.

James Quigley, Town of Ulster Supervisor, addressed the Board about concerns of the impact that possible future water rate increases would have on the Town of Ulster budgeting. He requested that the Town be advised of upcoming capital projects that might affect water rates.

A motion to move into Executive Session was made by Commissioner Croswell and seconded by Commissioner Niedzielski at 4:55 pm. A motion to come out of Executive Session was made by Commissioner Garraghan and seconded by Commissioner Niedzielski at 5:02 pm. Motions carried by unanimous vote.

Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Garraghan and seconded by Commissioner Croswell at 5:03 pm. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Assistant Secretary

