

**KINGSTON BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
JULY 13, 2016**

The regular meeting of the Board of Water Commissioners was called to order at 5:12 p.m. on July 13, 2016 in the Department's offices at Jansen Avenue. Present were President Dennis Crosswell, Mayor Steven Noble, Commissioners Joanne Seche, and Margaret Gruner. Commissioner Niedzielski was an excused absence. Also in attendance were Superintendent Hansen, Assistant Secretary Allan Alberts, and Attorney William Cloonan. James Caggiano participated on speakerphone. Council Liaison Reynolds Scott-Childress was not present.

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

Bills in the amount of \$75,603.37 dated 6/22/16; \$36,576.67 dated 6/29/16; \$26,252.42 dated 7/6/16; and \$224,694.12 dated 7/13/16 were ordered paid as audited on a motion by Commissioner Seche and seconded by Commissioner Gruner. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

The Board discussed the purchase of a UPS system for the Binnewater facility. James Caggiano contacted an engineering firm, which will appraise the situation on August 3<sup>rd</sup> and then submit a proposal for engineering services. It will be discussed at the next Board meeting.

The Board submitted their KWD Ethics Disclosure Forms at the meeting.

The Board discussed the proposed SCADA system. They were informed that the City IT Director recommended it be hosted on the City server.

The Board discussed the Phase 1B Filter Renovation Project. It was reported that the project is delayed because the electrical subcontractor is behind schedule.

The Board was not given any new information on the Cooper Lake Dam Improvements. Letters that were sent to local officials regarding the dam mandates produced only a response from Senator Kirsten Gillibrand. Superintendent Hansen was told to arrange a meeting with Kevin Cahill, George Amedore, and Mayor Noble regarding the dam mandates. It was reported that an annual inspection of the dams will be done by the DEC on July 20<sup>th</sup>.

The Board discussed utilizing BoardDocs for services related to Board Meeting minutes, agendas, and recordkeeping. Mayor Noble reported that the City expects to be utilizing such a service in 2017. He recommended that KWD participate with other City Departments in utilizing the vendor that is selected to provide this service.

The Board discussed arranging a tour of KWD's facilities sometime this summer.

Correspondence was reported from Michael Piazza regarding the Water Bill for 9 Hone Street. He is requesting a bill adjustment for estimated water usage. A motion was made by Commissioner Seche and seconded by Commissioner Gruner denying his request. Motion

carried by unanimous vote. Superintendent Hansen was directed to send Mr. Piazza a letter informing him of the Board's decision.

The June Superintendent's Report was read and ordered filed with corrections on a motion by Commissioner Gruner and seconded by Commissioner Seche. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

A motion to move into Executive Session was made by Commissioner Gruner and seconded by Commissioner Seche at 6:21 pm. A motion to come out of Executive Session was made by Commissioner Seche and seconded by Commissioner Gruner at 7:03 pm. Motions carried by unanimous vote.

The following resolution was made by Commissioner Gruner and seconded by Commissioner Seche:

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Water Commissioners hereby ratifies the provisions of a Memorandum of Agreement executed by the negotiating teams for the Kingston Water Department and Local 750-6, AFSCME, AFL-CIO on July 13, 2016, for a three year successor Collectively Negotiated Agreement to the one that expired on December 31, 2015, effective January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2018, and authorizes the expenditure of those monies necessary to implement the economic provisions of the parties' 2016-2018 Collectively Negotiated Agreement.

Motion carried with Mayor Noble abstaining.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gruner and seconded by Commissioner Seche to bridge the gap between the management raise already executed and the raise stated for employees in the Collectively Negotiated Agreement referred to above. Motion carried with Mayor Noble abstaining.

A motion was made by Commissioner Seche and seconded by Commissioner Gruner to hire Raymond Guerin, of Kingston Risk Management, to act as a consultant to issue RFP's for Liability Insurance at a cost not to exceed \$6,000. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

The next Board meeting will be held on August 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.

Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Seche and seconded by Commissioner Gruner at 7:08 pm. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

*Allan P. Alberts*  
Assistant Secretary

