

**KINGSTON BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
March 13, 2019**

The regular meeting of the Board of Water Commissioners was called to order at 5:02 p.m. on March 13, 2019 in the Department's offices at Jansen Avenue. Present were President Dennis Crosswell, Mayor Steve Noble, Commissioners Robert Niedzielski, Margaret Gruner, and Joanne Seche. Also in attendance were Superintendent Judith Hansen, Assistant Secretary Matthew Dysard, Council Liaison Jeffrey Ventura Morell, Attorney William Cloonan and Consulting Engineer James Caggiano.

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

The Board discussed the Cooper Lake Improvements Project. Superintendent Hansen reported a conversation took place with Assemblymember Cahill's office regarding possible funding for the dam rehabilitation. Mayor Noble also stated he had spoken with Senator Amedore and Assemblymember Cahill about funding. Superintendent Hansen is going to try to set up a meeting with Cahill's office to follow up and further explore funding options. Superintendent Hansen also reported speaking with DEP concerning the Ashokan connection, CDM is handling the permit/application and everything is moving forward.

The Board discussed the SCADA System Project. Superintendent Hansen reported a meeting took place with the County and they seem receptive to covering the cost associated with the Golden Hill portion of the project. It was also reported that Business Manager Dysard had spoken with EFC and a possible market rate loan is available for portions of project not covered by remaining SMLP grant funds.

The Board discussed the Binnewater UPS Installation Project. Superintendent Hansen reported that a meeting at the site with Mitsubishi, the Engineers, and KWD staff last month resolved an issue with an incorrect setting. System is now functioning properly and project is complete.

The Board discussed the Transmission Main Rehab Project. Superintendent Hansen reported that we are still waiting on final approval from DOH.

Bills in the amount of \$95,219.62 dated February 20, 2019; \$57,692.52 dated February 27, 2019; \$32,416.11 dated March 6, 2019; \$162,940.64 dated March 13, 2019 and \$458,737.60 dated March 13, 2019; were ordered paid as audited on a motion by Commissioner Gruner and seconded by Commissioner Niedzielski. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

The Board discussed a possible Meter replacement project. Superintendent Hansen presented the Board with a possible project to replace the City's large meters and radio all meters for approximately \$1.5 million. Also discussed were possible ways to fund the bond payment, including adjusting the base rate of the fee schedule. Superintendent Hansen to discuss potential project with City's Comptroller.

The Board discussed the Tech City account. Superintendent Hansen reported that no payment has been received from Tech City for last three monthly bills. A motion was made by Commissioner Niedzielski and seconded by Commissioner Seche to send Tech City management a letter of disconnect stating December and January bills need to be brought current by March 31st and February's bill needs to be brought current by April 30th. Motion carried by unanimous vote. Superintendent Hansen will also attempt to notify tenants of plan to shut off water if management does not pay bill.

The Board discussed the updated Fee Schedule. Updates to after-hours pricing and to the tap fees. A motion was made by Commissioner Gruner and seconded by Commissioner Niedzielski to approve revised Fee Schedule effective March 14, 2019. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

The February 2019 Superintendent's Report was read and ordered filed with changes on a motion by Commissioner Seche and seconded by Commissioner Gruner. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

A motion to move into Executive Session was made by Commissioner Seche and seconded by Commissioner Niedzielski at 5:52 pm. A motion to come out of Executive Session was made by Commissioner Gruner and seconded by Commissioner Niedzielski at 6:17 pm. Motions carried by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gruner and seconded by Commissioner Seche to grant a 45-day unpaid leave of absence to Michael Dubill, effective March 6, 2019. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Niedzielski and seconded by Commissioner Seche at 6:19 pm. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Matthew Dysard
Assistant Secretary