

**KINGSTON BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
May 13, 2020**

The regular meeting of the Board of Water Commissioners was called to order at 5:02 pm on May 13, 2020 via Zoom video conference. Present were President Dennis Crosswell, Mayor Steven Noble, Commissioners Robert Niedzielski and Margaret Gruner. Also in attendance were Superintendent Judith Hansen, Assistant Secretary Matthew Dysard, Attorney William Cloonan, Council Liaison Michele Hirsch and Consulting Engineer James Caggiano.

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

Bills in the amount of \$45,084.67 dated April 15, 2020; \$306,380.91 dated April 29, 2020; \$46,744.53 dated May 6, 2020; and \$99,153.80 dated May 13, 2020; were ordered paid as audited on a motion by Commissioner Niedzielski and seconded by Commissioner Gruner. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

The Board discussed COVID-19. Superintendent Hansen reported that a staff meeting will take place tomorrow to discuss timeline and what is needed to begin reopening. It was also reported that we have not yet seen any noticeable decrease in usage or incoming payments. A motion was made by Commissioner Gruner and seconded by Commissioner Niedzielski to waive late penalty on all water bills due in the period of May 27, 2020 through June 9, 2020. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

The Board discussed the Cooper Lake Improvements Project. A motion was made by Commissioner Niedzielski and seconded by Commissioner Gruner, a copy of which is attached hereto, declaring the Kingston Board of Water Commissioners lead agency for the proposed temporary emergency connection to the Ashokan Reservoir. Motion carried by unanimous vote. Superintendent Hansen reported that the DEP land use permit is in progress.

The Board discussed the Transmission Main Rehab Project. Superintendent Hansen reported that work at the site has restarted. Some of the tie-ins for the new mains were completed last week. A motion was made by Commissioner Niedzielski and seconded by Mayor Noble approving change order #5 (\$7,268.81) from WM Schultz Construction for a new access road at Binnewater. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

The Board discussed the 2020 WIIA project. Superintendent Hansen reported that CDM Smith is working to outline the expected costs associated with the projects.

The Quarry St. Project was discussed. Superintendent Hansen reported that preliminary designs have been completed, still waiting on cost estimates. It was also reported that it was discovered the KWD main stops at Howland Ave and the Kingston School District service line begins. Superintendent Hansen to send comments on design to engineer and will also discuss project with Central Hudson, as their gas main is in close proximity to water main.

The Board discussed the 587 Roundabout. Superintendent Hansen reported that at this point there is nothing outstanding for KWD staff to complete for this project.

The Board discussed Tech City. Superintendent Hansen reported that payment for March has been received. It was also reported that Ulster County received a bill for April for usage in County owned building that were being prepped for COVID-19 response.

A correspondence from Joseph and Linda Lebonitte was discussed. Letter regarding charge on bill for a service callout. A motion was made by Commissioner Niedzielski and seconded by Commissioner Gruner to refund an improper charge of \$200.00. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

The April 2020 Superintendent's Report was read and ordered filed on a motion by Commissioner Gruner and seconded by Commissioner Niedzielski. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Gruner and seconded by Commissioner Niedzielski at 5:58 pm. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

*Matthew Dysard*  
Assistant Secretary

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**Rehabilitation of Cooper Lake Dam & Related Development of a Temporary Connection to the NYCDEP Ashokan Reservoir**

This Resolution supplements the November 13, 2019 SEQRA Resolution of the City of Kingston Board of Water Department (Board or Kingston) regarding SEQRA lead agency status for the proposed temporary emergency connection to the NYCDEP Ashokan Reservoir. In said resolution, the Board determined that it should seek lead agency status and would circulate Part 1 of a Full Environmental Assessment Form (EAF) to the potential involved agencies.

On April 1, 2020, the Board circulated its intent to be SEQRA Lead Agency long with Part 1 of the Full EAF to all involve agencies. More than 30 days has expired and no agency has objected to the Board's designation of Lead Agency. Accordingly, the Board is confirmed as the Lead Agency

Upon motion made and seconded, it is RESOLVED by the Board of Water Commissioners of the City of Kingston New York that it is the lead agency under SEQRA for its proposal to install a temporary emergency connection to potentially obtain up to 2,000,000 million gallons per day (MGD) of water from the New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) during the construction of the dam rehabilitation project, when the stored water supply from Cooper Lake will be reduced and the Board's Superintendent is directed to complete Parts 2 & 3 of the Full EAF and recommend a determination of significance to the Board.

Motion By: \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded By: \_\_\_\_\_

MEMBERS	SIGNATURE	YES	NO
Dennis Croswell, President			
Robert Niedzielski			
Margaret Gruner			
Joanne Seche			
Harold Bonavita-Goldman			
Steven Noble			

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Dennis Croswell, President

Date