

**KINGSTON BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**August 12, 2020**

The regular meeting of the Board of Water Commissioners was called to order at 5:03 pm on August 12, 2020 via Zoom video conference. Present were President Dennis Croswell, Mayor Steven Noble, Commissioners Robert Niedzielski, Margaret Gruner and Joanne Seche. 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 Seche and seconded by Commissioner Gruner. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Bills in the amount of \$40,791.31 dated July 15, 2020; \$112,123.33 dated July 22, 2020; \$38,661.75 dated July 29, 2020; \$37,517.82 dated August 5, 2020; and \$196,549.87 dated August 12, 2020; were ordered paid as audited on a motion by Commissioner Niedzielski and seconded by Commissioner Seche. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

The Board discussed COVID-19. Superintendent Hansen reported that additional PPE has been ordered to ensure the Department has adequate supplies.

The Board discussed the Cooper Lake Improvements Project. Superintendent Hansen reported that the permit submission has been sent to DEC. Attorney is working to resolve issues DEC had with application. A motion was made by Commissioner Gruner and seconded by Commissioner Seche to authorize Schnabel for Task 12 Bid Phase Services (\$40,400) and Task 13 Construction Phase Services (\$1,310,000) at a total of \$1,350,400. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

The Board discussed the Transmission Main Rehab Project. Superintendent Hansen reported there were some issues with one of the tie-ins at the bottom of the hill that caused some delays in construction. A motion was made by Commissioner Niedzielski and seconded by Commissioner Seche approving change orders #11 (time extension/no cost), #12 (\$49,987.50; 20" Insertion valve), #13 (\$10,000.00; rework of tie-in #3) and #14 (\$5,000.00; standby time for tie-in #6) for a total of \$64,987.50 from WM Schultz Construction. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

The Board discussed the Binnewater Reservoir. Superintendent Hansen reported that as a result of the tropical storm we had downed trees that caused roughly \$20,000 in damage to our power lines and poles that run up to Binnewater. Incident has been reported to the Departments insurance carrier and should have coverage. It was also reported that the plan is to get prices for clearing more trees from near the lines.

The Board discussed the WIIA 2020 project. Superintendent Hansen reported that the hope is to redirect some of the funds to focus more on the Department's transmission main valves. Will be meeting with CDM Smith to discuss the project.

The Quarry St. Project was discussed. Superintendent Hansen reported that a meeting with the School District is to be scheduled to discuss the options they have to replace their portion at the same time as the Department to perhaps reduce costs.

The Board discussed the 587 Roundabout. Superintendent Hansen reported that the installation of services was discussed with the contractor to ensure City and Department regulations are followed. It was also reported that the contractor did need to relocation a main on E Saint James Street.

The Board discussed Tech City. It was reported that bills continue to be paid for water usage. The County is looking in to potential use for the Bank of America building and putting together a proposal.

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Gruner and seconded by Commissioner Seche to promote Patrick VanWagenen from the position of Laborer to Water Maintenance Assistance at a salary of \$46,622.16 effective August 15, 2020. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Mayor Noble will be looking for applicants to fill two vacancies on the Board. The Board acknowledged and thanked Commissioner Gruner for service on the Board of Water Commissioners.

Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Niedzielski and seconded by Commissioner Seche at 5:41 pm. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

*Matthew Dysard*  
Assistant Secretary