

**KINGSTON BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
September 9, 2020**

The regular meeting of the Board of Water Commissioners was called to order at 5:01 pm on September 9, 2020 via Zoom video conference. Present were President Dennis Croswell, Mayor Steven Noble, Commissioners Robert Niedzielski and Joanne Seche. Also in attendance were Superintendent Judith Hansen, Assistant Secretary Matthew Dysard, Attorney William Cloonan, and Consulting Engineer James Caggiano.

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

Bills in the amount of \$101,953.52 dated August 19, 2020; \$36,071.67 dated August 25, 2020; \$45,739.11 dated September 2, 2020; and \$661,281.18 dated September 9, 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 the Business Office has seen a decrease of in-person customers, while EFTs and credit card payments are increasing slightly. It was also reported that the air conditioner at the plant has been installed.

The Board discussed the Cooper Lake Improvements Project. Superintendent Hansen reported that we have received notice from the DEC that the issue with the permit has been resolved. DEC is requesting that the permit application be separated into two projects. Cooper Lake portion has been resubmitted and the Ashokan connection is awaiting a signoff from NYC DEP. Superintendent Hansen to reach out to Senator Schumer and Gillibrand to discuss dam funding potential. It was also reported that CDM and Schnabel are preparing bid documents and once complete the feasibility of project labor agreement can be researched further.

The Board discussed the Transmission Main Rehab Project. Superintendent Hansen reported the project is at substantial completion, working on punch list items now. It was reported that all mains are now operational. A motion was made by Commissioner Seche and seconded by Commissioner Niedzielski approving change orders #16 (\$48,453.31; installation of concrete thrust blocks). Motion carried by unanimous vote.

The Board discussed the WIIA 2020 project. The \$1.5m (\$900k grant and \$600k low-interest loan) project is to focus on expanding SCADA, tie-in of new valves at Binnewater, and installation of new valves within distribution system.

The Quarry St. Project was discussed. Superintendent Hansen reported that a meeting for next week has been scheduled with the school district to discuss District replacing their service at the same time KWD does main work.

The Board discussed the 587 Roundabout. Superintendent Hansen reported the DOT contractor is continuing to move forward with project.

The Board discussed Tech City. Superintendent Hansen reached out to Dennis Doyle about the County's plan for buildings at the site and has not heard back.

A motion was made by Commissioner Niedzielski and seconded by Commissioner Seche to accept bid of \$4,100 for surplus 2007 Jeep Grand Cherokee. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

A correspondence was received from Sue Lichtenberg, owner/landlord of 26 Park St, requesting the Board waive late fees for the duration of the COVID pandemic. A motion was made by Commissioner Niedzielski and seconded by Commissioner Seche to deny request for waiving of late penalty. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Mayor Noble is still looking for applicants to fill two vacancies on the Board.

The August 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.

Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Seche and seconded by Commissioner Niedzielski at 5:37 pm. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Matthew Dysard
Assistant Secretary