

**KINGSTON BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
November 10, 2021**

The regular meeting of the Board of Water Commissioners was called to order at 5:04 PM on November 10, 2021 in the Department's offices at Jansen Avenue. Present were President Dennis Crowell, Mayor Steven Noble, Commissioners Robert Niedzielski, Joanne Seche and James Noble. Also in attendance were Superintendent Judith Hansen, Assistant Secretary Matthew Dysard, Attorney William Cloonan and Consulting Engineer James Caggiano. Present to address the Board was Julie Shaw of Shaw, Perelson, May and Lambert LLP.

A motion to move into Executive Session to discuss Union negotiations was made by Commissioner Noble and seconded by Commissioner Niedzielski at 5:05 PM. A motion to move out of Executive Session was made by Commissioner Noble and seconded by Commissioner Seche at 5:33 PM. Motions carried by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Commissioner Niedzielski and seconded by Commissioner Seche to approve retainer agreement with Shaw, Perelson, May and Lambert, LLP in the amount of \$5,750 to represent the Board during Union Contract negotiations. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

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

Bills in the amount of \$62,961.07 dated October 20, 2021; \$64,407.38 dated October 27, 2021; \$37,704.53 dated November 3, 2021; and \$415,943.80 dated November 10, 2021; were ordered paid as audited on a motion by Commissioner Niedzielski and seconded by Commissioner Seche. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

The Board discussed the Cooper Lake Improvements Project. Superintendent Hansen reported the Ashokan connection work is being delay by NYC DEP approval. The hope is to have permission to begin work by end of the week. It was reported that an application for a WIIA grant has been submitted to EFC in the amount of \$3m. A motion was made by Commissioner Noble and seconded by Commissioner Seche to approve Work Change directive #1, not to exceed \$60k and payable out of the Thalle contract contingency. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

The Board discussed the Transmission Main Rehab. Superintendent Hansen reported that project is awaiting delivery of valves for work to begin. Delivery is expected in February.

The Board discussed the WIIA 2020 project. Superintendent Hansen reported that RFP for SCADA portion of project should be back in two weeks. It was also reported that bid documents for distribution system valves will be ready in the spring.

The Board discussed Tech City. Attorney Cloonan recommended sending another letter to Ginsberg, Ulster County, and known tenants that the water will be terminated in January if payment is not received. Superintendent Hansen to prepare letter to be sent.

The Board discussed service leaks. It was reported that leak on Hasbrouck Ave will be repaired by Lowe Plumbing, hired by KWD with charges added to customer's account. Only leaks that are surfacing will be repair for the time being, due to cost to KWD. Superintendent Hansen to send letters to remaining accounts with leaks informing them of cost for KWD to hire a plumber at prevailing wage.

The Board discussed the 2022 Budget. A workshop meeting was set for December 1<sup>st</sup> at 4pm to discuss upcoming Budget.

A correspondence was received from Joseph Deegen regarding his property at 42 Johnston Ave. Request for Board to waive late fees due to error entering routing number while paying online. Superintendent Hansen to inform customer fees will not be waived.

The October 2021 Superintendent's Report was read and ordered filed on a motion by Commissioner Seche and seconded by Commissioner Noble. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Superintendent Hansen informed the Board that the Environmental Working Group (EWG) issued their annual tap water report and Hudson Valley 1 published an article showing results that KWD's water is unsafe. Data is from KWD's annual water quality report. EWG is attempting to sell filters. KWD is in full compliance will all regulations.

Superintendent Hansen reported that Jones Chemical has sent a letter to the Department requesting a contract amendment in the amount of 13% increase due to their supplier increasing costs. A letter was sent in response that we have a contract and asking Jones confirm they will honor the terms of the submitted bid and signed contract.

Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Noble and seconded by Commissioner Seche at 7:01 PM. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

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Assistant Secretary