

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

The regular meeting of the Board of Water Commissioners was called to order at 5:03 pm on February 10, 2021 via Zoom video conference. 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, 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 Niedzielski. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Bills in the amount of \$269,305.54 dated January 20, 2021; \$57,658.18 dated January 27, 2021; \$35,461.69 dated February 3, 2021; and \$99,820.49 dated February 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 COVID-19. Superintendent Hansen reported that the Department has one active case at the Filter Plant. All contacts at the Plant have since tested negative and the Plant was disinfected.

The Board discussed the Cooper Lake Improvements Project. The Project Labor Agreement Feasibility Study (PFS) completed by Arace & Company was discussed. The PFS states a total potential savings of \$379,543. A draft Project Labor Agreement (PLA) is being reviewed to ensure all aspects in the PFS are included in the PLA. A motion was made by Commissioner Noble and seconded by Commissioner Niedzielski to authorize entering into a Project Labor Agreement for the Cooper Lake Dam Project. Motion carried by unanimous vote. Superintendent Hansen reported that the bid is expected to be out by the end of February.

The Board discussed the Transmission Main Rehab Project. A motion was made by Commissioner Noble and seconded by Commissioner Seche approving change order #19 (\$4,332.58, Final Quantity Balance CO). Motion carried by unanimous vote.

The Board discussed the WIIA 2020 project. Superintendent Hansen reported that the scope of the project is nearly finalized. The hope is to have cost estimates by March Board meeting.

The Quarry St. Project was discussed. Superintendent Hansen reported a meeting is scheduled with the Engineers next week to review bid documents.

The Board discussed the 587 Roundabout. Discussed returning \$200k of the \$443k unexpended borrowed funds, the State has yet to give a final accounting of the project. Superintendent Hansen also reported that NYS has requested the contract be signed again due to an error.

The Board discussed Tech City. Meeting to be scheduled with Attorney Cloonan to discuss options for contract.

The Board discussed the GIS project. Superintendent Hansen reported that progress is being made and the hope is to have some form of the GIS in the field by year end.

The Board discussed the new Lead and Copper Rule. New legislation on lead services will impact KWD operations and finances. There is a webinar hosted by NYS DOH next week to discuss the new rule. The Department will need to develop a plan to comply with new rule and discuss possible amendments to Rules and Regulations.

The Board discussed correspondence received from owner of Colonial Hills requesting late penalty be waived. Superintendent Hansen to send response.

A motion was made by Commissioner Niedzielski and seconded by Commissioner Noble to approve a transfer of \$200k from Debt Service Account to General Checking. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Niedzielski and seconded by Commissioner Seche to promote Devin Sussin from the position of Water Plant Operator Trainee to Water Plant Operator at a salary of \$49,628.26 effective February 13, 2021. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Seche and seconded by Commissioner Noble at 6:03 pm. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Matthew Dysard
Assistant Secretary