

KINGSTON BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
May 12, 2021

The regular meeting of the Board of Water Commissioners was called to order at 5:06 PM on May 12, 2021 via Zoom video conference. Present were President Dennis Crosswell, Commissioners Robert Niedzielski, James Noble 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 \$258,732.86 dated April 21, 2021; \$35,707.37 dated April 28, 2021; \$39,577.18 dated May 5, 2021; and \$130,650.60 dated May 12, 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 that bids were opened April 15th and three bids were submitted. The bids were within 1% of each other from low to high. Greg Daviero and Brian Toombs of Schnabel Engineering were on the call. Schnabel explained the review process for the bids. Bids were independently reviewed by CDM Smith as well as a second group within Schnabel. It was reported that each of the reviews agreed ECCO III and A. Servidone did not supply enough evidence to substantiate their experience for this job. The funding for the project was discussed. An additional \$5m in bonding authorization was obtained for a total of \$20m. A motion was made by Commissioner Noble and seconded by Commissioner Seche to accept the bid of Thalle Construction of \$15,824,465 (\$14,015,165 base bid and \$1,809,300 add alternate bid). Motion carried by unanimous vote. The Board confirmed unanimously bids of A. Servidone and ECCO III according to the report of its engineer, Schnabel, were rejected because the specifications in the bid were not met. A motion was made by Commissioner Niedzielski and seconded by Commissioner Seche to have Schnabel Engineering complete an Emergency Action Plan for Cooper Lake at a cost not to exceed \$5,000. Motion carried by unanimous vote. A motion was made by Commissioner Seche and seconded by Commissioner Noble to approve contract amendment for Task 14 (\$18,565.00), additional work related to the PLA. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

The Board discussed the Transmission Main Rehab. It was reported that DOH is allowing the open contract with Schultz to be amended to complete the remaining work. A motion was made by Commissioner Seche and seconded by Commissioner Niedzielski to approve change order not to exceed \$430,000 for WM Schultz to repair leaks on transmission main below Plant and for repair work below Binnewater Reservoir. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

The Board discussed the WIIA 2020 project. Superintendent Hansen reported that CDM Smith is working to finalize EFC approval for MWBE requirements. KWD staff continues to work on identifying valves in distribution system to be replaced.

The Board discussed Foxhall Pump Station. Superintendent Hansen reported that to date we have received \$65k in invoices related to damage caused by vehicle hitting pump station. Claim has been filed with KWD insurance who will work through driver's policy. It was reported that a bypass pump is running on Wynkoop to maintain pressure until the pump station can be placed back online. Currently working to get pumps running in station.

The Quarry St. Project was discussed. Superintendent Hansen reported that the proposed project will be on an upcoming School Board agenda.

The Board discussed Tech City. It was reported that Mayor Noble reached out to Supervisor Quigley to set up a meeting at end of May.

Correspondence was received from NYS DEC stating KWD was not selected for the Drinking Water Source Protection Program assistance.

The Board discussed a correspondence received from customer on Lindsley Ave. related to a claim submitted for a damaged sewer lateral. Claim was denied by KWD insurance.

The April 2021 Superintendent's Report was read and ordered filed with changes on a motion by Commissioner Niedzielski and seconded by Commissioner Seche. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

A motion to move into Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue was made by Commissioner Seche and seconded by Commissioner Noble at 6:24 PM. A motion to move out of Executive Session was made by Commissioner Noble and seconded by Commissioner Seche at 6:38 PM. Motions carried by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Commissioner Noble and seconded by Commissioner Niedzielski to approve the following resolution. Motion carried by unanimous vote:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Water Commissioners hereby approves the terms of an Employment Related Agreement and Release between the Kingston Water Department, Local 750-6, Council 66, AFSCME, and Employee No. 1690, dated May 12, 2021, and authorizes its Superintendent to execute the Agreement on behalf of the Department. A copy of said Agreement, as presented to the Board at this meeting, shall be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting.

A motion was made by Commissioner Noble and seconded by Commissioner Seche to approve the following resolution. Motion carried by unanimous vote:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Water Commissioners hereby accepts the resignation of Andrew Pleva from the position of Account Clerk, effective July 31, 2021.

A motion was made by Commissioner Seche and seconded by Commissioner Noble to approve the following resolution. Motion carried by unanimous vote:

WHEREAS, for reasons of economy and efficiency, the Board of Water Commissioners believes it to be in the interest of the Department to abolish a full-time Account Clerk position, effective August 1, 2021;

Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Seche and seconded by Commissioner Noble at 6:41 PM. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Matthew Dysard
Assistant Secretary