

Schuylerville/Victory Board of Water Management
Regular Board meeting
July 11, 2011

The Schuylerville/Victory Board of Water Management held a meeting on Monday, July 11, 2011 at 7pm in the Village of Victory.

Present: Commissioners Gail Blake & William Lloyd & Chairman George Sullivan.

Secretary/Treasurer Brenda Buchanan, Chief Water Operator Mark Dennison and Trustee Healy.

Absent: Alternate Jim Miers

Chairman Sullivan opened the meeting.

Board announcements:

The meeting for August will be Monday, Aug. 8th in Victory at 7pm. Cross Connection Control meeting at 6pm, Monday, Aug. 8th, 2011.

Minutes:

Additions were discussed about changing the meeting nights from Tuesdays, to Mondays, at that meeting Jim Miers pointed out the meeting night could on occasion be a conflict. Minutes to reflect that the meeting night has changed and there was a motion and all ayes for this change.

Also a statement by Mayor Sullivan, during the meeting, when a vote was taken, He stated that Bill Lloyd was in big trouble now. This was because he voted on something after the Mayor stated that this was an illegal meeting.

Chairman Sullivan stated that this was inappropriate and should not have occurred. Commissioner Blake agrees to have these comments added to the minutes. The board feels this statement was inappropriate.

Chairman Sullivan made a motion to adopt the meeting minutes from June 13, 2011 as amended and it was seconded by Commissioner Lloyd, all ayes, motion passed. Sullivan-aye, Lloyd-aye, Blake-aye (3-0)

Chief Water Operator's Report:

See attached.

There was a discussion of an exposed pipe on Burgoyne and CWO stated he would look into this.

Purchase parts for pump will need to be approved if needed. CWO is having someone looking into welding the casting.

CWO Dennison stated that a Vibrator tamper was in budget and he wanted to make a request that we purchase this. He stated he received three quotes and the lowest one was from Wallace Supply for \$2,964.50, in the budget it was allowed \$3,000.00 for tamper.

Chairman Sullivan asked, how are current repairs done? CWO stated that we have used Mark Rogers, he uses our backhoe. He does all the work, machine included. He stated we try to do our own work.

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We don't have a tamper now; this would be a new purchase. Schuylerville has a plate tamper and it does not do a very good job. Commissioner Lloyd stated he thinks it is needed and Commissioner Blake stated that they discussed this before during the budgeting process. **Commissioner Lloyd made a motion to purchase the requested tamper from Wallace supply for \$2,964.50 and it was seconded by Commissioner Blake, all ayes, motion passed. Sullivan-aye, Lloyd-aye, Blake-aye (3-0)**

Commissioner Blake asked about the blacktopping that Schuylerville would like to have done, around the water plant. There was a discussion on the water board being asked to pay for some of this blacktopping. Commission Blake stated that the road is not used for solely the water plant and the boat launch is accessed through there also, which was there before the water plant. CWO Dennison stated that the Victory Plant was paved because that is a driveway access to the plant; it is not an access road.

Treasurer report: No report.

Old Business: Aud's are in the hands of WDR and they are working on the first year.

Chairman Sullivan wanted to clarify at last meeting the legality of the meeting and there were some actions that need to be addressed. It was stated that Commissioner Blake received a letter on July 1, 2011 from the Mayor of Schuylerville. He stated that it is important that the water board position be very clear. The letter was read. Release June 13, 2011, letter dated June 15, 2011. Signed by Mayor Sherman, Trustee's Sherman, Miers, and Petralia. It removes her from her position. This letter was forwarded to the water attorney. We did receive an email from Phil on his response. Chairman Sullivan read the email. It stated that it Commissioner Blake was not removed correctly at a properly noticed meeting. They have the right to remove, but it must be done at a properly noticed meeting. It also stated that someone can not be removed with a retroactive date.

Chairman Sullivan stated he felt it to be important to be put into record for any challenges for any operations of this board. It is clear she is still a representative of Schuylerville at this time. So that is why we are having this meeting.

Another email was discussed that came from the Mayor of Victory. It stated he is not certifying monthly payroll, and he further asks why George is receiving compensation. Chairman Sullivan wanted to clarify-certifying of the payroll and its function.

Mayor Sullivan came in on the meeting and he came up to the board. He asked that the meeting be suspended, that Gail Blake is here illegally and this is an illegal meeting. Chairman Sullivan asked Mayor Sullivan to participate or leave.

Chairman Sullivan stated he was calling the police for this disturbance. The meeting was put on hold, while Chairman Sullivan made the call to the police.

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After a short break, the Sheriff Department had a representative at the meeting and he spoke with Chairman Sullivan and asked his complaint and then spoke with Mayor Sullivan in private outside.

Commissioner Lloyd made a motion to continue the meeting after the return of Chairman Sullivan and it was seconded by Commissioner Blake, all ayes, motion passed. Sullivan-aye, Lloyd-aye, Blake-aye (3-0)

Jim Miers came in to the meeting and asked to speak. He stated that Gail Blake's position is no longer needed, she got a letter. Chairman Sullivan again read the response from the Waters Attorney. Mr. Miers stated he appreciates the attorney's response, but this meeting is illegal and there is no quorum. He stated he is protesting her presence. Jim Miers stated that this action was taken at an emergency meeting in the parking lot of the village of victory, June 13, 2011 after the last water meeting.

The Sheriff's Officer came back into the meeting and stated that the Mayor was requesting to suspend this meeting and asked the board if they would do so. Chairman Sullivan stated he would not suspend the meeting and they would like to continue with business. The Officer asked for information from each person present during the conflict, board members along with residents. After the Officer and Mayor Sullivan left the meeting continued.

Jim Miers again asked to speak to chairman Sullivan and asked when you were elected Chair, during executive session. Chairman Sullivan stated no, there was a motion and vote during the last meeting. Mr. Miers left the meeting at this time.

Water Tank: There was a discussion on getting started with a design plan. It was also discussed that the current tank is leaking. To work up a plan would be professional services, which do not need to go out to bid. It was determined to ask CT Male to come up with a proposal for what they could offer to put a plan together as far as what is needed and what our options are that are available.

Commissioner Lloyd made a motion to ask for a proposal from CT Male on the design for a new water storage tank and it was seconded by commissioner Blake, all ayes, motion passed. Sullivan-aye, Lloyd-aye, Blake-aye (3-0)

New Business: Water hookup request: 8 Clancy Street, Schuylerville no existing hookup. This is a new construction of an apartment building, which will house 3 units. 1" line was discussed, CWO Dennison stated it's up to building inspector but minimum code is 1". \$1400-\$1800 according to our rules and regulations, but he stated he suggests \$1800.00, as this will be a job to find the proper main. There was a discussion on the residential vs. commercial, it was stated that it is a commercial hookup once it is more than two units. **Commissioner Lloyd made a motion to approved the water hookup request at 8 Clancy Street, Schuylerville for three units and it was seconded by Commissioner Blake, all ayes, motion passed. Sullivan-aye, Lloyd-aye, Blake-aye (3-0)**

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Water Meters:

No update

Public comment:

None

Chairman Sullivan made a motion to pay abstract #2 for July and it was seconded by Commissioner Lloyd, all ayes, motion passed.

Commissioner Lloyd made a motion to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by Commissioner Blake, all ayes, motion passed. Sullivan-aye, Lloyd-aye, Blake-aye (3-0)

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda S. Buchanan
S/V BOWM, Secretary