

Schuylerville/Victory Board of Water Management
Regular Board meeting
June 13, 2011

The Schuylerville/Victory Board of Water Management held a meeting on Monday, June 13, 2011 at 7pm in the Village of Victory.

Present: Commissioners Gail Blake, William Lloyd & George Sullivan, and Alternate Jim Miers, Secretary/Treasurer Brenda Buchanan and Chief Water Operator Mark Dennison.

Chairperson Blake opened the meeting after the pledge

Board announcements:

The meeting for July will be Monday, July 11th in Schuylerville at 7pm. Cross Connection Control meeting at 6pm, Monday, July 11th, 2011.

Minutes:

Commissioner Lloyd made a motion to approve the May 10, 2011 Regular Board Meeting and May 10, 2011 Cross Connection meeting and it was seconded by Commissioner Sullivan.

Chief Water Operator's Report:

There was no written report. CWO Dennison reported that there was a 10" water main leak at the victory Plant. He stated that it was a fuse joint that let loose; it was repaired and now is all ok.

CWO Dennison stated that the PCB testing from the Schuylerville plant has come back and they all are negative. Test results are available for review if anyone would like to see them. Mr. Dennison stated that the local law was submitted for the Cross Connection Control Plan to DOH. He stated he has not heard back from them yet and he will forward their response as soon as he receives it.

CWO Denison explained that they are having a mowing issue. This seem to be an ongoing problem, he stated that this is no bad reflection on the Village of Schuylerville DPW. They are very busy and are behind on their mowing. Mr. Dennison stated he would like to see the proceeds from the equipment that they are considering selling dedicated for some mowing equipment that is needed.

Mr. Dennison stated he would like to sell the old trench box for \$1,000 as junk or surplus equipment. He stated that the old truck has a new offer for \$2,500.00

CWO Dennison stated that he has been looking at riding mowers/tractor. He had a quote for a cub cadet for \$3,000, John Deer for \$3,600, and Salem Farm supply for \$7,000. He stated that he was also looking at a regular riding mowers also, John Deer with 48" deck for \$2,000 and cub cadet for between \$1,600 & \$1,700.

Alternate Commissioner Jim Miers stated he would like to see Schuylerville DPW do this mowing on a weekly basis. He also stated that if CWO Dennison feels he can keep up on this mowing he is also in support of this. He asked if he felt this would be cost effective to hire a service to come in and do the work. CWO Dennison stated he did not feel that would be cost effective. Commissioner Sullivan stated that the water operator could do this at their convenience.

Commissioner Lloyd made a motion to purchase a riding lawn mower with a cap of \$3,000 and it was seconded by Commissioner Sullivan, all ayes, motion passed.

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Mayor Jim Sullivan stated that George Sullivan should not be up at the table of commissioners. He stated that this is not the way the inter-municipal agreement reads and his appointment was illegal. He as Mayor gets the sole responsibility to make the appointments.

Commissioner Blake stated that according to Phil Dixon, the Water Boards attorney, since this is a new term it is the Trustees who make the appointment and this appointment is legal.

Mayor Sullivan stated is going to seek that the attorney is removed, for not communicating with the Mayor.

Mayor Sullivan asked Jim Miers his thoughts on this issue. Mr. Miers stated that he believes that the appointments are done by the Mayors. Mr. Miers went on to say they should proceed with business and then after the meeting discuss this.

Mayor Sullivan asked that it be noted in the minutes that he does not want George Sullivan sitting as a Commissioner and that his appointment is illegal.

Commissioner George Sullivan asked CWO Denison about the fence at the cemetery on Cemetery Road that was damaged in the winter. Mr. Dennison stated he would look into what needs to be done as far as the repair and possibly we should submit this to our Insurance Company.

Treasurer report

Mayor Sherman came in and asked that he speak with Jim Miers immediately.

Chairperson Blake continued reading the account balances from the Treasurer's report.

As Alternate Miers returned to the meeting Mayor Sherman asked to speak to Chairperson Blake immediately. It was decided to suspend the meeting until the entire board returned.

Chairperson Blake made a motion to go into Executive session to discuss the Attorney's interpretation of the inter-municipal agreement and it was seconded by commissioner Lloyd, 3-1, motion passed. Alternate Miers declined to go into executive session.

Chairperson Blake made a motion to exit executive session and it was seconded by Commissioner Lloyd, all ayes, motion passed.

Chairperson Blake stated that they discussed the finding of the attorney and their interpretation. She stated that they were in agreement that according to the inter-municipal agreement the Mayor has sole responsibility to fill a vacancy during a term, whereas for a new term the trustees are responsible to make the appointments. She stated she would like to proceed with the meeting.

Mayor Sherman stated that he was requesting from the Schuylerville Commissioners to pull from the meeting.

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Chairperson Blake asked Trustee Healy what the victory attorney advised on this issue. Trustee Healy stated that the attorney says the appointment is ok.

Commissioner George Sullivan spoke and stated that they were disrupting the meeting and they were not following proper steps, if they didn't like the issue.

Trustee Petralia and Trustee Sherman came in the meeting.

Mayor Sherman is stated again he would like to pull his members, so there is no quorum.

Wendy Lukas from Schuylerville came in and asked Commissioner George Sullivan to step down, repeatedly. Commissioner George Sullivan stated he was not stepping down.

It was noted that this was not public comment

Mayor Sullivan says he suggest that George Sullivan step down and Trustee Healy sit in the meeting and then proceed with the meeting.

Mayor Sherman recommended that the board pay the bills and then adjourn the meeting.

Chairperson Blake stated she was going to continue with the meeting.

PO system was discussed. **Chairperson Blake made a motion to use the PO system to follow the PO system procedures completely and it was seconded by Commissioner Lloyd, all ok, motion passed.**

There was a *resolution #2011.2012-01* presented to transfer \$20,000 to apply to the outstanding vouchers, payroll and for those miscellaneous expenses this month and prior to the next meeting for the water department. This is to authorize the transfer from the water savings account to the water checking account. **Alternate Commissioner Jim Miers made a motion to approve and sign this resolution #2011.2012-01 to transfer \$20,000 from Savings to Checking, and it was seconded by Commissioner Bill Lloyd, all ayes, motion passed.**

There was a discussion on the reserve savings accounts that was approved previously; it was noted to table this issue for more information. **Alternate Commissioner Miers made a motion to table the reserve account and it was seconded by commissioner Lloyd, all ayes, motion passed.**

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Cross connection

Local Law that was done by the attorney doesn't include anything about parking on Fort Hardy Park. CWO concern is leaking from cars. There was a discussion to have a short meeting on July 11 to address this issue. Alternate Miers stated that possibly a letter needs to go to the village board or the Mayor and to have parking in that area stopped immediately. Water board was given control over the property. It says Fort Hardy Park, its one lot on the deed. The water board has control over the whole park. It was discussed to set up a meeting with the village board, so we can set up a buffer zone for this property. Alternate commissioner Jim Miers would not argue this issue. It was suggested to get the input of the CWO also, possibly the DOH also. Chairperson Blake stated that would try to get a meeting for July 11th on this issue.

Notice that is going in the billing this week was discussed. It is a generic notice that the cross connection plan is required by DOH and we will have more information to come on this issue.

Old Business:

Attorney retainer letter:

There was a discussion on the new retainer agreement from Phil Dixon. This would be \$1,000.00 per month and a quarterly meeting. **Alternate Miers made a motion to approve the new retainer letter and it was seconded by commissioner Lloyd, all ayes, motion passed.**

Truck:

There was a discussion on the water truck that has been for sale, 85 GMC. Commissioner Blake explained that the current bid is for \$2,500.00. **Alternate Miers made a motion to approve the bid for \$2,500 and it was seconded by Commissioner Lloyd, all ayes, motion passed.**

Mayor Sherman asked that the board pay bills and adjourn the meeting.

Alternate Miers left the meeting.

Water Tank:

No more update at this time.

New Business:

Appointments:

Commissioner Lloyd made a motion to appoint George Sullivan as chair and it was seconded by Commissioner Blake, all ayes, motion passed. 3-0, Lloyd-aye, Blake-aye, Sullivan-aye.

Commissioner Blake made a motion to appoint Brenda Buchanan as Secretary, and it was seconded by Commissioner Lloyd, all ayes, motion passed. 3-0, Lloyd-aye, Blake-aye, Sullivan-aye.

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Water Meters:
No update at this time.

Public comment:

Wendy Lukas- she stated that the water quality report is missing something. All the same test were not taken as last year. Commissioner Blake stated she would have to speak to CWO Dennison

Commissioner George Sullivan made a motion to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by Commissioner Lloyd, all ayes, motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda S. Buchanan
S/V BOWM, Secretary