

Schuylerville/Victory Board of Water Management
Regular Board meeting
May 10, 2011

The Schuylerville/Victory Board of Water Management held a meeting on Tuesday, May 10, 2011 at 7pm in the Village of Schuylerville.

Present: Commissioners Blake & Lloyd, Alternate Miers, Alternate Healy, Secretary/Treasurer Buchanan and Chief Water Operator Dennison

Absent: Alternate Michael Marchin

Chairperson Blake opened the meeting after the pledge

Board announcements:

The meeting for June will be Monday, June 13th in Victory at 7pm. Cross Connection Control meeting at 6pm, June 13th, 2011. (tentatively, if DOH returns the local law paperwork)

Minutes:

Commissioner Lloyd made a motion to accept the April 12, 2011 Regular Board Meeting and April 12, 2011 Public Hearing on the 2011-2012 budget, it was seconded by Alternate Miers, all ayes, motion passed.

Meter Presentation: James Stanton from Vellano Brothers gave a brief overview of the concepts of why meters? Meter, radio readers, and software were discussed. Tamper detection and leak detection was explained. There was a discussion on the cost of the meters along with installation. Mr. Stanton did express that it is recommend that the board own the meters, so they have total control with the meters. He also recommended that one installation company do all the installations so they are done the same way and it is done the way the board wants them done. Funding was discussed thru DOH or DEC, US Rural Development Fund or NYS Archives Grants are possible

Treasurer report: There was a *resolution #2010.2011-24* presented to transfer \$85,000 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 #2010.2011-24 to transfer \$85,000 from Savings to Checking, and it was seconded by Alternate Healy, all ayes, motion passed.**

There was a resolution #2010.2011-25 presented to adopt the budget fiscal year 2011-2012 with operating fund appropriations estimated at \$677,614.00 with \$546,300.00 to be raised by water rents and \$128,114.00 to be brought in from fund balance, the rates to be the same at \$450.00 per year with outside village rates based on one and half times the regular rate or \$675.00 per year. This resolution also authorizes a 3% payroll increase for all employees for the fiscal year 2011-2012. **Commissioner Lloyd made a motion to accept and adopt the budget for the fiscal year 2011-2012 and it was seconded by Alternate Healy, all ayes, motion passed.**

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There was a resolution to amend the budget for the current fiscal year budget 2010.2011. From J9035.8 Medicare for \$67.00 to J9040.8 Emp. Benefits, Workmen's Comp for \$67.00. Also from J9035.8 Medicare \$4,000 to j 8320.4 supply & power, personal service for \$4,000.00. From J8330.1 purification, personal services for \$2,000.00 and J9010.8 Emp. Benefits, NYS Retirement for \$1,000.00 to j8330.4 Purification, contractual for \$3,000.00. From J8340.1 Distribution Personal Services for \$4,000.00 to J8340.4 Distribution, Contractual for \$4,000.00. from J8310.1 Administration, Personal Services for \$3,000 to J8310.4 Administration, contractual. **Alternate Miers made a motion to pass this resolution #2010.2011-26 to amend the budget as stated above and it was seconded by Alternate Healy, all ayes, motion passed.**

There was a resolution #2010.2011-27 presented to amend the budget and bring in fund balance to balance the appropriations within the budget in the amount of \$10,000.00. **Commissioner Lloyd made a motion to approve resolution #2010.2011-27 in the amount of \$10,000 and it was seconded by Alternate Healy, all ayes, motion passed.**

Chief Water Operator's Report:

See attached

Chairperson Blake wanted to commend, Mark Dennison, Jeff Blaauboer, and Ted Derby for their work when the plant was down and having flooding problems.

Ms. Blake explained that they would like to put a claim in with National Grid to hopefully reimburse for costs to be put out because the box was put in so low. National grid was give information that the area was in a flood zone and they did not follow the specs that were given to them. There was a problem with the hard drive at the water plant also at the same time. We are expecting a determination if this could be related to the flooding. It was determined that a new computer was needed for the Schuylerville plant at a cost of \$473.00. Commissioner Lloyd made a motion to approve the purchase of this new computer for the Schuylerville plant at \$473.00 and it was seconded by Alternate Healy, all ayes, motion passed.

Old Business:

AUD update: With no correspondence with emails or phone calls is was determined to go with the second proposal to get the AUD's started. The Secretary will contact WDR and be put on the schedule for professional services.

There was a discussion on passing a new resolution to clarify the reserve account we want to set up. It was determined to eliminate capital from the resolution and keep it reserve fund. This was we a able to use these funds for any purpose, (emergency, projects, etc.).

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New Business:

Sub-Committee for meters: There was a discussion to include meters on the agenda for future meetings. It was determined not to start a subcommittee at this time. It was discussed to have monthly updates and discuss progress at that time.

Training for County Reverse 911: It was announced that there will be a reverse 911 training on Friday at 1pm at the Town of Saratoga. Chairperson Blake stated she could attend and wanted to know who the board would also like to send. CWO Dennison stated he would be attending along with Jeff Blaauboer.

Public comment:

Wendy Lukas: meter subcommittee, how are you going to come up with people for this committee. Chairperson Blake stated that the board is doing this themselves.

Ms. Lukas asked about putting a claim in with the insurance company for the flooding damage. It will be looked into. She also asked if the same firm is doing the Victory AUD's will the clerk get the information to the firm as needed. It was stated that the firm will get what is needed. Ms. Lukas also asked about when the PCB tests would be back and what will they do if they have PCB's in the water. CWO Dennison stated that they are not due in until the end of the month and they do not expect to have any readable results.

Pat Dewey: Stated that he felt storage was the issue at hand as it was recommended by DOH, with the flooding this should show we need storage as a priority over meters. Trustee Dewey also stated that the Village of Victory Board has appointed a new member to the water board and he stands behind the appointment as of June.

Dave from Cave Realty LLC, 19 Broad Street: He thanked the board for bring in Mr. Stanton. He stated he felt there could be a savings with meters and is disappointed about sub committee. Think it could save the board time. Would like firm commitment from the board and a time line to work toward. Alternate Miers stated he is in favor of meters also he is going to a show that has vendors and he intends to bring back information and hopes to move forward. He thinks it will move forward in the next few months. Chairperson Blake stated that no one is against meters, but a bigger need that we have is the storage. Victory produces less water than Schuylerville and if we loose the Schuylerville plant, we would have run out of water. We were on the generator for 11 days. Its not that Meters are not important, but the storage is a big concern.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda S. Buchanan
S/V BOWM, Secretary