

The Onondaga County Water Authority met in regular session on May 27, 2009. Members of the Authority present were R. Tomeny, C. Incaudo, F. Picardi, W. Simmons and H. Rosenthal.

Others present: M. Hooker, A. Geiss, T. Pickard, L. Khanzadian, G. Miller and C. Strickland.

I. R. Tomeny called the meeting to order at 12:20pm.

II. Minutes of the meeting of April 16, 2009 were approved by all Members on motion by H. Rosenthal, duly seconded by F. Picardi.

- T. Pickard requested an Executive Session to discuss the proposed the purchase of the CSX railroad right-of-way.

On Motion by W. Simmons, duly seconded by H. Rosenthal, with all Members approving, the Board adjourned to Executive Session at 12:25pm.

On Motion by F. Picardi, duly seconded by C. Incaudo, with all Members approving, the Board adjourned the Executive Session and reconvened to the regular Board meeting at 12:35pm.

On Motion by F. Picardi, duly seconded by C. Incaudo with all Members approving, the Board recommended acceptance of the offer made by CSX and further authorized agreement for a permanent extension of the 1907 agreement as discussed.

III. M. HOOKER REPORTED:

- Reviewed his Executive Director's Report
- Reviewed the revised water sales analysis report through April 30, 2009.
- Reported that Curt Marvin is working on developing a procurement procedure and guideline that will outline dollar limits in conjunction with the bidding process.
- Customer Service survey project performed by an intern from the Maxwell school at Syracuse University is wrapping up. Spread sheets will be developed in order to track future data and trends.
- Village of Canastota will celebrate their 200th anniversary in 2010 and OCWA has been contacted about the upcoming plans. M. Hooker will contact the Village Mayor and inquire as to how we may be able to participate (in a non-monetary fashion).
- OCWA water samples are currently underway for the evaluation of pharmaceutical and personal care products.
- The quarterly investment reports have been distributed and will be reviewed by Curt Marvin at the June Board meeting.
- Discussed updating the Board photo at the next Board meeting in June.
- Reported that the 2008 Water Quality/Consumer Confidence report has been mailed and posted to the OCWA web site.
- Presented a summary on two possible alternatives for the potential acquisition of the Town of Dewitt water system. After considerable review and discussion it was recommended that discussions with the Town of Dewitt continue, indicating our interest without taking on the Town debt.

On Motion by F. Picardi, duly seconded by W. Simmons with all Members approving, the Board authorized M. Hooker to continue discussion with the Town of Dewitt on the acquisition of the water system without taking on the Town debt.

IV. A. GEISS REPORTED:

- Reviewed his Chief Engineer's Report.
- Noted that the Operations and Maintenance report is now included in the monthly report.
- Reported that flushing will be done on Onondaga Hill followed by fire flow testing.
- Reported on the progress of the Western tank project. Pavement on the site has been ground up and re-used for the base on the tank site road.
- Eastern tank storm water permit has been signed and been finalized by the Town of Manlius.
- Discussed the City of Syracuse's plan for ultraviolet treatment of water at a point in the City. Based on their choice of locations for the UV, all customers who purchase water off of their transmission main will be required to have their own plan in place to meet new EPA regulations. This includes OCWA's West Hill system.
- City of Syracuse is removing 6-8 customers from the City's transmission main and has asked OCWA to take over by serving them via our Geddes distribution system.
- G. Miller reported on the WTP project. Gas chlorine at the intake site has been eliminated and is being replaced with liquid chlorine and chlorine dioxide. The Contractor is cleaning up and hydro-seeding at the intake. At the Treatment Plant, concrete work is continuing, electrical service is being upgraded and the gas chlorine is expected to be eliminated in the next month. The project will be ongoing well into the Fall.
- Sylvan Beach and Abbey Road tank testing is complete and they are back in service.
- Hastings tank will be recoated sometime in June.
- Winchell Road tank inspection is scheduled for next week.
- We have indentified some problems with the check valves in the Lakeland and Warner's water systems. A temporary fix is in place and plans are being developed to make a permanent repair.

V. LEGAL REPORT:

- Reviewed his Legal Report.
- Reviewed the proposed agreement with the NYSDOT for the Culvert Project 8, Rte 5 in Madison County.

On Motion by C. Incaudo, duly seconded by F. Picardi with all Members approving, the Board approved the reimbursement agreement as outlined.

- Reviewed the water district lease agreement for Phase D, Rte. 11 North/ Fuller Rd. Water District, Town of Hastings, Oswego County.

On Motion by F. Picardi, duly seconded by W. Simmons with all Members approving, the Board approved the extension of the lease agreement for Rte 11 North/ Fuller Road Water District.

- C. Strickland provided an update on the Finger Lakes railway and the attempts to move toward a settlement discussion.

- Reviewed the response that was submitted in response to the Preliminary Draft Report of the NYS Comptroller on the topic of the Board Member Compensation.

VI. HUMAN RESOURCE REPORT

- L. Khanzadian reviewed report
- Discussed the exclusion of the Risk Manager title from the CSEA collective bargaining group.
- Contract negotiations will begin soon with the Teamsters union.

On Motion by H. Rosenthal, duly seconded by W. Simmons with all Members approving, the Board, at 2:50pm, adjourned to Executive Session.

On Motion by W. Simmons, duly seconded by C. Incaudo with all Members approving, the Board, adjourned at 3:05pm the Executive Session and reconvened to the regular Board meeting.

- The Board agreed that health coverage options should continue to be reviewed and evaluated.

VII. NEW BUSINESS:

- Four Rights of Way were presented for the Authority's approval.

On Motion by W. Simmons, duly seconded by C. Incaudo, with all Members approving, the Board authorized M. Hooker to execute the following Rights of Way.

4090023	Ticada Realty, LLC	E. Taft Road Reconstruction
4090023	CNY Postal Wkrs. RE Corp.	E. Taft Road Reconstruction
4090023	North Syracuse Central Schools Permanent ROW	E. Taft Road Reconstruction
4090023	North Syracuse Central Schools Temporary ROW	E. Taft Road Reconstruction

- Bid #10 Copper Tubing was presented for Board approval. Seven bids were received and a recommendation was made to accept the lowest responsible bidder, Martisco.

On Motion by F. Picardi, duly seconded by H. Rosenthal, with all members approving the Board awarded Bid #10 for Copper Tubing to the low bidder, Martisco.

As there was no further business to come before the Authority, the meeting was adjourned 3:20pm. The next Authority meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 24, 2009.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laurie Khanzadian
Recording Secretary