

Water Board Meeting

March 14, 2022

The regular meeting of the Pulaski Water Board was duly held on the 14th day of March 2022, at 6:30 PM in the Auditorium of the Snow Memorial Building, 4917 Jefferson Street, Pulaski, NY 13142.

Water Board Members Present: Mike Sacco, Chairperson; Jim Soule, Commissioner; William (Jim) Tighe, Commissioner; and Millie Newcomb, Commissioner.

Water Board Member(s) Absent: James Carnes, Commissioner.

Village Officials and Staff: Jan Tighe, Mayor; Bill Noreault, DPW Superintendent; Jennifer Gibbs, Part-time Clerk; Cathy Spinney, Village Clerk Treasurer.

Guest(s): Eric Pappa, Water Operator, and Brittany Washburn, Water Clerk, from the Town of Sandy Creek Water Department.

Agenda Item #1: Call to Order & Public Comment

The meeting was brought to order by Chairperson Mike Sacco at 6:30 PM.

Agenda Item #2: Previous Minutes

Jim Soule made the motion to accept the minutes from January 10, 2022, and February 14, 2022. Millie Newcomb seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #3: Activity Reports

Jim Soule made a motion to approve the DPW and Water Reports for February 2022. Millie Newcomb seconded the motion and it passed with all in favor.

Jim Soule asked Bill Noreault if the drives have been replaced and Bill notified the Board that the order was 6-8 weeks out.

Agenda Item #4: Vouchers for Review and Payment

The motion was made by Millie Newcomb to make a budget transfer from the contingency account of \$10,000 and \$23,0000. Jim Soule seconded the motion and it passed with all in favor. The motion passed 4-0.

Agenda #5: Treasurer's Report

The motion was made to accept the Treasurer's report by Millie Newcomb and seconded by Jim Soule. Mike Sacco asked Cathy Spinney, the Treasurer what was in the Water Improvement Fund. Cathy will get him the report. The motion passed with all in favor.

Agenda Item #6: Old Business

A. Water Projects

1. A motion was made to have Municipal Solutions to prepare meeting dates, payment scheduling and assist the MWBE Officers in monitoring and reporting to the EFC.
2. Mike Sacco noted that the SEQR Part 1 has been passed on and approval from the involved parties should come through within 30 days.

Eric Pappa, the Water Operator and Brittany, the Water Clerk from the Town of Sandy Creek came to give an overview of the Zenner Water Meter installation in Sandy Creek. He noted that the fixed system was far more efficient than the drive-by system the Town had earlier. They find the new system makes it easier to find leaks, saves on gas mileage and reduces the time spent collecting water meter information for billing.

B. The Water Board will address the Budget for 2022-2023 at the next meeting on April 11, 2022. The Board reviewed the Debt Schedule and Cathy Spinney noted that the Water Tank has been paid off.

Agenda Item #7: New Business

- A. The Board discussed the communication from the NYS Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance regarding the NYS Low Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP.) This program was set up to assist low-income households with assistance with their water and wastewater bills. NYS will operationalize the program in two phases. Phase 1, outreach to customers in arrears and Phase 2 establishing a benefit to restore or prevent loss of drinking or wastewater services.
- B. The Mayor Jan Tighe is looking into more grants through the EFC and the USDA to help finance the Water Projects. Mike Sacco recommended looking into the Northern Border Regional Commission for possible grant money.

Agenda Item #8: Other

Jim Tighe asked Bill Noreault for an update on D.A. GEMA's water meter. Bill Noreault said that he has not heard anything yet.

Mike Sacco asked if there was a copy of the Malcom-Perney Report in the office.

Agenda Item #9: Adjournment

Jim Soule made the motion to adjourn at 7:07 PM. Millie Newcomb seconded the motion and it passed with all in favor.

The next monthly meeting of the Water Board will be held April 11, 2022, at 6:30 PM

Presented & Approved

Jennifer Gibbs

Part Time Clerk