

WESTCHESTER JOINT WATER WORKS
Board of Trustees Meeting
Tuesday, August 11, 2020 at 3:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 3:34 p.m. with the following members present (via video conference):

Present:

- Trustees: Ron Belmont, Tom Murphy, Nancy Seligson,
- Lori Lee Dickson, General Counsel
- David Birdsall, Business Director
- Terrence O'Neill, General Superintendent
- Frank Arcara, Chief Water Treatment Plant Operator 1-B

Approval of Minutes

Trustee Murphy made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 28, 2020 Board Meeting. Trustee Belmont seconded the motion, all in favor:

Trustee Seligson	"aye"
Trustee Belmont	"aye"
Trustee Murphy	"aye"

Financial Reports and Approvals

The Business Director reviewed bank balances and presented claims to the Board highlighting significant items, among them: Payroll Costs and regularly recurring costs for supplies, such as chemicals.

Approval of Claims: Trustee Murphy made a motion to approve 56 claims totaling \$168,982. Trustee Belmont seconded the motion, all in favor:

Trustee Seligson	"aye"
Trustee Belmont	"aye"
Trustee Murphy	"aye"

General Administration:

- Rye Lake Filtration Facility: General Counsel reported that, as a result of Tropical Storm Isaias, the August 4th Town/Village of Harrison (TVOH) Planning Board meeting has been rescheduled for August 18th. She also explained that she requested that the Committee Report item related to the Resolution to declare WJWW's intent to be a Co-Lead agency with the Planning Board in the TVOH, originally on the August 4th meeting agenda, be removed from the August 18th meeting agenda. The additional time will allow for a meeting with representatives from the Planning Board in order to discuss the Co-Lead arrangement for the purpose of producing a formal and agreed upon Resolution for consideration at their September meeting. The UV Facility, a separate project, will remain on the agenda.

Old Business

The General Superintendent reviewed several items including:

- Code 53 Markouts: As a result of an uptick in utility service work, there has been a 50% increase in Code 53 markouts, in order to delineate and protect WJWW infrastructure.
- Toll Brothers / TOH: This project continues to move forward. WJWW is currently awaiting engineering and submittals for construction.
- Avalon / TOH: This project continues to move forward with 3 pits excavated – 2 which are straight forward and 1 rather complicated. This work is expected to be completed by the end of next week.
- Wegmans / TOH: Trustee Belmont thanked the General Superintendent for all his efforts and the WJWW staff for their work related to this project. A successful Grand Opening, which brought customers from near and far, was held on August 5th.

The Chief Water Treatment Plant Operator discussed the following items:

- Winged Foot Tank: This project is still on schedule. Sand blasting to remove old paint, will be completed by Saturday of this week. Once this work is completed then painting of the exterior of the tank will begin. A portion of the tank is painted using an installed pully system and a robotic sprayer. Trustee Murphy would like to observe and requested that the Chief Water Treatment Plant Operator let the Trustees know when this work begins.
- Purchase Booster Tank: Extreme temperatures and dry weather conditions over an extended period, has resulted in numerous heavy water use days. Historically summer months put the greatest demand on WJWW system and this summer has been no different. Monday, July 27th and Wednesday, July 29th, resulted in near record, per day use, at over 22MGD both days. The highest use date on record is 23.7 million gallons in a 24-hour period. To meet this heavy demand, 2 large pumps (each rated for 2MGD) are employed, with 4 smaller pumps (with a combined rate of 2MGD) available as standby. During this high peak demand period, it was discovered that when all 6 pumps were running, the pumping rate was 3.9MGD, falling far below the expected pumping rate of 6MGD. As a result, an emergency pump was installed to help with the reduced flow because the 4 smaller pumps were not producing as they were intended (and rated) to do. Trustee Seligson inquired as to whether the supplemental pump would provide adequate back up for the system and the Chief Water Treatment Plant Operator assured the Trustees that it does. He also explained that a break in the weather, with some rain and a slight drop in temperatures, has brought water use levels down somewhat.

The Business Director said that, at this time, the Trustees do not need to reach out to their constituents regarding the need to reduce water usage, but would let them know if anything changes. The WJWW website currently encourages customers in certain residential areas to stagger water use in an effort to better balance demand during peak and off-peak hours. In addition, the Business Director explained that water usage has seen a 15% increase from July 2019 to July 2020.

- Trustee Seligson asked if there was any impact on WJWW operations with regard to Tropical Storm Isaias. The Chief Water Treatment Plant Operator explained that there were power outages at the Winged Foot, Rye Lake, Purchase and Weaver Street facilities, but that generators at these facilities provided adequate power. Power was restored within a couple of hours at Rye Lake, Purchase and Weaver Street, with power being restored several days later at Winged Foot. It was noted that efforts with resiliency regarding WJWW's system and infrastructure, are working. Trustee Murphy thanked WJWW staff for working throughout the storm and keeping the water running for customers.

Manager's Report

No Manager's Report at this time.

New Business

No New Business to discuss at this time.

Executive Session

No Executive Session needed at this time.

Date of Next Meeting

The next Board of Trustees meeting is scheduled for August 25th, 2020 at 3:30 p.m.

With no further business to discuss, Trustee Belmont made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Murphy seconded the motion:

Trustee Seligson	"aye"
Trustee Belmont	"aye"
Trustee Murphy	"aye"

The meeting adjourned at 3:53 p.m.