# WESTCHESTER JOINT WATER WORKS Board of Trustees Meeting Tuesday, December 28, 2021 at 3:30 p.m.

## Present:

- Trustees: Ron Belmont (via videoconferencing), Nancy Seligson (via videoconferencing), Thomas Murphy (via videoconferencing)
- Lori Lee Dickson, General Counsel (via videoconferencing)
- Paul Kutzy, Manager (via videoconferencing)
- Frank Arcara, General Superintendent (via videoconferencing)
- Zach Wasp, Assistant Civil Engineer (via videoconferencing)

# **Introductions**

WJWW Board members, WJWW staff and some members of the public who were attending the virtual meeting shared their names.

## **Approval of Minutes**

Trustee Murphy made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 14, 2021 Board meeting. Trustee Belmont seconded the motion, all in favor:

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

### **Financial Reports and Approvals**

Paul Kutzy, Manager, presented the Board with the claims to be approved, noting that David Birdsall, Business Director, had circulated details of significant claims to the Board ahead of the meeting.

Approval of Claims: Trustee Belmont made a motion to approve 144 claims totaling \$1,805,569. Trustee Murphy seconded the motion, all in favor:

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

General Administration: No General Administration needed at this time.

### **Old Business**

- Rye Lake Filtration Plant:
  - SEQR Update: Lori Lee Dickson, General Counsel, explained that the DEIS is expected to be ready in the first quarter of the new year at which time it will be presented to the Board for a detailed review.

• Project Updates: Frank Arcara, General Superintendent, was pleased to announce that raw water is now running through the UV facility and that the UV treatment units will be in service next month.

### Manager's Report

Paul Kutzy, Manager, took a moment to explain that this would be the last BOT meeting for Trustee/Chair Seligson and Trustee/Vice Chair Belmont who are both ending their tenure with WJWW, as a result of their respective retirements. He wished them well and said that, on behalf of the entire WJWW staff, they will be truly missed.

#### **New Business**

No New Business to discuss at this time.

#### **Executive Session**

At 3:39 p.m., Trustee Belmont made a motion to go into Executive Session to interview a labor counsel candidate and to authorize Paul Kutzy, Manager, to retain the labor counsel services of the candidate, if approved by the Trustees. Trustee Murphy seconded the motion, all in favor:

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

At 4:06 p.m., Trustee Belmont made a motion to leave Executive Session and return to the Regular Board meeting. Trustee Murphy seconded the motion, all in favor:

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

Following review and discussion in Executive Session and upon return to the regular Board meeting, the Trustees moved on the following items:

• Trustee Murphy made a motion to authorize Paul Kutzy, Manager, to retain the labor counsel services of Richard Zuckerman, Esq. of Lamb & Barnosky, LLP. Trustee Belmont seconded the motion, all in favor:

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

### **Date of Next Meeting**

The next Board of Trustees meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 11, 2022 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 4:14 p.m.