

WESTCHESTER JOINT WATER WORKS

Board of Trustees Meeting

Tuesday, April 12, 2022 at 4:45 p.m.

Present:

- Trustees: Thomas Murphy (in-person), Richard Dionisio (in-person), Jaine Elkind Eney (in-person)
- Lori Lee Dickson, General Counsel (in-person)
- Paul Kutzy, Manager (in-person)
- David Birdsall, Business Director (in-person)

Trustee Elkind Eney made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 22, 2022 Board meeting.
Trustee Dionisio seconded the motion, all in favor:

Trustee Murphy	“abstain”*
Trustee Dionisio	“aye”
Trustee Elkind Eney	“aye”

*Trustee Murphy indicated that he would abstain from the vote on the minutes of the March 22nd meeting as he was not in attendance.

Financial Reports and Approvals

David Birdsall, Business Director, reviewed bank balances and presented claims to the Board highlighting significant items, among them: January Water Purchases from NYC (NYC Water Board), Emergency/Priority Water Infrastructure Repairs Including Hurricane Ida Related Work (Etre Associates), Payroll Costs (Three Weekly Pay Periods), Engineering Design Fees for Rye Lake Filter Plant Project (Hazen & Sawyer), Engineering Support Services Various Projects (Woodard & Curran and Wasp Engineering), Sensus Water Meters & Transmitters (Core & Main), Water Infrastructure Taxes (City of New Rochelle), Amortization of County Pipeline Project Buy-In (Westchester County Water District 1), Rye Lake Filter Plant Health Department Application Fees (Westchester County Dept. of Health), Meter Setting Yokes (Ferguson), Computer System Upgrades and Support Services (Total Technology), and February Electrical Usage (NY Power Authority),

Approval of Claims: Trustee Elkind Eney made a motion to approve 208 claims totaling \$1,912,840.
Trustee Dionisio seconded the motion, all in favor:

Trustee Murphy	“aye”
Trustee Dionisio	“aye”
Trustee Elkind Eney	“aye”

General Administration:

- Resolution to Amend WJWW BOT Meeting Start Time: Trustee Dionisio made a motion to approve a Resolution to Amend the WJWW Board of Trustees meetings start time from 3:30 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.. This change to the calendar will be noticed in advance of all future meetings and will be provided to the Journal News for publication. Trustee Elkind Eney seconded the motion, all in favor:

Trustee Murphy	“aye”
Trustee Dionisio	“aye”
Trustee Elkind Eney	“aye”

Old Business

- Rye Lake Filtration Plant:
 - SEQR Update: Trustee Murphy introduced WJWW consultant Valerie Monastra, Principal Planner at Nelson Pope & Voorhis, who was in attendance to present the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) to the Board, along with Robert Frost, Senior Associate at Hazen & Sawyer, and John Fry, Principal Architect at Nexus Creative. Ms. Monastra began the presentation by explaining that her firm has been tasked with putting together the SEQR documentation for this project. In addition to Hazen and Sawyer and Nexus Creative, Nelson Pope Voorhis was joined by several other firms who performed various detailed analyses, as follows: B. Laing Associates for sound level analysis, AKRF for air quality analysis and Kimley Horn for traffic impact study analysis. Ms. Monastra said that all together this group makes up the SEQR technical team.

Mr. Frost then addressed the Board and provided an overview of the filtration plant, which included background about this project and technical details with regard to Dissolved Air Flow Filtration (DAFF) technology. This portion of the presentation also highlighted information about the project site, which was chosen for its proximity to existing WJWW infrastructure, and a facility overview, which included descriptions of major components of the plant.

Mr. Fry then stepped to the podium to share details about the architectural design of the project. He described working closely with WJWW and Hazen and Sawyer to understand the building function and how to address massing and potential design opportunities. He shared that all efforts were made to integrate mechanical systems and composites in ways that can be screened both visually and acoustically and that Nexus was always looking for ways to design in a way to achieve sensitivity around the site. Various architectural features were selected to lessen the visual impact including the faceting of building elevations, low shed roof volumes, and building façade colors selected for their calm and receding characteristics. Other design elements incorporate environmentally sustainable features such as areas for solar panels and strategically placed skylights to lessen energy use. Stonework will also be incorporated on the façade of the building and is a nod to the existing historic fieldstone wall that runs along Purchase Street. It was also noted that the stone wall will be restored. Finally, Mr. Fry explained that the filtration plant is sited within a quiet, forested 100-foot buffer.

Ms. Monastra then continued with her portion of the presentation by reviewing steps of the SEQRA process, including important milestones that WJWW has achieved to date. She then provided an overview of the DEIS itself, which includes 5 major sections, including an Executive Summary, Project Description, Existing Conditions, Potential Impacts and Mitigation Measures, Other Environmental Impacts and an Alternatives section. Ms. Monastra said that the DEIS and appendices were made available to the public through a link and that it will also be made available through the filtration plant microsite (at wjwwfiltration.com), once the Trustees adopt the DEIS as complete and ready for public review. Ms. Monastra shared that she has been in touch with Pat Cleary from the TVOH Planning Board and is working on timing for submittals of land use applications for permits and approvals. The preparation of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) will follow once the public comment period ends and has been responded to by WJWW and their team of consultants. The last step in the SEQRA process will be the issuance of a SEQRA Findings Statement.

Lori Lee Dickson, General Counsel, took a moment to explain that the written public comment period starts immediately with the adoption of the DEIS by the Board and will continue through June 6, 2022. The public will also have the opportunity to share comments about this project at a Public Hearing, scheduled for Wednesday May 25, 2022 at 5:00 p.m., at the Mamaroneck Town Center courtroom, 740 West Boston Post Road, Mamaroneck, NY.

- Consideration of Resolution to Adopt the DEIS, Set Public Hearing and Public Comment Period for the Rye Lake Filtration Plant: Lori Lee Dickson, General Counsel, explained that a resolution to adopt the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS), set the Public Hearing and to establish the public comment period, is being presented for consideration of Board approval. Trustee Murphy read the resolution in its entirety and then made a motion to Adopt the DEIS, Set Public Hearing and Public Comment Period for the Rye Lake Filtration Plant, as amended, to correct the address where the Public Hearing is set to take place at 740 West Boston Post Road, Mamaroneck, NY. Trustee Dionisio seconded the motion, all in favor:

Trustee Murphy	“aye”
Trustee Dionisio	“aye”
Trustee Elkind Eney	“aye”

- Consideration of Resolution Authorizing WJWW Manager to Make Application and Submittals for the Rye Lake Filtration Plant to the Westchester County Department of Health (WCDOH): Lori Lee Dickson, General Counsel, explained that a resolution to authorize Paul Kutzy, WJWW Manager, to submit application and submittals for the filtration plant to WCDOH, is being presented for consideration of Board approval. Trustee Dionisio made a motion to approve the resolution to authorize Paul Kutzy, WJWW Manager, to submit application and submittals for the Rye Lake Filtration Plant to WCDOH. Trustee Elkind Eney seconded the motion, all in favor:

Trustee Murphy	“aye”
Trustee Dionisio	“aye”
Trustee Elkind Eney	“aye”

- Consideration of Resolution Authorizing WJWW Manager to Make Application and Submittals for Backflow Devices for the Rye Lake Filtration Plant to the Westchester County Department of Health (WCDOH): Lori Lee Dickson, General Counsel, explained that a resolution to authorize Paul Kutzy, WJWW Manager, to submit application and submittals for backflow devices for the filtration plant to WCDOH, is being presented for consideration of Board approval. Trustee Dionisio made a motion to approve the resolution to authorize Paul Kutzy, WJWW Manager, to submit application and submittals for backflow devices for the Rye Lake Filtration Plant to WCDOH. Trustee Elkind Eney seconded the motion, all in favor:

Trustee Murphy	“aye”
Trustee Dionisio	“aye”
Trustee Elkind Eney	“aye”

- Project, System Maintenance and Operational Updates: No updates to discuss at this time.

Manager's Report

No Manager's Report was needed at this time.

New Business

No New Business to discuss at this time.

Executive Session

No Executive Session was needed at this time.

Date of Next Meeting

The next Board of Trustees meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 26, 2022, at 4:45 p.m.

With no further business to discuss, Trustee Elkind Eney made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Dionisio seconded the motion:

Trustee Murphy	"aye"
Trustee Dionisio	"aye"
Trustee Elkind Eney	"aye"

The meeting adjourned at 5:31 p.m.