

WESTCHESTER JOINT WATER WORKS
Board of Trustees Meeting
Wednesday, September 28, 2022 at 4:45 p.m.

Present:

- Trustees: Thomas Murphy (in-person), Rich Dionisio (in-person) and Jaine Elkind Eney (in-person)
- Lori Lee Dickson, General Counsel (in-person)
- Paul Kutzy, Manager (in-person)
- David Birdsall, Business Director (in-person)
- Frank Arcara, General Superintendent (in-person)
- Jacqueline Briggs, Assistant Civil Engineer (in-person)
- Zach Wasp, Assistant Civil Engineer (in-person)

Approval of Minutes

Trustee Elkind Eney made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 13, 2022 Board Meeting. Trustee Dionisio seconded the motion, all in favor:

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

Financial Reports and Approvals

David Birdsall, Business Director reviewed bank balances and highlighted significant claims to the Board, among them: Progress Payment for Rehab of Purchase Water Storage Tanks (NUCO), Progress Payment for UV Facility Building Contractor (Engineered Fluid), Water Distribution System Repairs and Maintenance (Etre), Payroll Costs (two payroll periods), Distribution System Materials & Supplies (Carmel Winwater, Capitol Supply, Ferguson and Concrete Express), Monthly Primary Electricity Billing (New York Power Authority), Final Payment for UV Facility Electrical Contractor (Filingeri Electric), Water Treatment Chemicals (JCI and Carus) and Engineering Fees (Woodard & Curran, Wasp and Ward Carpenter)

Approval of Claims: Trustee Elkind Eney made a motion to approve 119 claims totaling \$1,475,485. Trustee Dionisio seconded the motion, all in favor:

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

General Administration:

- WJWW Maintenance Garage Status: David Birdsall, the Business Director, shared that on-going repair work to the WJWW maintenance garage, a result of damage caused by Hurricane Ida, is now almost complete. This work was focused primarily on damage to the concrete floor, with the

cost for repairs estimated to be approximately \$300,000. The Business Director explained that discussions are continuing with the insurance company and with FEMA regarding all claims made related to the remnants of Hurricane Ida (garage building, contents, destroyed vehicle, etc.). The WJWW has recovered approximately \$100,000 to date and expects to recover the bulk of the remaining claimed costs for repairs and replacement of damaged/destroyed items.

Old Business

- Rye Lake Filtration Plant:
 - SEQR Update: Trustee Murphy shared that the Board was presented with a resolution to Accept, Adopt and Deem Complete the Draft Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the Rye Lake Filtration Plant. Valerie Monastra, Principal Planner with Nelson Pope and Voorhis, was invited to step to the microphone to provide an overview of the process. Ms. Monastra began by explaining that the purpose of the FEIS is to address any public comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) that were received during the public comment period. The FEIS includes public comments, which were identified by environmental topic area, and the responses to these comments. Ms. Monastra shared that as a direct result of public comment, two design changes were incorporated into the FEIS: the height of the ornamental security fence was lowered from 10' to 8' and, on the north side of the property, the fence was moved back closer to the building to minimize any visual impact; she noted that other than those changes, the overall project design has not changed. The consulting engineers are continuing to work with the NYS Watershed Inspector General and NYCDEP on an updated Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP), which will be part of the overall final project. Should the Board choose to adopt the FEIS at today's meeting, Ms. Monastra explained that the document would then be circulated to all Involved and some Interested parties, and following regulations, uploaded to the WJWW website. After the adoption of the FEIS, followed by a required minimum 10-day waiting period, the WJWW Board would be presented with a resolution to issue a Findings Statement. Trustee Murphy then read the resolution in its entirety. Trustee Dionisio made a motion to Accept, Adopt and Deem Complete the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the Rye Lake Filtration Plant. Trustee Elkind Eney seconded the motion, all in favor:

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

Trustee Murphy took a moment to thank everyone who was part of the development of the FEIS and shared that this project "...is the right thing to do", in terms of providing the highest quality water for the 100,000 residents that WJWW serves, and acknowledged concerns expressed by residents, adding that significant economic harm could result for the three member municipalities should this project not move forward.

- Project, System Maintenance and Operational Updates:
 - No updates were needed 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 Wednesday, October 12, 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 5:03 p.m.