# WESTCHESTER JOINT WATER WORKS Board of Trustees Meeting Tuesday, September 24, 2013 at 4:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 4:10 p.m. with the following members present:

- Trustees Ronald Belmont, Norman Rosenblum and Nancy Seligson
- Paul Noto, Esq.
- Anthony Conetta, Manager

The Manager has requested that before TOH gives approval on any new homes and/or developments that the Building Department must contact WJWW to see if there is adequate water availability before they give their final approval(s).

## **Approval of Minutes**

Trustee Seligson made a motion to approve the minutes for the September 10, 2013 Board meeting. Trustee Belmont seconded the motion, all in favor:

Trustee Belmont	"aye"
Trustee Rosenblum	"aye"
Trustee Seligson	"aye"

Mr. Noto left the meeting at 4:20 p.m.

#### Financial Reports and Approvals

The Manager reviewed the current bank balances with the Board and he then reviewed the 97 claims to be approved with the Board. Trustee Belmont made a motion to approve the claims in the amount of \$1,749,157. Trustee Seligson seconded the motion, all in favor:

Trustee Belmont "aye"
Trustee Rosenblum "aye"
Trustee Seligson "aye"

The Manager and Business Director are currently tabulating a 12 month total of repair/work in each of the 3 member municipalities and will give to the Board when it is completed.

The Manager reported on the status of the preliminary 2013 budget and capital projects. The Manager reported the status of water rate changes for the member municipalities: TOM (+8.7%), TOH (+6.5%) and VOM (-16%). The Board will approve the new water rates and the 2013 budget at the next Board meeting.

The Manager reviewed the status of the 2012 Distributions and stated that the Town of Harrison will get its final 2012 distribution payment at the next meeting. After the payment is made to TOH, all 3 member municipalities will have received 100% of their 2012 disbursements.

The Manager also reviewed the current listing of customer accounts 60+ days. TOH overdue accounts will be transferred to the Tax Levy at the next Board meeting. Phone calls have been made and letters have been sent informing customers of the pending Tax Levy. If there is an overdue account where a tenant is in the house, a shut-off letter is sent to the tenant and the homeowner in order to try and collect the overdue balance.

## **Operations Status Reports**

The Manager reported the following regarding various WJWW operations:

- a. Year-to-date water production through the end of August 2013 was down approximately 2.5% compared to year-to-date through the end of August 2012.
- b. Water Main repairs:
  - WJWW continues to work with member municipalities to replace older/vulnerable service lines in areas that are planned for paving.
  - VOL has given their approval for WJWW to install a fire hydrant on a Larchmont water main to provide an alternative to the UWNR Dylan Road emergency interconnection.
  - TOM: eight lead service lines were renewed and replaced two 6" valves on Edgewood Ave. and repaired an 8" plastic water main break on Marbourne Dr.
  - TOH: Replaced two 2" air valves on a 24" water main on Kenilworth Road. Replaced two 6" valves in PRV Vault on Adelphi Ave.-this work is in preparation for the replacement of the pressure regulator valve. A curb stop was replaced on Timber Trail.
- c. Storage Tank Rehabilitation/Repairs:
  - WJWW has received WCDOH approval for plans & specs for the full rehab of Park Lane #1 tank advertisement for bids was published, bids are due on September 25, 2013.
  - Repair work for the 5 tanks is proceeding a preconstruction meeting with WJWW and H2M and Pittsburg Tank & Tower Co. was held on August 28<sup>th.</sup> Miscellaneous repairs scheduled to begin in the next 2-3 weeks.
  - Woodard & Curran's draft evaluation of the Woodside Tank is currently on hold pending a decision from Westchester County on the UV alternative versus Shaft 22 increase inflow.

## d. Meter Reading and Billing Status:

• The Manager reported that the October reading of 6,000 +/- accounts in the TOH is scheduled to begin October 1<sup>st</sup>. This billing will include water consumption for the summer peak irrigation months.

### e. Rye Lake Pumping Station:

- Temporary emergency replacement pump has been installed. Pump #2 is currently being repaired. The timeframe for the repair and reinstallation of pump #2 is longer than anticipated but it is moving forward.
- WJWW staff is currently reviewing Hazen & Sawyer's submittal of their findings and recommendations for upgrading/improving/repairing all of the pumps taking into consideration that the Rye Lake facility may eventually be used only as a backup. The Manager explained that we may need to upgrade the chlorination system since there will be a need to use Rye Lake for approximately 5-7 years until the UV alternative project is completed.
- f. Status of Evaluation of Non-Member Municipality Customers:
  - Meeting is scheduled on Friday, September 27, 2013 with UWW to discuss infrastructure for Greenhaven (City of Rye) and Springdale Road (City of New Rochelle). UWW is currently doing hydraulic analysis.

#### **County UV Alternative Status**

The Manager reported that the County is moving slowly and the Eastview UV pipeline is uncertain. The County may make a decision on an engineering consultant in November.

A Federal lawsuit has been filed again the County for not complying with the requirement for getting UV treated water to County Water District #1.

The Manager has reminded NYCDEP that WJWW asked for additional water from Shaft 22 based on D&B's 2009 proposal and that WJWW should be given priority.

The Manager discussed the merits of UV at Rye Lake and possibly moving forward with plans and specs. Will need to discuss pros/cons in the future meetings and consider Requests for Proposals for engineering work. The Manager has asked the County for the results of hydraulic modeling. A meeting is scheduled in October with the Upstate Water Coalition.

## **Miscellaneous**

The Manager reported that WJWW is receiving the Advancement Award from Westchester Water Works Conference for our SCADA System Upgrade at their Annual Fall Meeting on October 7<sup>th</sup>.

## **Date of Next Meeting**

The next Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 8, 2013 at 4:00 p.m. Trustee Belmont will not be able to attend the October 8<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.

With no further business to discuss, Trustee Rosenblum made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Seligson seconded the motion, all in favor: "aye". The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.