

**SCHUYLERVILLE / VICTORY
BOARD OF WATER MANAGEMENT**

Monday, August 15, 2016 7:00pm
Village of Schuylerville

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Daniel Baker – Village of Schuylerville, Chairman
George Sullivan – Village of Victory, Commissioner
Timothy Healy – Village of Victory, Commissioner
Michael Hughes-Village of Schuylerville, Commissioner

ABSENT:

None

BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The next Board meeting will be on Monday, September 19th, 2016 in the Village of Victory.

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

MINUTES:

Chairman Baker made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 18, 2016 meeting; it was seconded by Commissioner Sullivan, Commissioner Healy, – aye, Chairman Baker –aye–Commissioner Hughes- aye. Motion carried, 4-0.

TREASURER’S REPORT:

Bank Balances:	
Operating Account	\$ 391,255.33
Filter Account	\$ 266,437.15
Meter/Capital Reserve Savings Account	\$ 250,640.25

Chairman Baker mentioned that the filter account would be receiving the \$15,000 allocated to that account as per the 2015-2016 budget.

DCK PLANT OPERATIONS REPORT:

Month of July Schuylerville/Victory plants operated well. All of the requirements for the Department of Health were met throughout the month. There were a couple of days in July where the victory plant was taken off line because of issues with the permanganate

pump as well as a couple of days off for the victory plant for the chlorine feed line. The feed line tubing was replaced. The permanganate pump was adjusted because they were getting some discoloration in the water. Operational staff made changes as scheduled all samples were properly tested and documented lab results were satisfactory. And filed with the New York State Department of Health of health The blue white pump used in the application for the sodium permanganate system is not performing as advertised and is causing pump 2 to be replaced more often than was anticipated. We are checking with our representative from blue white. Also reaching out to another supplier, Stenner to see if they can provide a better product. CIP RO1 filter change is in the future.

On the 7th a few issues arose at the plant, RO#2 kept going into alarm showing a ground fault. Also, the modem stopped working. Operators did troubleshooting on these issues. After speaking with Time Warner it was apparent it wasn't a problem with connection but with the modem itself. On the ground fault DCK brought our tech in to evaluate. He ran some tests but as it was related to the newly installed VFD he advised to go with RASP as it was still under warranty. Mark from RASP was on site on the 18th, after he ran his tests he took the cover off of the housing by the drive train of RO#2. There was a solid layer of rust in this housing. As vibration occurs the wiring would hit the rust and cause the ground fault. This was rectified by using spray rubber

On July 20th Paul from Hach was on site for a routine calibration and inspection Ph probe is failing I tried testing it but after testing it out we found that it is not working and need replacing, Chairman Baker asked for three quotes for the replacement, but as this is a proprietary piece of equipment only the Hach was available.

The Ross valve is sticking from time to time searching for a better. Chairman Baker had asked for Ross to give a quote to service the valve for some preventative maintenance along with a annual service contract quote. Other companies will not work on the valve, but did offer to sell a replacement. Chairman Baker would prefer to have valve serviced than replaced he explained that this is the main feed valve. last time the valve was serviced was 2013, and it is recommended that they be serviced annually. MOR was filed.

A bid was offered by GE to replace the filter for the RO but was considerably higher than previous quotes received from.

Still finishing up putting together a list of parts for Chairman Baker to get pricing for these parts in advance.

Friday August 12th a call was received that there was no communication between the victory and the Schuylerville plant and the water tower, the telemetry was acting up they called in DCK. Inspected at victory, everything seemed okay, went down to the Schuylerville plant opened up the box, there was some condensation thought that that might be causing the problem. DCK went up and reviewed the conduit coming into the box and spray foamed the conduit to stop condensation from coming into the panel box. The victory plant went down due to continued error messages from the Victory Plant. We thought that the reason no normal numbers were displaying on the monitor was because of the severe storms that were in the area.

No communication was being displayed he called rasp came in determined that it was a bad power supply box. We did have a spare on the shelf changed it out and it was back up and running by 8 o'clock.

On Saturday there was a call from Rob Decker about discolored water on Schuyler Island due to a failure on the check valve.

The batteries had failed on the check valve. Discussion ensued in which commissioner Sullivan stated that the Check valves should be being checked regularly as that was the cause of the line burst two years ago across the bridge. Chairman Baker stated that he has discussed this with DCK and they are regularly going to be checking the valves throughout the villages.

Received a call about 5:45 am this morning that there was a shutdown permanganate issue same issue no lights on power supply box, not having one on the shelf Chairman Baker asked about a warranty, all of these parts are obsolete so that there is no warranty on the parts we might purchase as they are obsolete. Chairman Baker inquired with the RASP representative about replacement of the system, the rough estimate to replace the entire system would be \$10,000 so it seems that the better plan is to just continue to replace parts as needed, a point was raise that as the plant is only 12 years old, that otherwise we would be running into the same situation in another ten years where the parts would again be obsolete.

Contacted rasp, once on-site it was determined the power supply back plate chassis had failed and not the power supply box from the previous day replacement, and was replaced power supply returned to the panel and data cards. The truck didn't arrive until 5:45-6:00pm, Chairman Baker helped to replace the panel and all seems to be running well.

The problem is not believed to be related to lightning as the building is well protected against lighting strikes. All is completed and finished.

Plant is up and running as it should be.

OLD BUSINESS

The payment of the bill by J and J lawn care was noted.

The quotes were discussed from CT male and universal utilities service. Chairman Baker discussed that there was a rather large discrepancy between the quote from CT male and the quote from universal utilities.

Commissioner Sullivan suggested that they should bring in a third party to give another quote. Chairman Baker cautioned that there could be a rather large consultation fee and that as we had already paid CT Male and US to make up quotes that unless the third party agreed to do the quote free of charge, they might be better off to go with the current quotes.

Commissioner Sullivan brought up that at the time of the quote, Victory approved the quote but Schuylerville did not.

Chairman Baker mentioned that treasurer Heyman has been unsuccessful in getting Heather Mowat to return communication about the AUD for 2015 and 2016.

A mention was made that the same situation occurred last year, and that the board was lenient with her as her mother had passed away.

However it has become very frustrating for the board to complete the AUDs as Ms, Mowat is mostly unresponsive to both e-mail and phone calls.

Chairman Baker noted that all the accountant had said she needed last he knew was our log in information, which he gave her, but there is no indication that she has actually completed the task of filing the AUDs.

New business was a recap on what we just discussed

Chairman Baker mentioned the batch penalty update is up to date in the amount of \$3,400.14.

Commissioner Sullivan asked treasurer Heyman about the house that was an outside user that had been delinquent. The owner when pressed said go ahead shut it off, the house is believed to be in foreclosure.

It was suggested by Commissioner Sullivan that the board should put a lien on the property to ensure that we will be paid in the event that it changes hands.

A discussion ensued about the location of the shut off, which apparently goes across the field next to the house in question.. Sullivan is concerned that the crew was unable to locate the line.

The locator may not work as Sullivan believes that the pipe there may be plastic.

Chairman Baker said he would follow up with Rob Decker regarding the shut off of the property.

Quote from Ross valve for service contract.

Board discussed the viability of having the company service the valve. The board read over the quote which was for 2277.87 to maintain the valve and do preventative maintenance. Chairman Baker noted that the contract would save the cost of mileage should there be need of repair.

A question was raised “what if we don’t have a breakdown during the contract of service?” to which Chairman Baker replied that the contract was not for repairs, but for a preventative maintenance to reduce the risk of breakdowns

Chairman Baker made a motion to approve the contract for Ross Valve for annual maintenance, commissioner Sullivan seconded. All in favor.

Repair to Liberty Street was completed by the Village of Schuylerville DPW.

Chairman Baker mentioned the issue at Mr. Bonesteel’s property and that he had not been informed of this issue, and had not known it had happened as he had been away. Treasurer Heyman explained that the call was received at Victory that there was a

discoloration of the water, that Don Coalts had been called and that the issue had been determined to be on the customer side of the curb stop. William Llyod turned off the water at the curb stop so that the repair could be made by the contractor of Mr. Bonesteel's choice. Chairman Baker asked that he be informed of all incidents in the future to avoid confusion when the Water Board was billed by the DPW. Treasurer Heyman agreed.

Commissioner Sullivan mentioned that the corner by the cemetery was again flooded and pointed out that it could not be a water leak.

Chairman Baker brought up the matter of the quote for a backup meter for the ph testing and made a motion to approve the quote for \$896.72. Chairman Baker made a motion to approve the quote, Commissioner Sullivan seconded it, all in favor.

The board reviewed and approved the annual renewal of the HACH Service contract for the upcoming year. Chairman Baker made the motion and seconded by Commissioner Sullivan, all in favor.

Executive Session:

None

Audit and Approval of Claims:

Chairman Baker made a motion to approve Abstract # 3 (\$30,881.77) Commissioner Healy seconded it, all ayes, motion carried.

Adjournment

Commissioner Healy made a motion to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by Commissioner Sullivan, all ayes, motion carried, meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Cory Heyman
S/V BOWM, Recording Secretary