

**SCHUYLERVILLE / VICTORY
BOARD OF WATER MANAGEMENT**
Monday March 18th, 2019 at 7:00 pm
Village of Victory

PRESENT:

Daniel Baker – Village of Schuylerville, Chairman
Michael Hughes-Village of Schuylerville, Commissioner
Leslie Dennison- Village of Victory, Commissioner
Timothy Healy-Village of Victory, Commissioner

ABSENT:

None

BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The next meeting will be on April 15th, at the meeting hall in the Village of Victory.

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

MINUTES

Chairman Baker stated that the minutes from the February 25th meeting were available for review and that he had sent out the previous meeting's minutes to the members of the board to review. Chairman Baker asked if there were any questions, there were none. Commissioner Dennison made the motion to approve the minutes, Chairman Baker seconded, all in favor

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Bank Balances:	
Operating Account	\$ 144,425.92
Filter Account	\$ 122,241.18
Meter/Capital Reserve Savings Account	\$ 250,954.10
Water Tank Savings	\$8,761.62

DCK PLANT OPERATIONS:

Some items of note during the month-
SPDES samples collected and transported to JH on the 22nd. TC samples transported to CNA on the 25th. The Ross Valve was repaired on the 4th.
NY Fire installed and updated alarm systems the week of the fourth. Victory had issues with continuous backwash cycles and with the pump inside of the surge tank.
Hungerford & Terry were on site at the Victory plant on the 27th to investigate the backwash issues. They recommended a possible replacement of the PDS (pressure differential sensor), they also grabbed a sample of the media. (Report attached).

Mark Rodgers was on site on March 5th to look at the surge tank pump issues, as it kept tripping. The lag pump was placed as the lead pump and the faulty lead pump was pulled. Mark recommended replacing the faulty pump.

OLD BUSINESS:

On the Victory Plant issue Hungerford and Terry were at the Victory Plant to investigate the issues we have been having. They did inspect the media and stated that it is in good condition. Chairman Baker stated that Mark Rodgers had recommended replacing the lag pump and estimated the cost for parts and installation to be approximately \$1,300.00. Chairman Baker made a motion for the approval of the purchase of the new pump, Commissioner Hughes seconded the motion, all in favor

There is only one quote for humidifiers in so far from Jack Hall Plumbing; installation at the Schuylerville plant and moving the old dehumidifier to the victory plant was quoted at \$8,354.00. Chairman Baker stated that Moynihan and Avery had declined to bid, and that we are waiting to hear back from the third company, Northern Heating. It was decided that the board would table this matter until the next meeting.

Next up for review was the CT Male proposal for grant research and a master plan, including a mapping of the water system, identifying infrastructure needs. The quote came in at \$12,750.00. 1,250 of this is for funding assessment. Management of the grant would be from \$3,000.00 to \$4,000.00. Chairman Baker asked if the board would like to vote on this matter. Wendy Lukas asked what the water mapping would entail. She asked if CT Male would be utilizing the New York State ITS (information technology services) and their GIS (geographic information system) system. She stated that the state had mandated them to assist municipalities free of charge. Chairman Baker asked her if this was passed yet. She said that it had either already passed or was going to be passed. Chairman Baker stated that he would mention his to CT Male. Commissioner Dennison made the motion to go forward with CT Male, Commissioner Healy seconded the motion, all in favor.

Mayor Dewey expressed concern that grant monies typically take some time. He suggested that the board should budget for half of the upgrade for the water plant monitoring system, and use the meter savings for the balance of the \$240,000.00. He stated that he felt that the meter project was at least 10 years away. This would mean only a 10% raise in water bills as opposed to the 20% originally proposed in the budget. Chairman Baker stated that he would ask CT Male what the expected turnaround time would be for this type of grant, and expressed his concern that there could be a major catastrophe, and that with insufficient savings the water board could run into financial difficulties in the event of a major disaster. It was decided to table this matter for further discussion.

Quotes were submitted by Rasp for the repairs needed for the generators as per their inspection. The cost for the work needed at the Schuylerville and the Victory plants as well as the water tank came in at \$3,065.09.

This entailed the following;

At the Schuylerville plant replacing failed block heaters, filters and batteries.

At the Victory plant they will replace the block heater, hoses and battery, and at the tank they would just replace the battery.

Chairman Baker made the motion to approve this expenditure, Commissioner Dennison seconded the motion, all in favor.

NEW BUSINESS:

An application for a water connection was submitted for 7Broad (9 Gables) The resident would like to convert the barn on the property to a brewery. They will need water service. They have not yet brought this to the planning board in Schuylerville. Chairman Baker stated that they should return to the water board after they have received planning board approval.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Wendy Lukas asked what Rasp is. Chairman Baker informed her that they are the ones who built the operating system for the plant. She asked Chairman Baker to clarify why the board was considering using the monies from the meter savings. Chairman Baker stated that the computer system that runs the plant is called Allen and Bradley. He stated that the data cards that the system uses are currently obsolete. Replacement parts will eventually be unavailable. The board hopes to be able to postpone the upgrade for at least 3 years to give them time to raise the funds for this upgrade. Wendy Lukas also asked what account the DCK contract was posted to.

Treasurer Heyman informed her that account number J.8320.400 Supply Power and Pumping Contractual is the account that is used for that expenditure. She asked if this was put out to bid. Chairman Baker stated that we had contacted several companies, only one company came out to make a quote, Cedar Wood, but that they could not meet the distance requirements for proximity to the plant.

Wendy asked if the board planned to raise water rates. Chairman Baker said that this was a matter that the board was still discussing.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None.

AUDIT AND APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:

Commissioner Dennison made the motion to approve Abstract #10 \$17,719.11, Chairman Baker seconded, all in favor

ADJOURNEMENT:

Chairman Baker made the motion to adjourn, Commissioner Dennison seconded the motion, all in favor, Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Cory J Heyman