

GLOVERSVILLE BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

MEETING MINUTES – MARCH 16, 2021

The Regular meeting of the Board of Water Commissioners was held and brought to order at their office, 67-73 South Main Street, Gloversville, NY via Google Meet on March 16, 2021 at 6:00 PM with President Antonucci presiding.

Roll Call

Commissioners-----

Antonucci	PRESENT
Isabella	PRESENT
Mauro	PRESENT
Robinson	PRESENT (Joined meeting Late)
Capano	PRESENT

Others in Attendance: Water Superintendent; Anthony Mendetta; Clerk of the Water Board; Christine Linart; Jennifer Christman from Ayer's Law Firm.

At this time in the meeting, Anthony introduced our Attorney handling our Carbon Development Agreement, Jennifer Christman. Anthony asked Jennifer to join our meeting to go over the Carbon Development Agreement we are working on with the Nature Conservancy and answer any questions the Board may have. Jennifer then stated that she would hit the highlights of the 30-page agreement and then talk about some of the items in depth as needed.

1) This is a 40-year agreement, which is a long time. To bind future officials for that long may be a concern. Jennifer explained that this was a major concern for Little Falls as she is their City Attorney and was representing them for a similar carbon agreement. Jennifer confirmed that Little Falls did not approve the agreement as they had some reservations that they could not get past. The main reservation for Little Falls was the 40-year length of the agreement.

2) The agreement can be terminated by mutual consent for specific reasons to include:

- a) An issue with the title: Jennifer did not research yet due to COVID -19 delays at the County Clerks office and the fact that the Board has not decided whether to move forward yet. No reason to take on expense unless we agree to move forward.
- b) It is determined by both parties that agreement is not economically feasible anymore.
- c) Other Technical Reasons – Breach of agreement where one party does not meet obligations or burdens under the agreement. This section includes giving the party 45 days to cure the breach before termination.
- d) Bankruptcy/Foreclosure – If one party goes bankrupt the agreement can be terminated. Also, if the Standards Body (The American Carbon Registry) becomes bankrupt, the agreement may be terminated as well.
- e) We can mutually agree to terminate the agreement with 30 days' notice to the other party especially if we find it is no longer economically feasible.

2) The Board's main obligations under the Agreement:

- a) Board must provide clean title to the property included in the Carbon Agreement.
- b) Board will execute an easement to be attached to the property and filed at the County Clerk's office. This would not prohibit us from selling the property, but easement will have to transfer with the property. The Board would also

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execute the actual Carbon Agreement. The Easement and the Agreement would be 2 separate documents.

c) Board must create a Forestry Management Plan to include plans for future harvesting/logging. The Forestry Management Plan would have to be reviewed and updated every 10 years.

3) The Nature Conservancy has the sole discretion to decide the value of the carbon credits for the trees on the land under the agreement and who to sell the credits to. The net income from these credits will be split at 60% to the Board and 40% to Nature Conservancy. These are not trees that we would harvest under the forestry management plan, we would still be able to harvest any areas that needed to be cleaned out. The Conservancy would set which trees can not be cut. These young trees will be assessed by the Conservancy as to their carbon credit value and these credits will be sold to outside companies. Anthony then went on to explain to Jennifer that we have already had somewhat of a forestry management plan whereby we have cut a lot of trees over the last several years. We are currently at the point where we do not have a lot of adult trees left that are worth any money on our land. Therefore, our department is considering this Carbon Agreement as we now have a lot of seedling trees that have been left behind on our land to grow up and as they grow, we can take advantage of earning some revenue from their carbon credit worth. Jennifer explained that Little Falls situation was a little different in that their watershed areas are dense with trees as they only cut when there is a storm or when it needs cleaning out. Jennifer suggested that we would need to follow up with the Conservancy as to how our seedlings would be valued and some other things that need some more explanation in the agreement.

Following Jennifer's outline of the agreement: the following was discussed further:

1) Wayne Tripp from F&W Forestry who is our forester will be hired by the Nature Conservancy to come in and inventory our trees. Wayne would then mark out the trees that will be harvestable for the future. They would then make plots of our land and plot out which trees that we would be committing to the Carbon agreement and to not cutting. Any trees not marked as carbon trees, would be able to be harvested according to the Forestry Management Plan. Anthony also reminded the Board that we do not have a lot of harvestable trees left at this time. In the last few years as in other municipalities we have used the revenue from timber sales to make up for revenues short falls.

2) Jennifer did confirm that there is one other municipality who has entered into this type of agreement, but could not remember their name. Jennifer reminded the Board that we will probably not see any revenue from this right away, but if we are looking to preserve these trees anyway you may want to consider it. The Board members were concerned about tying anything up for 40 years. Commissioner Mauro also expressed that the premise of the agreement he does not like where it allows major polluters to go ahead continue polluting and offsetting it by our good stewardship.

3) Jennifer did admit Little Falls turned the agreement away, however shortening the 40-year term was not discussed. Jennifer can reach out to the Conservancy and see if that would be possible. Jennifer admitted that the 40-year term is probably set as to allow the seedling trees to mature and produce maximum carbon value.

4) Jennifer pointed out that the original survey of our land will be done at no expense to us as the Nature Conservancy will pay for this. The only expense to us up front is the work Jennifer is doing for us and any title work that will be needed.

5) Anthony asked if we would be able to complete the inventory and find out what carbon value our trees have prior to signing the agreement so we could assess this before we commit to the agreement. Jennifer stated that there is nothing stopping us from getting the inventory done prior, but that the Nature Conservancy will not put forth the expense of this unless we sign the agreement.

6) The Board then reminded Anthony about another company that he mentioned at the last meeting that Wayne said also does these Carbon Agreements. Anthony said that Wayne has not gotten back to him yet, but if we decide to move forward, he will press Wayne for their contact information. Jennifer also stated that there is no expiration deadline on the proposal.

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from the Conservancy, so we do not have to decide to move forward right away. Commissioner Isabella also made the Suggestion that waiting a little bit may not be a bad idea considering the way things are now going on a national level right now, this program may expand quite a bit with the new President's agendas.

7) Anthony then told the Board that Wayne's initial evaluation of the Carbon Trees on our land should possibly equate to \$750,000 to 1 million dollars over the course of the next 40 years. This may not be a lot of money , however we would not be able to harvest most of these trees for at least 20 + years anyway. Jennifer then said she could get a more concrete estimate in writing from them if we wanted her to. The Board then discussed the fact that it may not be a lot of revenue approximately \$10,000 per year, and that it may not be worth it. Jennifer also told the Board that she would reach out to Gabe at the Conservancy and get the names of some other municipalities who have entered into a Carbon agreement with them so that we can ask them how it is going.

8) Jennifer then had a request for information from us for her to review to include copy of sections of the City Charter as it relates to the Water Department to determine our authority to enter into this contract and to sell and transfer this land.

Jennifer thanked the Board and told them that if we have any further questions, to have Anthony let her know. She then left the meeting.

Commissioner Mauro made a motion to officially appoint Matthew Capano to the Gloversville Water Board upon the Mayor's approval. The Motion was seconded by Commissioner Isabella.

Commissioner	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain
Antonucci	X			
Isabella	X			
Mauro	X			
Robinson	X			
VACANT	X			

Christine explained to the Board that she had an Audit that she had to pull out of our regular audit list. This item must be voted on separately due to a conflict with Commissioner Capano. The Audit #21078 in the amount of \$48.30 payable to Gloversville True Value needed to be voted on with Commissioner Capano having to abstain from voting to approve.

Commissioner Antonucci made a motion to approve Audit#21078 in the amount of \$48.30 payable to Gloversville True Value. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mauro.

Commissioner	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain
Antonucci	X			
Isabella	X			
Mauro	X			
Robinson	X			
Capano				X

The remaining audited bills were presented and reviewed.

United States Postal Service	-275.00
Fidelis Care	-906.00
Petty Cash	-121.96

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Deborah Clukey	-370.37
Christopher R Jablonski	-2,033.22
Eric Lentini	-158.00
Eric Lentini	-250.00
Greene County Commercial Bank	-216,587.33
National Grid	-2,503.29
Century Linen Service, Inc	-35.00
Commissioner of Finance	-736.81
Empire BlueCross Retiree Solutions	-7,176.75
EOS Technologies	-480.00
Frontier Communications Corporation	-133.46
G A Bove & Sons Inc	-2,971.77
Hummel's OP Inc	-343.48
Mary Wynne	-1,360.00
MVP Select Care Inc	-52.50
NBT Insurance Agency	-11.00
Peck's Flowers	-131.91
Slack Chemical Company Inc	-1,967.00
Florida Blue	-354.60
Deborah Clukey	-194.65
United States Postal Service	-980.26
Santander Bank N.A.	-18,531.08
Deborah Clukey	-126.35
American Water Works Association Inc.	-86.00
Century Linen Service, Inc	-35.00
Colonial Overhead Doors LLC	-620.70
Commissioner of Finance	-1,249.83
Eagle Equipment Inc dba Pierce Equipment	-107.75
F&W Forestry Services Inc	-35,586.60
Fidelis Care	-297.00
Frontier Communications Corporation	-769.38
Fulton County Dept of Waste	-10.00
G A Bove & Sons Inc	-2,472.12
Home Depot	-131.51
Hummel's OP Inc	-252.94
Jeffrey F Lehner dba JFL Inc of Fulton Co	-26.75
MVP Health Care Inc	-24,575.92
MVP Select Care Inc	-52.50
National Grid	-1,047.88
Nethaway Motorcar Co LLC	-972.20
Runnings Supply Inc	-228.77
Spectrum	-170.98
Telecon Wireless	-230.46
United States Postal Service	-275.00
Airgas USA LLC	-20.08
Century Linen Service, Inc	-35.00
Christopher R Jablonski	-299.40
Commissioner of Finance	-853.01
Cranesville Block Company Inc	-53.52
Frontier Communications Corporation	-131.94

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National Grid	-1,038.97
Post Mark Ship Print Inc	-35.14
Security Supply Corp	-8.69
Ti-Sales Inc	-1,091.44
WW Grainger Inc	-1,707.53
Payroll Account NBT Bank	-16,787.77
Payroll Account NBT Bank	-1,234.25
Payroll Account NBT Bank	-18,847.43
Payroll Account NBT Bank	-1,391.90
Payroll Account NBT Bank	-18,483.97
Payroll Account NBT Bank	-1,364.08
Payroll Account NBT Bank	-17,196.51
Payroll Account NBT Bank	-1,265.56
NBT Bank HRA ACCOUNT	-10,000.00
Payroll Account NBT Bank	-16,124.98
Payroll Account NBT Bank	-1,174.28
	-437,136.53

CAPITAL PROJECT AUDIT:

City of Groversville -	\$ 4,214.40
S.C. Spencer-	\$ 97,278.46
C.T. Male Associates-	\$ 218.75
DN Tanks-	\$ 21,014.98
C.T. Male Associates-	\$ 4,500.00
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A motion was made by Commissioner Robinson that the audited bills are ordered paid. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Isabella.

Commissioner	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain
Antonucci	X			
Isabella	X			
Mauro	X			
Robinson	X			
Capano	X			

The minutes of the last meeting were presented, and a motion was made to accept the minutes by Commissioner Antonucci. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mauro.

Commissioner	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain
Antonucci	X			
Isabella	X			
Mauro	X			
Robinson	X			
Capano	X			

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Superintendent's Report:

Superintendent Mendetta discussed the following issues with the Board:

- 1) **Internet Service/Office:** Anthony reminded the Board that we talked about switching internet services so we can communicate better. We now have Spectrum at the office which is working much better. When setting up the Spectrum, we asked Frontier to not cancel the internet service at the Plant because Spectrum could not install internet there at this time. Of course, Frontier messed up and disconnected the Plant's internet. Once the internet was disconnected, Frontier could not re-install it as it is now against FCC regulations because the service is so bad there. For the last couple of weeks Andrew has been using his cellphone's data as a hot spot to check e-mails and work. Anthony reached out to Spectrum to see how much it would cost to extend the line an extra 600 feet up to the Filtration Plant. Spectrum did get a grant to go just 600 feet before the Plant. The total cost of the project to extend the line would be \$10,354.55. Spectrum would be willing to cover most of the cost (\$8,000) but we would have to cover the remainder or \$2,354.55. Anthony reached out to Dan Talmadge who works for Frontier but also has his own business on the side. Dan said he could run a satellite from the Plant to the one on Andrew's house and utilize our Spectrum internet service from there. The quote from Dan was for \$725.00 which will be refundable if we end up having the connection drop excessively or the speed is not acceptable. It was then discussed that the Board should now pay for Andrew's bill or portion thereof due to us using his service at his house/caretaker's house to supply the Plant's internet.

A motion was made by Commissioner Antonucci to allow the Superintendent to contract with Dan Talmadge of On-the-Side Security to install a satellite to link internet service from the Caretaker's house to the Filtration Plant at a cost of \$725.00 contingent on service being free of dropped connections for 21 days and warranty of speeds acceptable with the Board. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Isabella.

Commissioner	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain
Antonucci	X			
Isabella	X			
Mauro	X			
Robinson	X			
Capano	X			

A motion was made by Commissioner Mauro that the Board of Water Commissioner's pay for the Internet Service to the Caretaker's house which also supplies internet to the Filtration Plant. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Robinson.

Commissioner	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain
Antonucci	X			
Isabella	X			
Mauro	X			
Robinson	X			
Capano	X			

Anthony thanked the Board for their approval of upgrading our internet service as the lack of good internet at our Plant has really held us back from being able to modernize. Now we could possibly investigate a SCADA system to help us monitor our water levels, leaks, etc....We also can investigate several other technical upgrades.

- 2) **Sewer Service Build:** Anthony informed the Board that we have been having issues with our toilets up front in the office for quite some time. We keep having to borrow the City's sewer jet to clean out the sewer line as it is constantly getting clogged up. Anthony talked to the guys and when we ran the sewer to the back of our South Main Street building, we never tied in the front sewer line into it. Anthony had the guys get a price to tie in the front sewer line to the sewer line at the back of the building which is in much better shape. They got a quote for materials as we will do the work in house. Anthony got a quote from

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Security Supply for \$350.00 and a quote from Core & Main for \$247.46. Commissioner Antonucci expressed his opinion that we should buy the materials from Security Supply as it is local and if we get doing the job and need something else, we can just run down the street and pick it up.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mauro to allow the Superintendent to purchase materials from Security Supply in the amount of \$350.00 to tie in a new Sewer Line from the Front of our South Main Street building into the Sewer Line at the back of the building. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Antonucci.

Commissioner	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain
Antonucci	X			
Isabella	X			
Mauro	X			
Robinson	X			
Capano	X			

- 3) **Schoolhouse Pools:** Dave Groff from Schoolhouse called Anthony wanting to know what the rates were going to be this year for filling their tanker trucks. When discussing ways to increase revenues at budget time, we had talked about raising up the fee that we charge Schoolhouse for our water. Christine suggested that we charge them 2 ½ times the rate because they are going outside of the City to sell and they are located outside the City. Christine explained that right now we are getting \$47.00 per tanker load if we raise it to 2 ½ times it would be approximately \$117.50.

A motion was made by Commissioner Antonucci to charge Schoolhouse pools the outside city water rate to fill up their water tankers for resale of water. With rate to increase as per the current Out-City rate schedule as set by the Board of Water Commissioners. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mauro.

Commissioner	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain
Antonucci	X			
Isabella	X			
Mauro	X			
Robinson	X			
Capano	X			

- 4) **Pole Barn Collapse/Water Shed:** Anthony informed the Board that we had a pole barn collapse up in the Watershed. The barn collapsed on our John Deere Flail Mower which was parked in there. We put in an insurance claim and the damages for the Mower came in at \$5,361.91 and the damages for the building came in at \$8,700.00 for a total of \$14,061.91. Anthony is working on quotes from contractors to fix the building. He is also considering having our guys build it similar to the one that is out back of our South Main St. building. Anthony did get one Quote so far from Stock's Contracting for \$8,700.00. By doing this ourselves we could potentially save \$4,500.00. We could probably get this done in April before the Lead Line Service Project starts. The new Pole Barn would be the same size as the old at 14'x20' and will have more of a pitch to allow the snow to slide off efficiently. Anthony will get quotes for pressure treated lumber to try to get the cheapest and planned on getting the metal from the Amish. After discussion, the Board would rather have Anthony get the metal from another source as Commissioner Mauro has had issues with materials from the Amish in the past.
- 5) **Boiler @ Filtration Plant:** Anthony Informed the Board that our boiler at the Filtration Plant was leaking water. We found that the Heat Exchanger is cracked on the unit. The heat exchanger had a 7-year warranty which was unfortunately ran out in October of 2019. Anthony has contacted Tri-Valley Plumbing who originally installed the boiler for a quote to either fix it or install a new one. Anthony also had True Temp (Josh Wilson) to come up and give us a quote. Josh told Anthony that he will give us a quote both ways, but honestly, he thinks that because it will be so involved taking it apart and putting it back together

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that we may be better off just buying a new boiler. Anthony asked him to provide a quote to fix the current boiler and to purchase a new boiler that has longer than a 7-year warranty. Anthony is also planning to get quotes from Adirondack Mechanical. Commissioner Mauro also suggested contacting Len Saint Andrews for a quote as well. Commissioner Antonucci also suggested looking at the original contract see who the other contractors were who bid the job. Because of the environment down there Anthony also suggested as in the past, that we purchase some sort of commercial de-humidifier for that area.

- 6) **Next Meeting @ Plant:** Anthony told the Board that he would like to hold our next Board meeting on April 20th at the Filtration Plant. He would like the Board to tour the pipe gallery and look at some future projects that he and Andrew would like to tackle there. Anthony would like to open the meeting up to the public by request with proper Covid Screening as we do at the offices. The Board agreed that would be fine and decided after discussion to continue holding 1 Board meeting per month for now.
- 7) **Electrical Project:** The Electrical Project is 100% done. The Department of Health signed off on the total of that Grant for EFC funding. We received the e-mail today that EFC approved the sign off from DOH. Now we can officially submit to EFC for our remaining \$750,000 reimbursement. Christine is gathering everything we need and should be in good shape get our money back in time to pay off our Short-term BAN. Anthony confirmed that the contractors are still working on some final extra items that were included in the change orders that were not part of the original contract. The parts have been ordered for the extra change order work. Once the parts and equipment come in the contractors will return and finish up. Everything has now been all cleaned up as it was a mess for a while.
- 8) **Jackson Summit Spillway Rehab:** The CDBG Grant has been submitted and we are all set with that for now. We should be hearing about the awarding of the Grant some time this summer.
- 9) **Lagoon Rehab Project:** Anthony verified with the Board members that they all received a copy of the plans for the Lagoon Rehab Project. For the Lagoon Rehab we are basically looking into the same set up that we have currently. We now are going to investigate doing a pilot study for the bagging system for a year to determine if we really need it or not. We are planning on adding another chemical to the wastewater to see if it makes it anymore dense and worth going through with the bagging system. Jake Gordon from C.T. Male came up to the plant and looked over the project before finalizing the plans. We found a few things we wanted to add to the project. We found a couple of ball valves in the pit and the pump switch that needs to be replaced. Anthony asked for the Boards approval to move forward with the project and go out to bid in April. Anthony would like to have this project start sometime in May or June so that we can have our Lagoons rehabbed by September when we clean out our settling basins. We will be using the funds left over from our EFC Reimbursement to pay for this project which has been projected to come in at no more than \$150,000.

Commissioner Mauro made a motion to allow the Superintendent to advertise for Bids for our Lagoon Rehabilitation Project as per plans completed by C.T. Male Associates Inc. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Antonucci.

Commissioner	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain
Antonucci	X			
Isabella	X			
Mauro	X			
Robinson	X			
Capano	X			

10) **Proposed Water Infrastructure Charge:** Anthony wanted to discuss the possibility of creating a separate water infrastructure charge as the sewer department does. This separate fee goes into a special fund to cover infrastructure repairs and upgrades. Currently the City charges .70 cents per 100 cubic feet of usage for a sewer infrastructure fee. Christine provided the Board with a spreadsheet with figures of potential annual revenue for several different fee amounts. Anthony pointed out for example, if we charge .10 cents per 100 cubic feet of usage, we could potentially generate \$58,718.37 in revenue. Commissioner Antonucci requested that Christine come up with a cost per average household for this new charge. Anthony then went over the scenario if we charge the same as the Sewer Dept does at this time for an infrastructure charge. Currently we charge \$.70 cents per 100 cubic feet for in-city

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residents and \$1.40 per 100 cubic feet for outside the city rate. For our Industrial users we charge \$.60 cents per 100 cubic feet. Using this rate schedule, we could potentially generate \$398,526.00 in additional revenue to cover infrastructure repairs and rehabilitation. If we decided on this fee, it would be put into a separate fund as the City does, and this money would be used strictly for infrastructure upgrades. Anthony came up with this idea because we have a lot of aging infrastructure and upgrades at the Plant that need to be done and we may want to create a special fund to offset and pay for some of our upcoming projects. Commissioner Mauro suggested that instead of hitting residents with another separate fee to set aside a portion of any future rate increase for infrastructure. Christine admitted that this could be done, but it would be much easier to track the fee if it were separate. Then there is no question as to where the money is going. Currently our water rates increased on January 1, 2021. If we need to increase the rates next year and want to implement the new fee, the Board will have to make a decision by June 1st of 2021. Our industrial water sales are down 30% currently so if rates increase that will probably be just enough to cover our operating expenses. Therefore, if we charge an extra infrastructure fee, it would go into that account specifically and would only be able to be used for that purpose. We would have to complete some preliminary work before we can implement this fee as we may have to change the City Charter for this. Anthony then went over several different scenarios using different fee levels that we could potentially charge. Anthony also explained that if the Board would like us to investigate this, he would have to talk to the City Attorney to see what we would need to do to begin charging this fee to include possibly having to change the City Charter. We currently have language in the City Charter that says that all property owners shall pay water rates as established by the Board. This is very vague as to if we can charge any additional fees. Therefore, we would need to contact the City Attorney. After further discussion, the Board will further review the cost sheet and revenue estimates and Christine will provide them with estimates of how these fees will effect the average household bill at the next meeting. We will then discuss our options further.

11 Johnstown Water: We had to provide Johnstown with water again last week. Over the course of 5 days, we provided them with 2 million gallons of water. We will probably be providing them with additional water over the next couple of months as they are having issues with their filters and are running at half capacity.

12 CSEA Union Contract: Anthony gave the Board copies of the current CSEA Contract as they requested for review. We will discuss the contract further at the next meeting.

13 Proposed Purchasing Policy: Anthony mentioned the Purchasing Policy that was provided to the Board in their packets for the meeting. He explained that the Board needed to review it and by law were required to write down their comments and any changes that they wanted to make on a form that was provided by Christine. We will have to review this policy every year and have these forms on file. Anthony mentioned that the only thing he wanted to see in there is language incorporating contracting through Source well. Anthony reminded the Board how we recently purchased our Vac Trailer and our Dump Truck through the Source well Contract which is similar to purchasing under State Contract at best value. Christine also mentioned that the Board may want to think about our limits on purchasing for quotes. There is a section in the Purchasing Policy that has a chart listing Quotation requirements for certain dollar amounts. Christine would like the Board to review this and let us know if they would like to make any changes. For example, any purchases from \$1,000 to \$5,000 would require 2 verbal quotes. Purchases from \$5,000 to \$10,000 would require 2 written quotes or fax quotes. Finally purchases from \$10,000 up to the limits of the law which is \$20,000 for purchases and \$35,000 for service contracts, would require three written quotes or fax quotes.

14 Petitions for Election: Anthony reminded the Board that he needed their election petitions by Friday.

15 Eagle Street Water Tank Site – City Communications Building: Anthony invited Commissioner Antonucci to speak to the other Board members concerning issues and the Water Tank Site and with the Generator at the City Communications Building. Gary explained that the Generator at the site has been going on sporadically three times a week at midnight. The City keeps sending someone there and they keep saying it is fixed. This keeps happening it has been 5 or 6 times now. Gary finally went over there and took off the front panel. Gary took a picture to show the huge transformer that is totally burned up on the back of the timer board. The Generator is supposed to only come on at noon time once a week for a half hour. Gary gave the picture to Anthony and he forwarded it the Chief and they finally are going to replace the timer completely. Gary was upset that they sent electricians up there 6 times and they could not see what Gary found as soon as he looked at the panel. Anthony told the Board that they are thinking about getting a new generator, one that can be controlled remotely. Gary also mentioned that the propane tank is supposed to be there temporarily until a gas line is put in. Also, we are going to be trying to grow grass at the site this spring as we held back \$5,000 from the tank project for Roselle to come back

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and finish the landscaping and seeding. Gary feels that this whole building has gotten out of hand as if you go over there, to get to the building, they have to cross the whole property. If the City were to drive a vehicle through there right now, it would be a disaster and they would probably get stuck. Gary would like to request that they put in a crushed stone driveway at their expense to access their building. He would also like us to require them to maintain it as it should not be our responsibility. Gary also requests that the City put up three sections of vinyl/stockade fence for a noise barrier as they installed the generator facing right towards his and everyone's houses on the street. After discussion it was decided that Anthony should write a letter to the Chief expressing the Boards concerns and requests as brought up by Gary for them to put in an access road to their building, installation of a fence, and our expectations regarding them maintaining their building on our tank site.

16 City Stimulus Aid: Anthony informed that Board that recently new legislation passed giving aid to local governments whereby the City received \$1.62 million dollars in aid. As requested, Christine provided the Board with the amount of our delinquent accounts as compared with prior periods which have gone up significantly since Covid. This along with the fact that our industrial usage has decreased 30%, made Anthony decide to reach out to Senator Schumer's office to see if because we are a separate entity from the City, we could qualify for some aid on our own. This relief is for lost revenue due to Covid and for Water and Sewer infrastructure projects. If we can not get aid on our own, Anthony would like to approach the City to see if they would be willing to give us some of that \$1.62 million. If we want the City to consider this, Anthony feels we may want to be very careful about how we approach the issues at the Eagle Street Tank Site with the communications building. Christine also suggested that we make the suggestion that they use some of that aid to rectify these issues. The Board continued to discuss the issues due to the City's communications building and Anthony is also going to talk to our liaison Bill Rowback who also may be able to help. Christine also told the Board that she did reach out to the Commissioner of Finance and ask her to approach the mayor about us getting part of the aid that they received.

17 Miscellaneous: Commissioner Isabella asked about the Service for our former Water Department foreman Alvin Waffle. Anthony told the Board that we were sending a meat platter for the service.

Clerks Report:

1) Christine had the following requests for billing adjustments:

a) Request for Billing Adjustment 43 North Park Drive: We estimated this bill based on prior usage and the owner requested an adjustment. Christine got an actual read on the meter and recalculated the bill based on actual usage.

Adjustment: Credit Water \$78.71; Credit Sewer \$44.34; Credit Infrastructure \$16.07.

b) Request for Billing Adjustment 255 Kingsborough Avenue: This is the church on Kingsborough Ave. Every year they leave their water running due to their service freezing up in the winter. Usually, they will call us when they begin to let their water run so we can get an initial read, we then try to estimate their next bill to account for the time their water was left running. For some reason for this bill Christine did not estimate the read to allow for the water running. Christine went back to what they were using before the water was left on and estimate the current bills usage based on that consumption. The following information was discussed.

1) What was the issue: The underground service freezes here every year not the pipes inside the house. Service may not be far enough under the ground. It is really no one's fault.

2) We have several services every year that freeze so we to prevent pipes from bursting tell the homeowners to leave the water running a small amount and agree to estimate their bill for that time period where the water is left on.

3) We usually as a one-time courtesy will thaw services for residents, the first time it happens. We then tell them to leave the water running a little bit. If the service freezes again we charge them \$150 every time we have to come back.

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Adjustment: Credit Water \$23.64; Credit Sewer \$13.80; Credit Infrastructure \$5.01.

Commissioner Antonucci made a motion to approve the above noted billing adjustments. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Isabella.

Commissioner	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain
Antonucci	X			
Isabella	X			
Mauro	X			
Robinson	X			
Capano	X			

Miscellaneous Business:

1) Commissioner Antonucci asked about the status of the Dump Truck – Our new dump truck is getting the dump body put on and should be done by the end of the month . Anthony received a call from the salesman at HL Gage during the meeting here telling him that he expressed his concern to TNT about the timeline for delivery of the truck as we were supposed to be getting it in mid-March. Apparently, TNT had issues with Covid and then employees leaving. We will keep pushing them for delivery.

A motion was made by Commissioner Antonucci to adjourn the meeting . The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mauro.

Commissioner	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain
Antonucci	X			
Isabella	X			
Mauro	X			
Robinson	X			
Capano	X			

The next meeting will be held at the Filtration Plant on Tuesday, April 20, 2021 at 6:00pm.