

# GLOVERSVILLE BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

MEETING MINUTES – AUGUST 10, 2020

The Regular meeting of the Board of Water Commissioners was held and brought to order at their offices, at 67-83 South Main Street, Groversville, NY on August 10, 2020 at 6:00 PM with President James Robinson presiding.

## Roll Call

### Commissioners-----

Robinson	PRESENT
Antonucci	PRESENT
Isabella	PRESENT
Mauro	PRESENT
Shell	ABSENT

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**Others in Attendance:** Water Superintendent; Anthony Mendetta; Clerk of the Water Board; Christine Linart; Mrs. Curthoys; Mr. Crocetta from Grandview Drive.

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The audited bills were presented and reviewed.

Advanced Cleaning & Restoration Services	0.00
Bobcat of Groversville-Johnstown LLC	0.00
Century Linen Service, Inc	0.00
Christopher R Jablonski	0.00
Commissioner of Finance	0.00
Data West Corporation Inc	0.00
Ferguson Enterprises LLC	0.00
Frontier Communications Corporation	0.00
Fulton County Dept of Waste	0.00
General Hydraulics Inc	0.00
Groversville True Value	0.00
JH Consulting Group Inc	0.00
MVP Select Care Inc	0.00
National Grid	0.00
Rich-Track Enterprises Inc	0.00
Robert C Cooper	0.00
Roger Putman	0.00
Deborah Clukey	-105.30
Daniel Batease	-300.00
United States Postal Service	-440.00
Advanced Cleaning & Restoration Services	-260.00
Century Linen Service, Inc	-70.00
Commissioner of Finance	-982.72
Scott Fiorino	-322.00
Cranesville Block Company Inc	-104.61
Dan's Excavation Service, Inc	-2,008.30
Derby Office Equipment Inc	-15.00
Empire BlueCross Retiree Solutions	-7,463.82
Florida Blue	0.00
Frontier Communications Corporation	-713.73
G A Bove & Sons Inc	-1,691.49
Groversville True Value	-313.56

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Mang Insurance Agency	-891.73
MVP Health Care Inc	-22,001.55
National Grid	-3,011.81
Sacandaga Enterprises LLC	-29.95
Slack Chemical Company Inc	-1,952.00
Tri-County Fire Extinguishers LLC	-50.00
WB Mason Co Inc	-352.30
William B Collins Co	-51.80
Commissioner of Finance	-1,353.66
Florida Blue	-444.80
Florida Blue	-172.50
Fulton County Dept of Waste	-15.00
Gloversville True Value	-854.15
James Senzio DBA Fulton Co Electrical	-2,090.00
JC Smith Inc	-220.00
Kingsboro Lumber Co Inc	-84.12
National Grid	-448.05
Nethaway Motorcar Co LLC	-386.37
Rich-Track Enterprises Inc	-494.86
Vincent C Perrella	-793.53
Payroll Account NBT Bank	-24,269.43
Payroll Account NBT Bank	-1,815.14
Payroll Account NBT Bank	-23,335.10
Payroll Account NBT Bank	-1,743.61
Morgan White Administrators	-666.11
Frontier Communications Corporation	-311.01
Payroll Account NBT Bank	-22,408.15
Payroll Account NBT Bank	-1,672.72
	<b>-126,709.98</b>

A motion was made by Commissioner Mauro that the audited bills are ordered paid. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Antonucci.

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

The minutes for the last regular meeting held on July 20, 2020 were presented, and a motion was made to accept the minutes by Commissioner Antonucci. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Robinson.

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At this time in the meeting Mrs. Curthoys and Mr. Crocetta from Grandview Drive wanted to talk to the Board regarding the Grandview Drive Pump Station.

Mrs. Curthoys introduced herself to the Board and commended our Department and stressed to the Board that we have a good team. She also reminded the Board that her husband Charles was not only the Clerk of the Water Board but a serving Board member for years. Charles was incredibly supportive of the Water Dept. and years ago agreed to allow the Water Dept. to install monitoring equipment at their property on Grandview Drive for the Pump Station. Mrs. Curthoys through the years has been our lookout and has called the department on several occasions where the red light had come on in the monitoring box which would indicate an issue with our pumps at the pump station. Mrs. Curthoys also has a large vent pipe on her lawn which she must maintain the weeds around and hire people to come and clean out around it. Mrs. Curthoys not only expressed her concern about how this could effect the re-sale value of her house but has also had our department up there several times due to the excessive noise from the pumps kicking on and off. Mr. Crocetta also expressed that the noise of the pumps has been an issue for him as well.

Mrs. Curthoys said that she could not find an agreement for the Water Department's easement allowing the monitoring equipment. However, Anthony and Christine explained that the easement for this should be included in her deed for the property and it would remain on the property if she were to sell it. Gary then gave her an example that just recently happened where we purchased an easement for a right -of-way for us to access our Eagle Street Tank Site. This easement was added to the deed for the owner and will continue to be valid on the deed for any future owners.

Anthony then explained that we have been mandated to remove the Grandview Drive Pump Station and to either put in a new pump station at our Eagle Street Tank Site or install Pumps with Pressure Tanks in each house with pressure issues in this area. We can't just remove the current pump station until we have an alternate way to increase water pressure to these problem areas on the upper part of Grandview Drive, Raven and Swan Streets who currently have 20 lbs. of pressure while they should have a minimum of 35 lbs.

We are in the process of finishing up the Water Tank at Eagle Street and have begun pressure testing of the hydrants to come up with an Engineering Report to submit to DOH to get their approval on either a new pump station or pumps and pressure tanks for residents. Anthony did stress to Mrs. Curthoys and Mr. Crocetta that once the engineering report is reviewed and an option approved by DOH, we will then have plans drawn up. The plans will then have to be approved by DOH which can be a lengthy process in normal times but with COVID could take longer. Anthony also reminded them that our department had tried to do everything possible to take care of the noise from the pumps to include moving both of their services 20 feet away from the pump station, and installing thick insulation in the area of the pumps. Mr. Crocetta told the Board that when we recently installed a new pump, the noise has gotten worse and Mrs. Curthoys agreed. Mr. Crocetta also informed the Board that he recently came up with a fix for the time being. Mr. Crocetta has installed a camper hose to the end of his pipe coming into the house and just has the hose wrapped up on his basement floor. This has stopped the noise from the pumps. Mr. Crocetta has also helped Mrs. Curthoys to do the same. While it is stopping the noise, they are concerned about what a potential buyer would think seeing a hose attached to the water lines. After discussion, the Board came up with an idea to get rid of the hoses. The Board asked them if we could try to install Pex Tubing in place of the hose connected with shark bites as a temporary solution until the pump station is removed in a year or so. The Board stressed that they would rather do this instead of digging up there service and putting plastic at the shut off. Gary then reiterated that if the Pex Tubing did not work then they could always go back to using the hoses.

Mrs. Curthoys had one last concern and asked them to test her water as recently it has had a funny taste. Anthony told her he will send someone to her house in the morning. Mr. Crocetta also had a concern with an issue in the past where the check valve failed, and

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they had issues as we had to wait for a new one. Anthony assured him that we now keep a replacement for the valve and the pump on the shelf.

Mrs. Curthoys and Mr. Crocetta then left the meeting

**Superintendent's Report:**

Superintendent Mendetta discussed the following issues with the Board:

- 1) **Eagle Street Tank Project:** We have isolated a valve on a main transmission line on Bleecker Street which has increased the amount of water we are using out of the tank from 40,000 to 80,000 gallons per day while still maintaining good Chlorine residuals. We would like to see at least 100,000 to 120,000 gallons per day. We will continue to work with C.T. Male to identify other valves we can isolate in order to use more water from the Eagle Street Tank. Anthony did also mention that if we prove that shutting down additional valves will work to use more water from the tank, then we may want to consider putting new valves in as the current valves are very old and turning them off and on could cause major problems. Rozell Construction is planning to come back soon to plant more grass seed at the site and set up a sprinkler system from the hydrant on the property to keep the grass watered. The tank plaque will be delivered and ready to be set and installed in the beginning of September. Anthony met with Rich from Pickett Memorial and Gary to determine where the plaque will be placed. We will pour the form this week to make sure the concrete base is fully cured before the stone and plaque are delivered.
  
- 2) **Fluoride Project:** The contractors have installed the piping for the fluoride project on the pipe gallery side. However, the contractors made a mistake and they will be coming back to re-install them on the back side of the pipe gallery wall near the wall as it was actually shown on the plans. The mixing machine was also installed however, we have an issue with it as the loading bin is approximately 4 ft higher than the loading platform. This will make it hard for the guys to load the bags of fluoride into the machine as they will have to lift the heavy bags way over their heads to get them into the machine. Anthony is concerned for the employee's safety and told the contractor that we may have to rebuild a better platform or some sort of conveyer. Anthony will keep the Board posted on a solution to this issue. The contractors should be back on site to replace the piping and finish the radio signal equipment within the next couple of weeks.
  
- 3) **Electrical Project:** S.C. Spencer, the company who won the bid for our Electrical Project at the Plant, is not willing to sign the contract with the current substantial completion date of December 31, 2020. Spencer has informed us that they are behind approximately 2 months on all their projects due to delays in receiving materials due to COVID19. Spencer feels that the end of February of 2021 would be a more realistic completion date. After discussion, the Board agreed to a contract amendment moving the completion date of the project to February 28, 2021. The Board did stress however that Spencer must guarantee that they will order the generator as soon as possible so that there will be no delays past 2/28/2021.

A motion was made by Commissioner Antonucci to approve an amendment to the Electrical Project Contract for the Plant to change the completion date of the Project to February 28, 2021 contingent on the Contractor guaranteeing installation of the new Generator by February 28, 2021. The Motion was seconded by Commissioner Robinson.

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

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- 4) **Cameron Spillway Wing Wall:** The Wing Wall replacement was completed last week. Anthony provided pictures to the Board and it was suggested that maybe Bernie could do some work up there with drainage in the areas that the contractors did not address. Anthony also suggested that we start budgeting every year for additional work to other sections of the wing walls to include more drainage and installation of I-Beams on other sections of the wall.
- 5) **Jackson Summit Dam Project:** There has still been no formal announcement on this year's CDBG Grant. Anthony talked to Nick Zabawsky about this and he still thinks there is a chance they will announce the funding as it is Federally funded not State funded. Normally applications are due by the end of July however, due to COVID19 everything has been put on hold for now. Anthony will keep the Board posted.
- 6) **Re-opening of Offices:** Anthony wanted to discuss with the Board about opening the office up to the public and the Office returning to working all together. After discussion, the Board decided to leave the office closed and the office personnel working from home part-time for another 30 days.
- 7) **Vacuum Trailer:** We had an issue with the Vacuum Truck while working on a Lead Service Line Replacement. While working on a Lead Service, sand got up into the filter and motor. Therefore, we had to send it out to have the lines cleaned out, flushed and the filter changed. Anthony explained he had the company put it in writing that this incident did not void the warranty. Anthony talked to one of the technicians who worked on it and they said that there are 3 safeguards on the machine that should not have allowed the sand to get that far up into the machine. We should be getting the machine back on Wednesday or Thursday and will be keeping an eye on this.

**The Clerk of the Water Board Christine Linart presented the following motion: THAT, the Board of Water Commissioners authorizes the Clerk of the Board to adjust District #1 and District#3 Billings for the following amounts:**

District #1–Credit Water (\$875.37); Credit Sewer (\$496.04); Credit Infra (\$185.69). Adjustment made by Gloversville Water Board due to bill being estimated too high water shut off billed for entire period in error. To adjust bill for property located at 401 N. Main Street.

District #1–Credit Water (\$37.18); Credit Sewer (\$14.35);. Adjustment made by Gloversville Water Board due to Minimum Bill Charged in error Meter Removed. To adjust bill for property located at 36 West Street.

District #1–Credit Water (\$37.18); Credit Sewer (\$14.35);. Adjustment made by Gloversville Water Board due to Minimum Bill Charged in error Fire meter Destroyed. To adjust bill for property located at 247 Bleecker Street.

District #3–Credit Water (\$37.18); Credit Sewer (\$13.65);. Adjustment made by Gloversville Water Board due to Minimum Bill Charged in error Meter Removed in book as out no Ticket. To adjust bill for property located at 427 S. Main Street.

District #3– Credit Sewer (\$60.79);. Adjustment made by Gloversville Water Board due to an adjustment Issued by Gloversville Wastewater Treatment Plant due to major piping failure. To adjust bill for property located at 357 S. Main Street.

A motion was made by Commissioner Robinson seconded by Commissioner Antonucci, that the above motion be adopted.

Commissioner	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain
Robinson	X			

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Antonucci	X				
Isabella	X				
Mauro	X				
Shell			X		

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

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

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The next meeting will be held in the office and be recorded on September 14, 2020 at 6:00PM.