

Northern Westchester Joint Water Works

NWJWW Board of Trustees Meeting – October 4, 2024

Raymond A. Reber Catskill Water Treatment Facility 2065 East Main Street, Cortlandt Manor, NY

Convened at 10:14 A.M.

Adjourned at 10:52 A.M.

Present:

Robert Scorrano, Chairperson	Matthew Geho, Operations Director
Ed Lachterman, Vice Chairperson	Catherine Paget, Business Director
Richard Becker, Treasurer	Michael Cunningham, Attorney
Charles Peterson, Trustee	Donna Albanese, Recording Sec'y

A motion was made by Trustee Becker to adopt the September 20, 2024 minutes. Motion was seconded by Trustee Lachterman. Motion approved 4-0.

A motion was made by Trustee Lachterman at 10:16 a.m. to enter into Executive Session to discuss a particular employee. Motion was seconded by Trustee Becker. Motion approved 4-0.

A motion was made by Trustee Scorrano at 10:32 a.m. to exit Executive Session. Motion was seconded by Trustee Becker. Motion approved 4-0.

During the Board meeting, there was a brief discussion regarding the discontinuation of fluoride in the Town of Yorktown. The Town of Yorktown will be holding a public meeting on October 15th.

Review results and request award of Bid# 2024.8 Generator Radiators and Oil Gaskets Replacements

Mr. Geho mentioned that we bid out the Generator Radiators and the results came in more favorable than originally projected. We had 2 bidders and the bids came in at \$133,247 and \$108,765 with 35 days to complete the job once we give them the approval to order the materials. There is a 4-week lead in time on the radiators. Given the rental unit is \$19,000 a month time is of the essence.

Mr. Geho would like to award the bid to Gentech LTD in the amount of \$108,765. This was not budgeted for or foreseen, but must be repaired in order to ensure we have a reliable back up power supply. Mrs. Paget mentioned that we had the mechanical engineer at Zurich, our insurance company, who came on Wednesday and did the inspection. We are waiting for that report from Zurich and be advised by our broker if there is any opportunity for reimbursement. Our deductible is \$25,000.

The mechanical engineer found conclusively what happened. You have a hose clamp and at the end of the hose clamp you have a little bit extra of a hose clamp that hangs there. This was in the fan and from it running over the years, it finally snapped and got sucked into the radiator cracking the radiator. Just to do the radiator, it would cost about \$78,000. Since it is a 20-year-old unit, we have an ongoing oil leak so for \$30,000 more we can correct this issue too. When Mr. Geho wrote out the spec he put in the bid spec replace all the clamps, all the hoses, and the coolant. He omitted the water pump because we will go out, buy the water pump and install it in house. We may come back and have a change order.

A motion was made by Trustee Becker to award Bid #2024.8 Catskill Plant Generator Radiators and Oil Gasket replacement to Gentech LTD in the amount of \$108,765. Motion was seconded by Trustee Peterson. Motion approved 4-0.

Request date change for the November meeting, proposing Friday, November 1, 2024 at 10:00 A.M.

Mrs. Paget mentioned that we are requesting to change the next Board meeting to Friday, November 1, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. because we are awaiting the electrical cost projections from the New York Power Authority. They advised us earlier that they are hosting a webinar for preliminary costs next Thursday. We also have our insurance renewal which is out to market, and that renewal will be due on November 10th. We will have the results of the market and bring it to the Board. She would also like to talk in depth about the budget and wrap it all at the November 1st meeting. Mrs. Paget mentioned that the only thing that would affect maybe another meeting is where we land with interviewing for the accountant position. If we are able to bring a recommendation to the Board on November 1st, we would do that then.

A motion was made by Trustee Lachterman to change the date for the next Board meeting to Friday, November 1, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. Motion was seconded by Trustee Becker. Motion approved 4-0.

Business Director's Report

Nothing further to report

Operations Director's Report

Nothing further to report

Attorney's Report

Mr. Cunningham is requesting a written document on the press release from Trustee Lachterman on the fluoride.

A motion was made by Trustee Peterson at 10:52 A.M. to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Trustee Lachterman. Motion approved 4-0.

Resolution #2024-82

A motion was made by Trustee Becker to adopt the September 20, 2024 minutes. Motion was seconded by Trustee Lachterman. Motion approved 4-0.

Resolution #2024-83

A motion was made by Trustee Becker to award Bid #2024.8 Catskill Plant Generator Radiators and oil Gasket replacement to Gentech LTD in the amount of \$108,765. Motion was seconded by Trustee Peterson. Motion approved 4-0.

Resolution #2024-84

A motion was made by Trustee Lachterman to change the date for the next Board meeting to Friday, November 1, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. Motion was seconded by Trustee Becker. Motion approved 4-0.