Poughkeepsies' Joint Water Board

September 3, 2013 4:30 PM

Poughkeepsies' Water Treatment Facility

Agenda

- 1. Approval of August 6, 2013 Minutes
- 2. Public Participation
- 3. Plant Status Report
- 4. Update on Operating Budget
- 5. Approved 2014 Operating Budget
- 6. Upgrade Status
 Town, Map, Plan and Report
 City Financing
 Design Status
- 7. Stage 2 Disinfection By-product Consent Order
- 8. Old Business
- 9. New Business
- 10.IBM Negotiations

Next meeting: October 1, 2013: 4:30 PM Poughkeepsies' Water Treatment Facility

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August 6, 2013 Minutes

Board Members Others

Mark Newton
Paul Herman
Sean Eagleton
Todd Tancredi
Paul Herman
Don Beer, Morris Associates
Jim Horan, SRDD
Keith Ballard, Town Water

Doreen Tignanelli, Customer Jim Beretta, Customer Mark Grady, EJ Prescott, Inc.

1. Approval of July 2, 2013 Minutes

Mark Newton pointed out that he was not at the meeting. Minutes were approved as corrected.

2. Approval of July 9, 2013 Minutes

Minutes were approved as written.

3. Public Participation

Doreen Tignanelli stated she did not know if episode was handled well.

Todd Tancredi responded that Town does 50 tests weekly and that during this event an additional 25 tests were taken. Mark Newton pointed out that paper stated Town did not have a problem. Doreen responded that she had lots of customers contact her about the City boil water order and that people don't understand how two systems are operated. Todd stated he was not made aware of problem until he was contacted by reporter.

4. Plant Status Report

Randy Alstadt reviewed his written report. Sean Eagleton questioned why bearing temperature were high. Randy responded that it is typical for temperatures to increase under high temperature conditions and that High Lift Pump #2 is typically operated continuously due to its optimum production rate.

Mark Newton asked Randy to explain what caused the City boil water order. Randy responded that when the temperature increases chlorine demand increases and as a result the chlorine residual level drops in the distribution systems and City's College Hill Reservoir. In the past our Laboratory Director and Laboratory Technician (filled by Senior Mechanic) were responsible for monitoring the City distribution system including College Hill Reservoir and that those positions were eliminated in 2013. Randy stated during previous years he would review the data with the Laboratory Director and adjust plant effluent chlorine residuals and when necessary add supplemental chlorine into the College Hill Reservoir by inserting

large swimming pool floaters filled with large chlorine tablets. Randy stated that when the City took over the distribution system monitoring they were advised of this annual concern.

Randy stated it is his opinion that the City reacted too slowly to decreasing free chlorine levels and that problem was exasperated by heavy end of June and July 1st rain which is known to leak into College Hill Reservoir.

Randy stated in effort to assist plant effluent residual was increased from 2.0 mg/L 2.25 mg/L on July 8th, then to 2.5 mg/L on July 9th, then to 3mg/L on July 12th. Randy stated based upon his concerns that College Hill Reservoir was still too low he directed staff to add 30 gallons of liquid chlorine to reservoir on Friday, July 12th and 25 gallons on Sunday, July 14th.

5. Update on Operating Budget Status

Randy Alstadt provided Board 2013 operating budget status. Randy stated that overall we have expended 46% compared to 58% of year expended. Randy projected that he anticipates he will not exceed budget.

6. Proposed 2014 Operating Budget

Randy Alstadt stated he met with Finance Commissioner, William Brady, to review proposed budget. Randy stated that during that meeting some items were increased based upon current spending trends while other items were deleted to reduce costs. Randy stated that the majority of reductions were based upon moving forward with the upgrade which will address many of the issues and that some actions will be better after upgrade to prevent conflict or potential damage.

Randy presented summary of budget (4 pages) and referred to City detailed budget (28 pages). Mark Newton stated he wants complete budget that includes health, pension, retirement and other non expenses dollars. Randy referred him to page 4 of his budget.

Bill Brady stated that he worked out budget with Randy then reviewed changes with Town Comptroller, Jim Wojtowicz.

Mark asked what stuff was being eliminated from previous proposal. Randy referred Mark to the detail list of adjustments. Mark expressed concern that he did not want to cut the budget to a point that we would put facility at risk. Randy responded that he did not see any increased risk and that with centrifuge upgrade the major risk will be eliminated.

Mark expressed concerns that benefits were not changed. Bill pointed out that Health Insurance was increased \$25,000 or 10-percent. Bill then stated that he has not been provided any further changes from State. Todd Tancredi questioned that if benefits are increased will budget be increased accordingly. Milo Bunyi agreed.

Mark Newton asked Randy if he approved revised budget and to assure him that facility is not going to be at increased risk. Randy agreed

7. Capital Budget Progress

Don Beer stated that Town Map, Plan and Report will be submitted to State Comptroller August 24th which is 30-days past Town Board took action.

Bill Brady stated that City has Bond Resolutions in place. He stated City schedule is to borrow for Design and Bid Process through short term loan then use EFC for construction.

Mark Newton questioned if City was at risk to get credit. Randy Alstadt replied that funds are allocated in State Revolving Plan and will be acquired through EFC.

8. Stage 2 Disinfection By-product Consent Order

Jim Horan stated he had drafted a resolution on consent order to address impact on wholesale customers. Randy Alstadt stated that wholesale customers will not be impacted as they only take one (1) sample for averaging while City and Town will be able to continue averaging the quarterly average of the four locations. Board approved signing consent order.

9. Old Business

None

10. New Business

Todd Tancredi presented a letter written by Don Beer in response to concern letter from Town of Hyde Park Supervisor, Aileen Rohr. Board discussed the letter and proposed changes. Don Beer will revise and circulate letter for Board approval. If attending members are in agreement letter will be sent.

Board set next meeting date to be held September 3rd at 4:30 PM.