

**ORANGE COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING
124 Main Street, Goshen, NY and Live Streamed on Zoom.us**

Meeting Minutes of February 14, 2023

- I. Call to Order** The meeting was called to order at 1:07 PM
Roll call completed – 5/7 Quorum

Board Members Present: Dominic Cordisco
 Erik Denega
 Peter Tuohy
 Wayne Vradenburgh
 Louis Ingrassia

Staff Present: Eenika Cruz, Administrator
 Joe Mahoney, Council

II. Consent Calendar

- a. **January 10, 2023 Minutes** – Louis Ingrassia made a motion to approve the January Board Meeting Minutes. Erik Denega seconded the motion. Hearing no objections, motion passed unanimously.
- b. **February 2023 Demands List** – Louis Ingrassia made a motion to approve the February Demands List. Peter Tuohy seconded the motion. Hearing no objections, motion passed unanimously.
- c. **Year-to-Date Budget** – Year to date budget was reviewed. Eenika noted she inquired about rolling over the funding for leak detection work. An update will be provided hopefully soon. No action taken.

III. Executive Director's Report

- a. **Annual Audit of Financials and Internal Controls** – The in-office audit day was on February 3rd. Everything went smoothly as always. A draft of the audit reports will be presented to the board at their next meeting in March.
- b. **Water Transportation Corporation, Greens at Chester** – The Authority received notice and a basic map of the Greens at Chester project's proposed water district. Joe Mahoney provided background information on the Authority's role and responsibilities concerning water transportation corporations. The local authority would be the Town of Chester so they would be responsible for approving or denying it, with OCWA providing recommendation as to why or why not it should be approved. It is unclear on the maps if they are using wells or tapping into a municipal system and so on. Eenika submitted a request for additional information with Joe's guidance. In order to properly review the project, we need to fully understand what is being proposed. Documents will be forwarded to the board once received.
- c. **Newburgh WQIP Update** – A written update from the Orange County Land Trust was provided to the board in their packet. We are working on extending the grant contract as well.

IV. Other Business

- a. **Conservation Educator Advertisement** – OCWA's senior conservation educator is retiring at the end of this school year. A copy of the draft ad to be posting online seeking new educator was presented to the board. It will be posted online Friday. Eenika asked for comments before then. The board discussed the

pay structure for training versus teaching and how they'll need to teach OCWA's structured program that meets NYS Education standards.

- b. Leadership Orange – Erik noted he attended the conference and presented on the history of the OCWA, watersheds, water supply systems around the county, proposed water line at the airport, and issues around the County to professionals.
- c. Police Drive Update – Erik stated in a previous meeting that OCWA will need to release ownership of the Police Drive water line. An update may be provided at the March meeting.
- d. Leak Detection – Letters were sent to municipalities and the contract was drafted and sent to Alan to review. Work will start as soon as the contract is executed.

V. Next Board Meeting

The next OCWA Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 14, 2023 at 1:00 PM at 124 Main Street in Goshen.

VI. Adjournment

Erik Denega made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Peter Tuohy seconded the motion. Hearing no comments, the meeting was adjourned at 1:41 PM.