

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

Meeting Minutes of April 11, 2023

- I. Call to Order** The meeting was called to order at 1:09 PM
Roll call completed – 4/7 Quorum

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

Staff Present: Alan Sorensen, Executive Director
 Eenika Cruz, Administrator
 Joe Mahoney, Council

II. Consent Calendar

- a. **February 14, 2023 Minutes** – Erik Denega made a motion to approve the February Board Meeting Minutes. Louis Ingrassia seconded the motion. Hearing no objections, motion passed unanimously.
- b. **April 2023 Demands List** – Peter Tuohy made a motion to approve the April Demands List. Louis Ingrassia seconded the motion. Hearing no objections, motion passed unanimously.
- c. **Year-to-Date Budget** – Year to date budget was reviewed.

III. Executive Director's Report

- a. **Police Drive Water Main Quit Claim Deed** – Alan provided a brief overview of the Police Drive Project which goes back to 2014 when OCWA passed a resolution to fund the installation of a new water main on Police Drive in Goshen. Joe Mahoney noted MTBE contamination, a water-soluble compound found in gasoline, was found in wells along Police Drive. The Village of Goshen provides water to several homes and businesses through that water main, but it is the County's infrastructure and OCWA paid for the work. A quit claim deed and resolution to relinquish and transfer any potential ownership or claim to the water has been presented to the board for consideration. A motion to approve **Resolution 2023-02** authorizing the executive director to execute (sign) of a quit claim deed to confirm any issue of ownership of the Police Drive Water Main Extension was made by Louis Ingrassia. The motion was seconded by Erik Denega. Hearing no objections, the motion passed unanimously.
- b. **Annual Audit of Financials and Internal Controls** – The auditor was unable to attend the meeting due to their very busy calendar because of tax week. He will present the Audit at our May meeting.
- c. **Newburgh WQIP Update** – Alan noted we are working with the NYS DEC to do a presentation on watershed and resource protection with our partners at the Towns of Newburgh and New Windsor, and the City of Newburgh. We are looking to schedule it sometime in May. Dominic requested to go into executive session with OCWA's attorney (attorney client privilege) and Board members to discuss possible legal strategies. A motion to go into executive session was approved by Peter Tuohy and seconded by Louis Ingrassia. Hearing no objections, the motion passed unanimously and executive session began at 1:21 pm. A motion to come out of executive session was approved by Peter Tuohy and seconded by Louis Ingrassia. Hearing no objections, the motion passed unanimously. Executive session ended at 1:40 pm. No action was taken.

IV. Other Business

- a.** New Board Member – As previously mentioned in an email last week, Steve Gagnon of the Orange County Health Dept is to be confirmed soon as a new member of our board of directors. The new Health commissioner, Dr. Pointer, has hit the ground running. She will be good asset for the County. She happy to hear about the OCWA’s work and was the source of the recommending Steve as a new board member. Harry Porr was supportive and the County Executive’s office has officially appointed him to the Board. The County Legislature only needs to confirm his appointment. Hopefully all will be confirmed by our May meeting.
- b. Greens at Chester Update** – The board wondered what had transpired since our last board meeting. A request for additional paperwork was sent to them. We have not received anything yet. Joe Mahoney also noted he spoke with the Town of Chester’s attorney. They are aware we requested the paperwork and are unable to take action on the project until OCWA has a chance to review it and make a recommendation.

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

Louis Ingrassia made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Erik Denega seconded the motion. Hearing no comments, the meeting was adjourned at 1:45 PM.