VILLAGE OF SKANEATELES
MUNICIPAL BOARD
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING – May 22, 2018

Present: Chairman McQuaid, Commissioners Angelillo, Blackler, Elliott, and Palmer, DMO Harty, Trustee Stokes-Cawley.

Excused: Commissioner Rhoads

Chairman McQuaid called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Chairman McQuaid proposed the addition of a topic "Actions Required" to future agendas.

ADMINISTRATION

Minutes. Upon motion of Comm. Blackler, seconded by Comm. Palmer, the minutes from March 22, 2018 were approved as submitted, the minutes from April 17, 2018 were approved as corrected, and the minutes of May 8, 2018 were approved as corrected. All approvals were unanimous.

Project Prioritization, Planning & Scheduling. DMO Harty said that priorities have been considered in developing the budgets.

Staffing. DMO said that Miranda Robinson would be starting in about 1 month. She will be visiting from time-to-time for some informal pre-meetings for paperwork and orientation.

General Board Feedback.

- The Board is generally pleased with the current format and conduct of the meetings.

Water Utility

Operational Projects

- **Water Main Capital Project**

1. Village Board will begin SEQR review this week and finish end of June, permitting adoption of a bond resolution for the $3.3MM project.
2. Fiscal Advisors has put together some bond financing schedules. They, bond counsel and Village Attorney have been working closely together. The team is doing preliminary reviews as to what the debt scenario is likely to be and what the impact will be on the

average Village customer. The Board will begin to see some details of that rate study over the next few weeks.

3. The water rate structure has two components: O&M and debt service. The debt service is currently for the borrowing done to fund the UV disinfection plant, the costs of which are split 50/50 with the Town.
4. DMO posited the financing strategy for the new borrowing to use the water fund balance for interim financing, while staging new debt to come on as the existing debt is retired.
5. DMO sees a tentative schedule as receiving bids at end-July, authorizing construction contracts beginning in August so that work on East Lake Road is completed prior to DOT-planned repaving.
6. Comm. Angelillo asked if there was sewer work being done as part of the project. DMO Harty said no sanitary sewer work is being done in this project.
7. But there is a $1MM street improvement component to the project (rebuilding East Lake Street and granite curbing). 75% of the cost will be borne by the Water Fund, 25% by the General Fund.
8. Project is focused on water main replacement on East Lake Road, East Lake Street, East Genesee Street (East Lake to Onondaga), State Street (north of Elizabeth to Village line), all of Highland, all of Griffin, all of Hannum, and Fuller from Highland to Genesee.
9. Project will replace all 4 inch cast iron mains and most 6 inch cast iron mains.
10. The replacement main on State Street (Elizabeth to Village line) will provide service to the Community Center, putting that facility back on the Village system.
11. Project will comply with new regulations governing lead services. If any lead is found (main to curb box), it will be replaced.
12. There are no decisions or actions required by the Municipal Board at this meeting for this project.

Sensus Conversion. No comment at the meeting.

Additional Topics.

- **Blue Green Algae Treatment**

1. Since no proposals have been received from GHD, no actions by the Board are required tonight.
2. DMO Harty noted the receipt of GHD's final report. Regardless, DMO would like to open the topic for discussion.
3. Comm. Palmer asked if errors had been corrected? He noted pH levels and expense calculations that, if corrected, might have changed the financial ranking of the alternatives and seems to embrace the implementation of a filtration component to our treatment regime. With chlorine, we have the ability to 'wait and see', since we have sufficient contact time to handle the most likely levels of contamination.
4. Comm. Palmer also viewed a delayed response as being favorable from the standpoint of not having multiple major projects underway at the same time.
5. DMO asked Comm. Palmer to send her his observations in an email so that she could transmit his concerns to GHD.

6. The Board further discussed the report, its usability, their agreement with the recommendations and the next steps.
7. DMO summarized the general sense of the Board, that the short-term response is to rely on chlorination. She said she was hearing some disagreement within the Board as to the degree of proof of the best long-term direction. She suggested that the Board was in agreement with the need for jar testing for chlorination, but not with the immediate need of testing for granular activated carbon selection.
8. Comm. Angelillo questioned the need for jar testing, noting that the Village already has proven the efficacy of chlorination with its 2017 empirical data.
9. DMO stated that we need to show DOH, by engineer's report, that there are no unintended consequences from chlorination disinfection by-products.
10. In 2017 the City of Syracuse elevated the chlorine levels, the Village increased the contact time through operating changes.
11. The message for the June 6th meeting is that the absence of toxins in distributed treated ('finished') water shows that the Village has an existing treatment system and a proven treatment method that was effective. The Village will use that treatment again, if necessary.
12. Comm. Blackler asked if it would still be adequate if toxin levels were 5 times 2017 levels. The Board thought that it would.
13. Comm. Angelillo asked if there would be merit to installing taps in the piping such that a portable GAC system could be employed? The Board thought that was worth additional thought. DMO expressed the caveat that once you are committed to temporary operation you are more or less committed to implementation.
14. DMO summarized that the solution we have works, but we should get a proposal from GHD for next-step testing.

Electric Utility

General & Financials.

- Payment for infrastructure from the Parkside Village subdivision will allow the purchase of the next phase of electric meters from L&G.
- LED street lighting conversion is 36% complete
- The recent Village-wide outage was caused by a NYSEG transformer fire at the Niles tap. That caused an interruption to our main National Grid feed, but was restored relatively quickly.

Operational projects.

- **Storm Assessment.** No comment at the meeting.
- **Substation.** No comment at the meeting.
- **AMR Deployment.** No comment at the meeting.
- **LED Street Lighting.** Replacements are 36% complete.

Sewer Utility

The new application for renewal of the Village's SPEDES permit will be completed by end-June. We are applying for grants that could cover the costs of the engineering study of the WWTP.
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Meeting Dates. The June meeting will be held on June 26, 2018 at 6:00 pm.

On motion of Chairman McQuaid, seconded by Comm. Elliott, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 6:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Dundon, Clerk to the Boards