

Albany Municipal Water Finance Authority
Minutes of Meeting 12-17-2014 8:00 AM

Members in attendance: Gardner Lerner, Julia Cannizzaro, Rev. Ed Smart, Michael Hall & Gary Overdorf.

Also Present: William Kahn, UHY Advisors; Joseph Coffey, Jr., Commissioner Water Dept.; Bill Simco, PE., Asst. Commissioner Water Dept.; Chris Quirk, CFO Albany Water Dept.; John Riley, City Attorney, Anne Lettario, Asst., Corp. Counsel, Bob Hennes, Hugh Johnson Advisors, Dan Hershberg, Consulting Eng. & Martin Daley, Coordinator CDRPC.

Approval of Previous Minutes: Since the previous minutes from 11-21-14 were distributed prior to this meeting, Rev. Smart made a motion to approve. Seconded by Gary Overdorf and approved.

Financial Report:

Bob Hennes gave us a short report concerning our existing Bonds and revenues. Interest is, and should remain, in the low figures. Our financial status remains solid.

New Business

Mike Hall asked the Chairman if we could interject a presentation by Mr. Martin Daley, Coordinator for the Capital District Regional Planning Commission, concerning the LTCP (Long Term Control Plan) for the pool communities including Albany, Troy, Rensselaer, Watervliet and the Village of Green Island. This "pool" will reduce the amount of CSO (Combined Sewer Overflow) into the Hudson River and will share the costs associated with this problem. The estimated costs are \$136.53 Million over a 15 year span. A consent order has been signed by each participant and approved by the DEC.

Since the meeting will have some pressing issues, Chairman Lerner asked if we could bring this presentation for a later meeting. Mr. Daley agreed and will be back at another time.

Treasurer's Report

Mike Hall told us the monthly report shows a very strong position. Chris Quirk said we were \$2 million ahead in revenue and \$3 million ahead in cash flow.

Capital Projects

Dan Hershberg gave us the "Capital Plan 2014 Status Report" for Sewer and Water. The water projects totaled \$1,150,000 and the sewer totaled \$1,000,000. There were 356 Sewer backwater Grants received, 12 withdrawn, 13 denied, 327 approved & 4 pending. Total cost of the grants was \$424,405 and all agreed it was money well spent. Dan also told us his firm will not be the consulting engineer after this year. A new firm will be named later.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chairman Lerner asked Commissioner Coffey to give us an update for the 2015 Budget.

Total revenue \$34,850,000

Total expenses \$26,285,818

Total available for debt service and capital projects \$8,564,182

Debt Service \$6,417,345

Debt Ratio Computation (1.15:1 minimum) = 1.33:1

This is good however, the ratio for 2014 was 1.60:1 and this might require a raise in the rates.

Also, an allocation was made to include an amount of \$750,000 to the City of Albany to compensate them for services rendered by their employees.

Mr. Coffey gave us The Mayor;s “wish list”. Since the State is going to get an extra \$5 billion, she was going to ask the Governor if there was any way we could get some help with the projects we must do. Also he showed us the current “Key Performance Index”. Overtime pay is still high but not out of line considering the awful winter we had early this past year.

Mr. Bill Simco gave us information concerning the CSO project and the bond resolution that must be in effect no later than 3-2-2015.

Chris Quirk reported there were five responses to the RFP for Auditing our finances and a firm will be hired ASAP.

Bill Kahn gave us information concerning the Summary and Transfer Document.

Mike Hall gave us a copy of two resolutions that we needed to vote on.

Resolution #14-12 covers the Approval of the 2015 Budget and Transfer Document. Rev. Smart made the motion to approve, Mike Hall seconded and all voted yes.

Resolution #14-13 covers Authorizing the creation of a committee to issue RFPs for a Bond Counsel for Long-term Control Plan and Bond Issue. Rev. Smart made the motion to approve, Mike Hall seconded and all voted yes.

Chairman Lerner asked for a voice vote to approve an “Agreement For Continuing Secondary Market Disclosure” submitted by Fiscal Advisors & Marketing, Inc. All voted yes and John Riley will confirm.

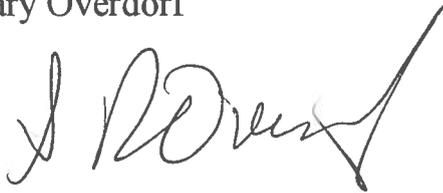
At 10:20 AM a motion was made to adjourn by Rev. Smart, seconded by Gary Overdorf and carried.

The next regular meeting of the AMWFA is scheduled for 3-18-15 at 8 AM.

There is a strong possibility of another "Special Meeting" required prior to the regular meeting

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Overdorf

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "G Overdorf", with a long, sweeping flourish extending upwards and to the right.