

ALBANY WATER BOARD
MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
April 2, 2021

A Special Meeting of the Albany Water Board was officially convened at 9:00am. Pursuant to Executive Order No. 202.1, issued by Governor Cuomo on March 12, 2020, and advisories issued by Federal, State, and Local officials related to the COVID-19 virus, the Albany Water Board convened its meeting by video conference call.

The meeting notice provided information to the public on how to participate. No members of the public participated and no inquiries were received from the public prior to the meeting.

PRESENT: Charles Houghton, Chairperson; Karen Strong, Secretary; Anthony Owens, Treasurer; Rachel Johnson, Vice Chairperson

STAFF PRESENT: Joseph E. Coffey, Jr., P.E., Commissioner; Thomas Dufresne, CFO; William Simcoe, P.E., Deputy Commissioner, Lisa Middleton, Confidential Assistant

BOARD ADVISORS PRESENT: TJ Ruane, Whiteman Osterman Hanna

Public Comment Period

No public comments.

New Business

Deputy Commissioner Simcoe and Attorney Ruane presented the following: The Albany Water Board is proposing to install a modulating slide gate at the South Wastewater Treatment Plant; Installation of the new slide gate will be installed up-gradient of the headworks building, and is anticipated to significantly reduce the velocity gradient and turbulence at the screen interface that is caused by existing sluice gate; and prevent routine flooding within the headworks building thereby eliminating the associated additional cleanup efforts after storm events; the Project is a Type II Action and, therefore, not subject to further review under SEQRA. They recommend adopting the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 21-28: CLASSIFYING TYPE II ACTION PURSUANT TO STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW ACT (SEQRA)

The Albany Water Board is proposing to install a modulating slide gate at the South Wastewater Treatment Plant. The Water Board determines that the Project is a Type II Action and, therefore, not subject to further review under SEQRA

Mr. Houghton called for a motion to approve, offered by Mr. Owens, seconded by Ms. Johnson and passed unanimously.

Being no further business, Mr. Houghton called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:08 am

Next regular meeting of the Water Board is scheduled for Friday, April 23, 2021 at 9:00am. Note Audit Meeting will be at 8:30 am and Finance Committee Meeting will be at 8:00am.

Approved by:  _____

(Assistant) Secretary