

Schuylerville/Victory Board of Water Management
Monthly Board Meeting Minutes
May 16, 2022

Present:

Chairman Drew
Commissioner Dennison
Commissioner Healy
Commissioner Hughes

PUBLIC HEARING ON:

A resolution was presented to amend the 2023 tentative SVBOWM budget. The budget that was posted on the website was not in balance. The resolution was for an amendment to increase account J.2148.00 Interest and Penalties by 1,836.00. Commissioner Dennison made the motion to approve the amendment, Commissioner Hughes seconded the motion, all in favor, resolution approved.

Chairman Drew read the budget line by line.
There were no questions or comments from the persons present.

There was a presentation of a resolution to form a reserve for the repairs to the Victory Plant. Chairman Drew read from the resolution as follows; **WHEREAS**, the Schuylerville/Victory Board of Water Management does hereby resolve to create a specific reserve for the funds needed to replace the media and repair infrastructure at the Victory water filtration plant in the amount of \$70,000.00. Commissioner Dennison made the motion to approve the resolution, Commissioner Healy seconded the motion, all in favor, resolution passed.

There was a presentation of a resolution to form a reserve for the replacement of the reverse osmosis membrane filters for the Schuylerville plant in the amount of Chairman Drew read from the resolution as follows; **WHEREAS**, the Schuylerville/Victory Board of Water Management does hereby resolve to create a specific reserve for the funds needed to purchase new filters filters at the Fort Hardy Plant \$197,464.45 Commissioner Dennison made the motion to approve the formation of the reserve, Commissioner Hughes seconded the motion, all in favor, resolution approved

Resolution to adopt the 2023_SVBOWM Budget read as follows; **WHEREAS** The Schuylerville/Victory Board of Water Management does hereby vote to adopt the final budget for the SVBOWM fund for the fiscal year 2023. **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Schuylerville/Victory Board of Water Management does hereby approve this resolution to adopt the 2023 Fiscal Year Budget for the Schuylerville/Victory Board of Water Management. Commissioner Dennison made the motion to approve the budget, Commissioner Hughes seconded the motion, Chairman Drew Aye, Commissioner Healy Nay, budget passes 3-1

Chairman Drew asked for a a motion to close the public hearing, Commissioner Dennison made the motion, Commissioner Hughes seconded the motion, all in favor, hearing closed.

BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The next meeting will be on June 27th at the meeting hall in the Village of Victory @ 7 PM.

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE:

Mr. Goddette from 19 Broad was present at the meeting to protest billing units. Mr. Goddette had sold the building back in April of 2021. He stated that he had removed a laundry facility that he was being charged an additional unit for. He stated that he had received a letter from the building inspector that the facilities had been removed. He had provided the board with a copy of the letter. Mr Goddette opined that if the water district had meters that it would prevent situations like this where in his opinion the system of billing is unfair. The board informed Mr. Goddette that the water district had much more pressing expenses than instituting meters. Several years ago, the board had been presented with a plan to install meters and purchase software for the system that would cost from \$500,000.00 to \$750,000.00. Commissioner Healy stated that the board had decided to lower the number of units charged to 9, but that the former clerk had not reflected this in the billing software. Commissioner Hughes did not agree that the board had approved this reduction. Mr. Goddette stated that he would like to see a refund for those billings that he was charged ten for as opposed to nine. Chairman Drew said that he would look into the matter and that he was sure they could resolve this.

MINUTES

The minutes from the April Meeting were presented for approval. Commissioner Dennison made the motion to approve the minutes, Chairman Drew seconded the motion, all in favor, minutes approved

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Bank Balances:	
Operating Account	\$ 235,961.21
Filter Account	\$ 167,458.03
Savings Account	\$ 251,361.81

JCF PLANT OPERATIONS:

Chairman Drew read from the report that was submitted by JCF. Items of note were as follows; Annual Water Quality Report is complete. Heyman stated that she would include the link to the website where residents could view the report in the tax mailing and would post a paper copy at the village office.

Fort met with the representative from Gov Deals to get pictures and information to post the backhoe on the auction website.

JCF will research into additional PFOA testing in the event that the regulations will change. The RO water does not have any trace at all, it is the bypass water that will need to be monitored. Bypass water is the water that needs to be allowed to mix with the treated water in order to retain

some of the essential minerals that are needed to be potable. The water is still filtered, just not with the reverse osmosis. He stated that he could do one round of three samples at \$220 per sample per well. He could also break it up into two sets of three samples. JCF reported on the rehabilitation to the Victory Plant, Troy Boiler will go in from the top, which should come in at a much lower price. He has not received a quote from the other vender yet. Hungerford and Terry will oversee the repair. They have the materials ready, we are still waiting on the media.

OLD BUSINESS:

Water Connection 231 Broad. Tim Sidore, the person who is requesting a water connection for a sprinkler system, did not submit the requested information. Mr. Sidore understands that the board will not approve the connection until they receive detailed plans from him.

The Backhoe is currently on the auction website Govdeals.com. Current bid is already at \$29,000.00 and the bidding is continuing.

The hiring of a water clerk was discussed. The Village of Schuylerville has discussed hiring the water clerk directly and getting reimbursed from the water board. There will need to be a contract in place to ensure that both entities are clear on the expectations of the cost and reimbursement. Commissioner Hughes asked what would happen if the lead agency changes what happens to the water clerk, Heyman suggested that in the contract there could be a stipulation that if the lead agency changes, the water clerk would have a 60-day trial period to ensure that they are given a chance. Currently the Village of Victory has no desire to retake the lead. All agreed that changing the lead agency is not necessarily a good system. Heyman agreed that it is particularly difficult from a records management standpoint.

NEW BUSINESS:

A resolution to amend the 2022 budget was presented as follows;

Increase

J.8340.400 Transmission and Distribution Contractual	\$27,180.90
J.8330.400 Purification Contractual	\$10,000.00

Decrease

J.0909.004 Unassigned Fund Balance	\$37,180.90
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Commissioner Dennison made the motion to approve this resolution, Commissioner Hughes seconded the motion, all in favor, resolution approved.

A resolution to transfer funds in the 2022 budget was presented as follows;

Increase

J.8320.400 Purification Contractual	\$3,673.38
J.8340.400 Transmission and Distribution Contractual	\$8,507.04
J.8310.100 Home and Communities Personnel	\$1,000.00
J.8310.400 Home and Communities Contractual	\$2,800.00

Decrease

J.8989.400 Home and Communities Grants Contractual	\$15,000.00
J.8240.200 Power and Pumping Equipment	\$980.42

Commissioner Hughes made the motion to approve the resolution, Chairman Drew seconded the motion all in favor resolution approved.

Commissioner Dennison made the motion to approve the following vouchers which were presented for payment;

- Village of Schuylerville \$4,165.74
- Nick Lussiers \$27,602.00
- MSC Filtration \$8,877.20
- USA Bluebook \$346.22 and \$439.86

Commissioner Healy seconded the motion, all in favor, vouchers approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None.

AUDIT AND APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:

May abstract was presented with expends in the amount of \$38,894.70. Commissioner Dennison made the motion to approve the vouchers, Commissioner Hughes seconded all in favor abstract approved.

ADJOURNEMENT:

Commissioner Dennison made the motion to adjourn, Chairman Drew seconded the motion, all in favor, meeting adjourned.

Recording Secretary,

Cory Heyman