

MINUTES
City of Norwich, Water Commission
March 18, 2009

Present: Chairman J. Drelich, Comm. T. Bresina, Comm. A. Caezza, Comm. S. Pelosi
Comm. D. Wilson, Comm. K. Winans, Comm. J. Wysor

Also Present: C. Ivarson

The meeting was opened by Chairman J. Drelich at 7:04 pm.

Visitors: C. Michael Elliott P.E., John C. Byron P.E., Beth Ann Smith P.E. all from
Stearns & Wheler, GHD.

John asked if there were any questions on the final draft on the conceptual design report, water filtration facilities. Questions regarding the state & federal government economic condition were discussed. Will the existing lower reservoir dam present any problems with the new construction, Ms Smith responded that the dam was far enough away from the construction site and would not be subject to additional stress. The Water Commission will be requiring the engineering firm selected to engineer the water filtration facilities to confirm this in written form. Additional trips to Albany to talk to the Department of Health to increase the point score on this project should be scheduled for May and June of 2009. Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) is dependent on the Intended Use Plan (IUP) which the City is listed in. Our project score is currently below the funding line. The federal stimulus provides additional money for water projects. Both grants and loans. The grant limit of \$500,000.00 dollars from USDA-RD has been lifted and grants up to \$2,000,000.00 dollars are now being looked at.

As there are time lines attached to the stimulus program addition work on the project include topographic survey, soil borings, SEQR and a pre application to USDA-RD need to be completed. John presented an amendment to the existing contract with Stearns & Wheler; GHD which would include the above items. The topographic survey would be subcontracted out to Wissenbach Surveyors; soil borings would also be subcontracted to Geologic Inc. for a cost of \$27,000.00 dollars and S&W coordination, review, oversight SEQR, and pre-application for \$ 15,000.00 dollars for a total of \$ 42,000.00 dollars. A motion was made by D. Wilson to forward the amendment from Stearns & Wheler-GHD to the finance committee, seconded by J. Wysor ayes all.

Treasurers Report: There was no treasurer's report due.

Superintendents Report: Correspondence from S. Williams on a shed located on city property at Chenango Lake has been received, superintendent to respond to same.

Correspondence from D. Wilson on Chenango Lake level was received. Superintendent explained the winter operations at Chenango Lake and how and at what levels valves are opened and closed. A record of Chenango Lake levels indicating the high and low for the years 1981 thru 2007 was presented showing lake level to be where it should be at this time.

Mike Stroh, home owner at Chenango Lake disagreed with the level. Superintendent explained the procedure for measuring the lake level which has been in place for over 80 years. The employee measuring the lake level has been employed by the water system for 30 plus years.

The Water Commission would recommend that the Mayor of the City start the process of a memorandum of understanding with the Town of New Berlin and the City of Norwich on taxes, rules & regulations as they relate to Chenango Lake.

Testing of septic systems within city limits will be conducted during the watershed inspections. Systems within 100 feet of an existing sewer main would be required to hook-up after notification.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.