

Bath Electric Gas & Water Systems

Municipal Utilities Commission Meeting Minutes October 2, 2015

Call to order

Vice Chairman Austin called to order the regular meeting of the Municipal Utilities Commission at 4:39 PM on October 2, 2015 at BEGWS Small Conference Room.

Roll call

Vice Chairman Austin conducted a roll call. The following persons were present which constituted a quorum:

Vice Chairman	Michael Austin
Commissioner	Bill Heigel
Commissioner	Rhonda Sweet
Commissioner	Barney Bonicave
Director	Guy Hallgren
Village Trustee	Mike Sweet

Audit of Bills

The bills were reviewed by all Commissioners present. Motion by Commissioner Sweet and seconded by Commissioner Bonicave, passed unanimously to pay the Abstract of Audited Vouchers: [October 30, 2015](#) for Electric Fund of \$94,016.43.

List of accounts payable and electronic fund transfers paid to date: September.

Expense	Amount
CNG	\$43,801.49
Payroll for Period 19	\$74,134.57
NYPA	\$79,711.65
New York State Sales Tax	\$6,789.86
NYMPA	\$22,701.00
Accounts Payable 09-01-15	\$343,797.03
NYSEG	\$27,826.41
Accounts Payable 09-16-15	\$65,189.19
Payroll for Period 20	\$62,194.97
Accounts Payable 9-21-15	\$279,934.82

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Approval of Meeting Minutes

Motion by Commissioner Heigel to approve meeting minutes, seconded by Commissioner Bonicave. Approved unanimously.

Highlights from Supervisors Reports

- During the month the accounting staff worked with auditors from the Bonadio Group to complete our 2014-2015 audit.
- Continued Conversion work:
 - Installing new 3 phase wire down Pine Street and retiring the old 4 KV Hendrix wire.
 - Converted Howell St., and West Steuben from Pultney Park to E. Morris St.
 - Set 2 new poles and ran single phase down Ellis Ave and Kellar Ave to prepare for backlot Hendrix removal from Robie St. to Maple Heights.
 - Continued make ready work on E. Morris, Delaware and Wilson Ave.
 - Trimmed approximately 1000' of trees along railroad track between Lackawanna Ave and Ark St.
- Attended Safety Training on 8/17. Topic of discussion was bucket and pole top rescue certification
- Met with Rick Lepkowski from the PSC to continue audit of records
- Replaced 71 gas meters.
 - Repaired water Main break on Muck Circle
 - Cleaned and exercised valves to be used for flushing program
 - Attended fall water meeting in Hammondsport
 - Continued gas main replacement on Liberty St
 - Repaired gas lead at Colonia Lawns
 - Flushed main on West Morris St
 - Flushed sewer main at Jamesway Plaza multiple times
 - Cleaned shop area on underground side
 - BEGWS Hydrant flushing program ready to proceed on Sunday, Oct 4th at 11:00 pm

Request made by Commissioner Heigel to inspect grease traps for commercial vendors.

BEGWS to speak at Brookhaven Labs - Director Hallgren will represent BEGWS with a presentation to Brookhaven Labs on October 8, 2015. The topic is to cover BEGWS plans to implement a Microgrid in the Village of Bath.

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Nomination for Community Leader Clean Energy Award

Dear Guy,

I was asked by NYSERDA to provide names of people in the Southern Tier Region to nominate as Community Champions for Clean Energy.

I am privileged and honored to have nominated you for possible recognition by NYSERDA for the work you have done in clean energy for your area, the region and the State of New York.

This is just a heads up. You may be contacted by NYSERDA in the near future.

Thank you very much for the work that you do.

Kindest Regards,

Mike

R. Michael Straight

NYSERDA

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LAUF Petition

BEGWS has been notified that its petition for recovery of LAUF monies will be reviewed in November 2015. Although this is 6 months later than requested it is welcome news.

Submission for At Risk Gas Replacement Program

BEGWS submission for recovery of gas facilities installed to upgrade at risk gas pipe is being seen favorably in Albany. It is expected BEGWS will begin seeing a gas surcharge on gas pipe replaced by the end of 2015.

Inquiry made as to how to notify the public over this program

New Hire

Mr. Dan Wilhelm has accepted an offer by BEGWS to join its team. He will start on October 26, 2015. Dan comes from the Southern Tier Regional Development counsel. He holds a chemical engineering degree from Clarkson University and is well respected for his accounting expertise and knowledge of business process development.

MGP Site Cleanup – No report for this month – *Contact Environmental Lawyer to draft a response.*

Cycled Tree Trimming Program

Fairview Sub landscaping is complete

RRH

- The project team has submitted additional engineering documentation to further justify the plan to convert to a resource recovery hub.

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- BEGWS has garnered support from the EPA to convert the plant to a resource recovery hub. In addition the plant will become a research and test cell. This plant will become a model for other plants its size.

At Risk Gas Pipe Replacement Program

BEGWS has installed about 1200' of 6" gas main pipe on the west side of Liberty Street which completes about half the goal for year 2015. Service tie-ins have begun. This will be 20 day process. Pavement will be laid as soon as services are complete.

Advanced Meter Instrumentation

A contract has been signed with GE to install 10 residential and commercial meter in the Village and surrounding service territory. Installation is expected to begin during the last week of October. Verizon is soon to follow.

Adjournment

Request for Adjournment by Commissioner Bonicave seconded by Seconded by Commissioner Heigel in adjourned the meeting at 5:47pm.

Minutes submitted by: Guy Hallgren