



JOHNSONBURG MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

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**EMERGENCY MEETING**

Tuesday October 5, 2021

9:00 AM Board Meeting

**MINUTES**

- The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am by Chairman James Reinsburrow followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence
- Roll call – In attendance were James Reinsburrow, Earl Park, Charles DeStephano, Kenneth Polaski, Thomas Weaver, Dennis Asti (Richard Zeigler – excused), Dan Newell, Ken Caldwell, Rick Brown, Josh Gunnett (GD&F) and Andy Johnson (GD&F).
- Visitors – Bryan Stockman (The Ridgway Record reporter), Emil Zaunick, Linda Tillack, Rick Marzella (Continental Construction), Tony King, and Al Maletto (Johnsonburg Press)
- A motion was made by Charles DeStephano and seconded by Earl Park to approve the recommended 12-inch line from 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. tank to old route 219, at a cost to JMA for \$294,570.00. Roll Call vote: James Reinsburrow - yes, Earl Park - yes, Charles DeStephano - yes, Kenneth Polaski - yes, Thomas Weaver - no, Dennis Asti – no, (Richard Zeigler – excused). YES=4 and NO=2. Motion was passed by majority vote.
- Comments from visitors –
  - Emil Zaunick-Commented on issues from the past and how they have caught up to JMA and JMA has to do what they have to do to provide service to customers. He also stated that it is a shame about how corroded the water lines currently are.
  - Linda Tillack – Stated that JMA is at the beginning of some very big issues. She also stated that JMA is making poor decisions on how JMA has spent contingency monies.
  - Tony King – Thanked JMA for allowing him to speak. Tony’s perception is that he does not see how the town can afford all the water system improvements. He commented on the old water line in the ground and how bad it is, Engineering relied on past information; he is happy with water pressure at this home; feels that GD&F has failed Johnsonburg; Tony does not see an end to all the costs for Johnsonburg, but the problems must be corrected. Tony also asked if the board of directors would get together and write a letter to the people of Johnsonburg explaining the issues JMA is dealing with.
  - Brian Stockman – Asked about the 12-inch pipe recommendation in 2016 and why was it taken out. Andy Johnson from GD&F responded that there were other representatives at that time, and he was not involved and he could not confirm as to why it was taken out.
  - Al Maletto – Recommended to purchase the 12-inch pipe and wait to do the project until money is received for USDA or an alternate source.
  - Rick Marzella – No comment. Jim Reinsburrow asked Rick if USDA approved monies mid-November could he complete the project of the 12-inch line install. Rick commented he can do it, but it is very difficult in the winter months.
  - Josh Gunnett – Professional opinion is to install the 12-inch line immediately.
  - Andy Johnson – Provided information on the 12-inch line recommendation in the hydraulic evaluation from 2016. Earl Park stated that JMA never elected not to do the project, but it was stated to take 12-inch line out to save money. Chuck DeStephano asked how the 12-inch line will solve the problem and Andy commented by increasing flow. TJ Weaver asked if this would guarantee to solve current flow issues and Andy commented that it will reinforce the system. Andy Johnson then went into a very detailed explanation of how the 12-inch line will improve the water distribution system.
- Adjournment of meeting – A motion was made at 10:40am by Earl Park and seconded by Charles DeStephano to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously by members present.

\*The next JMA Board meeting will be October 13, 2021.