

WATER BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, May 9, 2017
4:00 P.M.
WATER DEPARTMENT OFFICE

A regular Water Board Meeting was held in the first floor conference room in City Hall.

Roll call was answered by: Chairman Perretta, Comm. Hicks, and Comm. Southfield

Absent: Comm. Parry

Others Present: Arthur Smolinski, Donna Osier, Clerk of the Board,

Motioned by: Comm. Southfield

Seconded by: Comm. Hicks

Resolved, to approve Water Board minutes of December 13, 2016

Ayes: 3

Nays: 0

Absent: 1

Motion Carried

The first item on the agenda is a request for a waiver of penalty for Angeline Blau, 2162 West Rd., Account 51-26101100. Ms. Blau stated in a letter to the Water Board that she recently received a past due notice from the Water Department. She went on to explain that she had never received the March bill. She feels that as a longtime customer with no history of late payments and since she never received the bill, the penalty of \$6.91 be waived. Art read the policy aloud that covers waiver of penalties and reminded the Board that the only exception would be for extenuating circumstances. Comm. Hicks stated that since Mrs. Blau was a longtime customer in good standing that the waiver should be granted.

Motioned by: Comm. Hicks

Seconded by: Chairman Perretta

Resolved, to recommend to the Common Council that the late penalty charge of \$6.91 for Angeline Blau, 2162 West Rd., Account 51-26101100 be waived.

Ayes: 2

Nays: 0

Absent: 1

Comm. Southfield abstained.

Motion Failed

The second item is a summary of the Leak Adjustments that have been granted since the policy was adopted in 2007. The Water Board were given a breakdown of the reductions in water and dollars that were given for the ten years the policy has been in effect. The number of leak

adjustments has increased from 2007 when 4 were granted to a high of 19 in 2016. The dollar amount of adjustment has increased from \$279 in 2007 to \$7,373 in 2016. Comm. Hicks asked what could be done to reduce the number of adjustments. Art explained that Smart Meters could be used to alert the office of high usage, but the meters are expensive.

Next, Art said that he, Darleen and Donna recently reviewed the Identity Theft Policy and no changes were made. We do periodically get requests to activate water by individuals not authorized.

The last item on the agenda is a request from Two Plus Four Construction Company to enter into a Hydrant Maintenance Agreement between the City of Oneida and Two Plus Four Construction Inc. This agreement is for the Seneca Fields Apartments project located at the Seneca Street Extension. There will be three fire hydrants covered under this agreement.

Whereas a request has been received from Two Plus Four Construction Company to enter into a hydrant maintenance agreement for Seneca Fields Apartments being constructed off Seneca Street, and

Whereas, the installation of hydrants on private property require a backflow prevention device be installed at the entrance to the property,

Whereas the health department permits not installing a backflow device if the hydrants are under the control and maintenance of the Water supplier, now therefore be it

Resolved that the Water Superintendent prepare a hydrant maintenance agreement with Two Plus Four Construction Company to maintain three (3) hydrants proposed at Seneca Fields Apartments.

Motioned by: Comm. Hicks

Seconded by: Comm. Southfield

Ayes: 3

Nays: 0

Absent: 1

Motion Carried

Motion to adjourn by: Comm. Southfield

Seconded by: Comm. Hicks

Meeting closed at 4:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Osier
Clerk of the Board