

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
of
JERICHO WATER DISTRICT

held at the office of the District in Syosset, Nassau County, New York, on the 7th day of September 2023, at 8:30 A.M.

Present:	Commissioners	Thomas A. Abbate James Asmus Patricia Beckerle
	Superintendent	Peter F. Logan
	Business Manager	Kathleen Cannon
	Asst. Business Manager	Amanda Blum

At 9:00 A.M., Commissioner Abbate opened the public hearing to hear and consider comments on the District's 2024 Proposed Revenue and Expenditure Budget and the 2024 Five Year Capital Plan. Miss Cannon reported that the proposed 2024 Budget was made available for public review at the District office pursuant to public notice placed in the Oyster Bay Guardian on August 11, 2023. It was further noted that the hearing notice was placed on the District's website and the District's own sign board located just outside the main gate.

The Board of Commissioners proposed a \$21,701,000 budget for the year 2024. The proposed budget represents a 21.75% increase over the 2023 Adopted Budget. Miss Cannon presented a detailed budget to the Commissioners and reported that the increase in expenditures was mainly due to; general inflationary increases, increased operating costs for new treatment facilities (including electric, chemicals, carbon replacement and lab testing), debt service, health insurance, NYS retirement contribution, salaries, as well as an increase cost to maintain and improve the District's infrastructure. The 2024 Budget includes a 40% increase in the tax levy which equates to an annual increase of \$96.37 for the average home with an assessed value of \$1,000,000.00 and a taxable value of 778.

At 9:10 A.M., Commissioner Abbate noted that there were no speakers and closed the hearing.

Discussion was then held regarding the need for the District to override the Tax Levy Limit. The proposed 2024 Budget will require the District to override the Tax Levy Limit applicable to the District pursuant to the Tax Levy Limit Law. After discussion, the following Resolution was offered:

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE JERICHO WATER DISTRICT AUTHORIZING THE OVERRIDE OF THE TAX LEVY LIMIT FOR THE 2024 FISCAL YEAR.

WHEREAS, New York State Town Law § 215 subd. 9-a requires the Jericho Water District ("District") to prepare an estimated budget for its fiscal year commencing January 1, 2023, conduct a public meeting thereon and file such estimated budget with the Budget Officer for the Town of Oyster Bay; and

WHEREAS, the District is subject to the property tax levy restrictions imposed upon local governments pursuant to General Municipal Law §3-c (the "Tax Levy Limit Law"); and

WHEREAS, the Board has prepared an estimated budget for the District's 2024 fiscal year and conducted a public meeting with respect thereto on September 7th, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Board, in preparing, its estimated budget and conducting its public meeting, has determined that the best interests of the District, its residents and its tax payers will be served by approving for filing with the Budget Officer of the Town of Oyster Bay, a budget for the fiscal year commencing January 1, 2024 that includes a tax levy that exceeds the limits of the Tax Levy Limit Law in order to enable the District to perform its functions and satisfy its statutory mandate to provide service to its residents in a responsible, safe and cost-effective manner; and

WHEREAS, the Board makes such determinations based upon unavoidable cost increases that must be borne by the Water District and its taxpayers, including: debt service on a bond financing for Water District capital improvement and repairs; the Water District must satisfy contractual obligations for salary increases, increased health insurance costs for employees, operating costs for newly constructed treatment facilities, COLA increases in amounts to be paid to vendors and suppliers, debt service and unfunded mandates imposed upon Water District by State of New York, and subdivisions, agencies and instrumentalities thereof;

WHEREAS, the District is mandated by law to comply with all Federal, State and Nassau County regulations and directives with respect to providing the purest quality potable water to its residents for personal consumption and firefighting purposes; and

NOW THEREFORE, the Board unanimously resolves to override the Tax Levy Limit applicable and pursuant to the Tax Levy Limit Law and hereby approves for filing with the Budget Officer for the Town of Oyster Bay the Operating Budget for the Jericho Water District for the fiscal year commencing January 1, 2024 and the Five-Year Capital Plan.

VOTE AYES: 3 NOES: 0 ABSENTIONS: 0

Commissioner Abbate AYE
Commissioner Asmus AYE
Commissioner Beckerle AYE

Discussion was then held regarding the District's rates for water usage for both inside District and outside District water rates. Miss Cannon reported that the 2024 Proposed Budget includes increasing water rates approximately 4.2% for all inside District

tiers and outside District tiers. The rate increases are based on the recommendation of Municipal & Financial Services Group after they completed a water/tax rate study for the District. After discussion, and upon motion duly made and seconded, it was

RESOLVED that, effective April 1, 2024, Sec. 3-B, Rates, under Article III entitled Deposits, Rates and Charges appearing in the Rules and Regulations heretofore enacted by this District be amended and set/adopted as follows:

Section 3-B Rates
Jericho Water District Water Rates as of April 1, 2024

\$13.00 Minimum per quarter	
0 to 10,000 gallons	\$1.30 per 1,000
10,001 to 30,000 gallons	\$1.37 per 1,000
30,001 to 100,000 gallons	\$2.60 per 1,000
100,001 to 200,000 gallons	\$3.45 per 1,000
Over 200,000 gallons	\$3.90 per 1,000

Water supplied outside the boundary of the District:

\$16.90 Minimum per quarter	
0 to 10,000 gallons	\$1.69 per 1,000
10,001 to 30,000 gallons	\$1.78 per 1,000
30,001 to 100,000 gallons	\$3.38 per 1,000
100,001 to 200,000 gallons	\$4.49 per 1,000
Over 200,000 gallons	\$5.07 per 1,000

VOTE AYES: 3 NOES: 0 ABSENTIONS: 0

Commissioner Abbate AYE
Commissioner Asmus AYE
Commissioner Beckerle AYE

Miss Cannon then reported that Municipal & Financial Services Group, as part of their water/tax rate study, also recommended the District increase annual fire line charges effective January 1, 2024, as follows:

<u>Connection Size</u>	<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
Up to 2" diameter	\$ 44.00	\$ 49.00
3" diameter	\$ 62.00	\$ 68.00
4" diameter	\$125.00	\$137.00
6" diameter	\$367.00	\$403.00
8" diameter & larger	\$733.00	\$806.00

After discussion and upon motion duly made and seconded, it was

RESOLVED, that effective January 1, 2024, the Board of Commissioners set rates for annual fire line demand charges as follows:

<u>Connection Size</u>	<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
Up to 2" diameter	\$ 44.00	\$ 49.00
3" diameter	\$ 62.00	\$ 68.00
4" diameter	\$125.00	\$137.00
6" diameter	\$367.00	\$403.00
8" diameter & larger	\$733.00	\$806.00

VOTE AYES: 3 NOES: 0 ABSENTIONS: 0

Commissioner Abbate AYE
 Commissioner Asmus AYE
 Commissioner Beckerle AYE

Mr. Logan then requested authorization to hire Austin Musselwhite of Old Bethpage, New York as Water Meter Servicer Trainee, with a two-year probationary period as per Rule XVII with Nassau County Civil Service Commission. After discussion, and upon motion duly made and seconded, it was

RESOLVED that the Commissioners authorize the appointment of Austin Musselwhite of Old Bethpage, New York to the position of Water Meter Servicer Trainee contingent upon approval from Nassau County Civil Service Commission, pre-employment drug test and background check.

VOTE AYES: 3 NOES: 0 ABSENTIONS: 0

Commissioner Abbate AYE
 Commissioner Asmus AYE
 Commissioner Beckerle AYE

Miss Cannon reported that the Bank Reconciliations for the month of August 2023 were completed. After discussion, the Commissioners ordered the Bank Reconciliations filed.

Miss Cannon then requested that the Commissioners approve the following budget transfer(s):

Increase Electrical Requirements Contract with Bensin

A-8340-000-4190	Water Supplies	\$ 27,812.20
A-8340-000-2301	Water Main Improvements	(\$ 27,812.20)

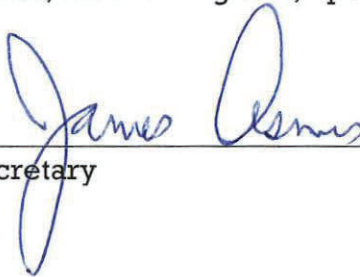
After discussion, and upon motion duly made and seconded, it was

RESOLVED, that the Commissioners approve the above listed budget transfer(s).

VOTE	AYES	3	NOES	0	ABSENTIONS	0
Commissioner Abbate			AYE			
Commissioner Asmus			AYE			
Commissioner Beckerle			AYE			

The following claims were then audited and approved for payment: General Fund #27719 to #27758.

There being no further business, the meeting was, upon motion duly made and seconded, adjourned.



Secretary