

**BROADVIEW-WESTCHESTER JOINT WATER AGENCY
MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
THURSDAY, MARCH 25, 2021
TO BE HELD AT THE WESTCHESTER VILLAGE HALL
IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM
10300 WEST ROOSEVELT ROAD
WESTCHESTER, ILLINOIS
AT 5:00 P.M.**

Public participation and attendance at this public meeting will be via electronic attendance.

Public comments and any responses will be read into the public hearing record.

Public comments may be submitted to Superintendent Paul Dowd by leaving a hard copy at the Westchester Village Hall in the drop box or via email in advance of the meeting to: pdowd@bwjwa.org

The public may listen to and participate in the meeting by joining through Zoom (<https://zoom.us>).

Contact Superintendent Dowd via email to request the Zoom Meeting ID and Access Code.

Public comment will be allowed during the public comment portion of the meeting, using the “raise hand” function in the Zoom app.

The Closed Meeting will be conducted via telephone conference call.

Mayor Gattuso called the meeting to order at 5:04 pm.

Upon Roll call of the Board, the following were present: Mayor Gattuso, Mayor Thompson, Mr. Boyle, Ms. Jones. Absent: Mr. Ames, Mr. Nosek

Also present: Attorney Jurusik, Mr. Barber, Secretary Reda, Ms. Zabinski, Mr. Goumas, Mr. Barber
Pledge of Allegiance

I. Presentation of:

A. Minutes of February 25, 2021 Meeting – Mr. Boyle made motion to approve; Mayor Thompson seconded. Roll call vote, all ayes.

II. Monthly Financial Reports (Handouts at Meeting) – Mr. Boyle made motion to approve; Ms. Thompson seconded. Roll call vote; all ayes.

III. Communications:

A. Old Business

1. Consideration, Discussion and Action on: Expansion of Agency Water Reservoir Capacity at the 10th Avenue Pump Station Site and Water Reservoir Financing Options – IEPA Loan, Revenue Bonds and Revenue Notes:

a. Consideration and Approval of Engagement Letter dated March 11, 2021 from Bond Counsel Darryl Davidson of Miller Canfield Law Firm to assist with Project Financing matters. Mr. Boyle made motion to approve; Mayor Thompson seconded. Roll call vote; all ayes.

b. Consideration and Approval of Engagement Letter dated March 12, 2021 from Finance Advisor (Stifel) to assist with securing and issuance of Project Financing (water revenue bonds or notes). Mr. Boyle made motion to approve; Mayor Thompson seconded. Roll call vote; all ayes.

B. New Business

1. Consideration and Approval of Bills for March 2021 in the amount of \$613,511.20. Mr. Boyle made motion to approve using check numbers 16074-16104; Mayor Gattuso seconded. Roll call vote; all ayes.

2. Consideration, Discussion and Action on: Notice of 2021 Chicago Water Rate Increase (1.1% Increase, Effective dated June 1, 2021) (Chicago Dept. of Water Management Letter dated February 26, 2021)

- a. Consideration and Approval of Ordinance No. 2020-06: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING CERTAIN UPDATES TO A SCHEDULE OF WATER SYSTEM REGULATIONS, WATER RATES AND SERVICE RATES, A WATER SYSTEM TAP-ON FEE, ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE FEES AND CHARGES, FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT FEES, AND PERSONNEL REGULATIONS FOR THE BROADVIEW-WESTCHESTER JOINT WATER AGENCY (Amendments to Section 3 (Water Rates and Service Charges and Fees) to Increase the Water Rates in Response to the City of Chicago 2021 Water Rate Increase). Mr. Boyle made motion to approve; Mayor Thompson seconded. Roll call vote; all ayes.
 3. Preliminary discussion on Fiscal Year 2021/2022 Budget and Fiscal Year 2020/2021 Budget Amendments, April 22, 2021 Public Hearing Date and Time (5:00 p.m.), and adoption schedule: The Board discussed the following items for the public hearing to be held on April 22, 2021.
 - a. NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE BROADVIEW-WESTCHESTER JOINT WATER AGENCY'S FISCAL YEAR 2021/2022 BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS (MAY 1, 2021 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2022), for the April 22, 2021 Public Hearing.
 - b. AGENDA FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2021/2022 BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS (MAY 1, 2021 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2022), for the April 22, 2021 Public Hearing.
 - c. ORDINANCE NO. 2021-04 AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE FISCAL YEAR 2021/2022 BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE BROADVIEW-WESTCHESTER JOINT WATER AGENCY (MAY 1, 2021 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2022).
 - d. ORDINANCE NO. 2021-05 AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING CERTAIN AMENDMENTS TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2020/2021 BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE BROADVIEW-WESTCHESTER JOINT WATER AGENCY (MAY 1, 2020 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2021)
 4. Discussion and Approval of Zabinski Consulting Services, Inc Contract for the Agency in the amount of \$17,500.00 for the Fiscal Year May 2021 to April 2022. Mr. Boyle made motion to approve; Mayor Thompson seconded. Roll call vote; all ayes.
- IV. Superintendent's Report – Mr. Barber presented to the Board.
 - V. Public Comment – Mayor Thompson informed the Board that Broadview will be celebrating Earth Day on April 22, 2021.
 - VII. Closed Meeting Session: - none
 - VIII. Adjournment – Mr. Boyle made motion to adjourn at 5:26 pm; Mayor Thompson seconded. Roll call vote; all ayes.

Note: Minutes of past meetings are available upon request at the Broadview-Westchester Joint Water Agency, 2222 South 10th Avenue, Broadview, Illinois.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, meeting rooms at the Westchester Village Hall are open on a limited access basis, and physical attendance at this public meeting is limited to no more than 50 individuals or 50% room capacity, with priority given to Agency officials, Agency staff and consultants, subject to social distancing guidelines. The above meeting restrictions are authorized by the Open Meetings Act, the CDC directive (social distancing guidelines) and Illinois Governor Disaster Proclamation dated March 5, 2021 (Restore

Illinois Plan), and Executive Order 2021-05 extending the Governor’s prior Executive Orders relating to the COVID-19 pandemic and his implementation of the “Restore Illinois” Plan (COVID-19 E.O. No. 75).