**Organization Town of Champion** 

**Board** Sewer Board

**Date and** 

Wednesday, July 9 2003 at 5:00 PM

Time Place

Town of Champion Offices Board Room (rear of building) 10 N Broad St, West Carthage

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## **Minutes**

Present: K. Amyot, T. Buckley, J. Eddy, M. Elliot, T. Falkenburg,

D. Gorham, K. Jordan, R. Mallette, T. Maloney, K. Montagelli, G. O'Dell,

P. O'Donnell, F. Phelps, M. Smith, T. Stewart, R. Taylor, C. Tuttle,

C. Vargulick, and K. Vebber

The NYS Route 3 Corridor Sewer Board met in regular session on Wednesday, July 9, 2003 at the Town of Champion Municipal Building. Chairman O'Dell called the meeting to order at 5:02PM.

Motion by T. Buckley, seconded by R. Mallette to approve the minutes for June 11, 2003 as presented. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

## **Updates**

Phase 1 Pamelia/LeRay - T. Falkenburg reported that work is proceeding on schedule.

**Phase 2 Pamelia/LeRay** – Construction is being focused in the Phase I service area to expedite utilization as soon as the pump stations are online. Pump station service has been delayed due to scheduling problems with Niagara Mohawk. Laterals, in Phase I, will be installed but not tie-ins will be made until the pump stations are available. All draw downs of funds are phase specific. The contractor will prepare billing specific to the project area.

K. Jordan informed the Board that his office is still receiving call from residents on Erie Blvd. Mr. Jordan will contact the city manager to make her aware of the options that are available for the city.

**Rutland Phases** - K. Jordan discussed the need to scope the cost of the Rutland portions of the project to maintain a stable user cost and stay within the parameters for funding from RUD. The cost of the Rutland project is estimated at \$12M. K. Jordan proposed a three phase project: Phase I-Felts Mills; Phase II-South Black River; Phase III-balance of the project. Each phase would be limited to a cost of approximately \$4M per project. Other options that could be considered include taking on additional debt service or reducing services.

K. Jordan discussed funding the cost of the engineered design. Phase I and Phase II Pamelia/LeRay potentially have \$500,000 in contingency. While the funds are unencumbered currently neither district is completed and may require some transfers from contingency. K. Jordan proposed limiting the design to a cost not to exceed \$200,000. M. Elliot reported that that would complete soil tests, surveys and 50% of the design. R. Taylor discussed the authorization for expending Pamelia/LeRay funding for the Rutland project. K. Jordan responded that RUD approval would be required.

T. Buckley questioned the engineers regarding cost escalations as the project has proceeded and recommended completing 100% of the Rutland design and allowing for phased construction within that final design. Mr. Buckley reiterated to the administrative and engineering team their responsibility to notify the Board regarding all meetings to discuss the project. M. Elliot responded that they need some direction from RUD to design the phases in a scope that meets funding guidelines.

G. O'Dell suggested that interim funding for the design could be achieved by other options including a Town of Rutland BAN or an agreement between the engineer and the Town to accept 70% of the cost of design now and delay billing the remaining 30% until permanent financing is available.

R. Mallette questioned if it was feasible to expend the \$150,000 set aside in the LeRay/N Black River project to install a mainline at the time the bridge is replaced now and set aside those funds in a later phase of the sewer project.

K. Jordan will coordinate a meeting between Dave Miller, RUD, and the Board to discuss all of the alternatives.

**Joint Administration** - T. Buckley encouraged the Board to expedite development and approval of the joint sewer corridor administration agreement. Mr. Buckley emphasized balancing the cost to all users by leveraging the benefits of the project as a whole.

**Corridor Planning -** K. Amyot gave a general overview of the activities she has been involved with on behalf of the Sewer Board including implementation of the EDR design tool and advancing economic development initiatives.

D. Gorham asked about the meeting that was to be scheduled to discuss the joint RCI incentive package. K. Amyot responded that the draft outline was being developed using information from one of the Town of LeRay's earlier

agreements. R. Mallette recommended developing a corridor wide map that includes information relative to water/sewer availability, developable properties, and amenities.

K. Jordan encouraged the Board to consider how the development initiatives should be focused, organized and shared.

**Other Items -** C. Tuttle informed the Board that DANC had been contacted by a local industry to obtain information concerning available system capacity in the Town of Champion.

Motion by R. Mallette, seconded by T. Buckley to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 6:28PM.

The next meeting of the NYS Route 3 Corridor Sewer Board is scheduled for Wednesday, August 13, 2003 at 5PM at the Town of LeRay Municipal Building.