

**Organization** Town of Champion

**Board** Sewer Board

**Date and Time** Wednesday, August 20 2003 at 5:00 PM

**Place** Town of Leray Offices Board Room 8650 Leray St Evans Mills NY

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## Minutes

~~TO: NYS ROUTE 3 CORRIDOR SEWER BOARD MEMBERS~~

~~FROM: Chris Vargulick, Secretary~~

~~RE: Minutes of August 20/July 29, 2003 meeting~~

~~Present: K. Amyot, T. Buckley, J. Condino, J. Eddy, T. Falkenburg, P. Fitzgerald, M. Gebo, D. Gorham, W. Hall, S. Harter, D. Jennings, K. Jordan, S. Lillie, R. Mallette, K. Montagelli, D. Miller, G. O'Dell, P. O'Donnell, K. Smith, M. Smith, T. Stewart, R. Taylor, C. Tuttle, and C.Vargulick and S. Yorton~~

~~Excused: R. Mallette~~

~~The NYS Route 3 Corridor Sewer Board met in regular special session Wednesday/Tuesday, August 20/July 29, 2003 at the Town of LeRay/Village of Black River Municipal Building. David Miller, USDA-RUD, attended the meeting to discuss future phases of the project.~~

~~Motion by T. Buckley, seconded by R. Mallette to approve the minutes for July 9 and July 29, as presented. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.~~

~~K. Jordan outlined specific project issues identified by the Board at their last meeting:~~

- ~~•Future phases—scope and size?—The estimated cost to complete the Rutland and Black River south phases of the project is \$12M.~~
- ~~•Completion of project design—utilize contingency balances from LeRay phases and Black River bridge crossing.~~
- ~~•Stearns and Wheeler engineering proposal~~

~~—K. Smith and D. Miller discussed the advancement of the project as evidenced during a corridor drive through. D. Miller reiterated his support for the project. He is encouraged by the progress and level of cooperation between the component communities.~~

~~—K. Jordan distributed a cost estimate for the balance of the project. D. Miller encouraged the Board to focus on service areas rather than particular districts.~~

~~—D. Gorham asked for a clarification of phases in relation to funding cycles.~~

~~—K. Jordan emphasized the necessity of exploring avenues to control/reduce project costs. Approximately \$500,000 in funding may be available from the balances remaining in Phases I and II of the LeRay projects and \$50-100,000 from the monies reserved for the Black River bridge crossing. An IMA between the Towns of LeRay and Rutland would be necessary to divert the funds for use in the Rutland/Black River south project.~~

~~—W. Hall discussed the engineering proposal. Mr. Hall reminded the Board that Rutland has completed the necessary survey work as part of their water project. A survey study would have to be performed in the Black River south service area. that if survey work were to begin now and completed by October 1, 2003 that the design could be completed in order to have a phase ready to bid by spring, 2004 contingent on a funding announcement.~~

~~—K. Smith asked if the engineers anticipate recommending strategies to reduce the cost of all aspects of restoration including but not limited to reducing the number of road cuts and paving.~~

~~—W. Hall responded that recommendations will be determined in conjunction with the identified project phases.~~

~~—T. Buckley stated that it is imperative to include funds for planning in the project budgets.~~

~~—D. Miller concurred and added that GIS digitized mapping should be considered to enhance the developmental aspects of the project.~~

~~—W. Hall and K. Jordan reviewed Engineering Authorization #6. The agreement will be reviewed by component~~

~~boards at their next regular meetings and be placed on the Route 3 Sewer Board's August agenda. In order to provide the opportunity for each Board Member to obtain approval to sign Authorization # 6 from their respective Boards, the next regular Route 3 Meeting was postponed one week.~~

~~S. Yorton recommended that the engineers consider a bid alternative for rock boring rather than blasting. D. Miller added that boring may allow contractors to avoid some archeological stage 1 studies.~~

~~The Board discussed restoration issues in general. W. Hall suggested that future contracts may need to include stronger language to compel the contractor to satisfy the requirements of landowners. K. Jordan outlined discussions with Dave Miller, RUD, relative to utilizing the contingency balances from the LeRay/Black River and LeRay/Pamelia phases of the project. Mr. Miller is in agreement pending a consenting opinion from local bond counsel. M. Gebo commented that the scope of work would have to be documented within the existing phases. He observed that since only grant funds would be utilized that it should have no impact on the bond resolutions and that the IMA language is general enough to encompass the expanded scope. He will complete a review of the bond and IMA documents to confirm and render a written opinion. Pending approval, the T/LeRay will continue as lead agency and will document the expenses within the current Form E.~~

~~Motion by D. Gorham, seconded by R. Taylor to authorize the Chairman to execute engineering authorization no. 6. Roll call vote: T. Buckley-aye, R. Mallette-aye, R. Taylor-aye, D. Gorham-aye, and G. O'Dell-aye. Motion carried.~~

### **Updates**

- T. Falkenburg reported that the owner of the Renaissance Restaurant has notified the engineers and contractor of damage to the parking lot. Stearns & Wheler inspected the area with the contractor. The area of damage is outside the easement area and therefore the contractor will submit a proposal to the owner for repairing the area.
- Restoration has been completed in Black River north.
- Phase I is 60% complete. Pump station start-up and restoration are scheduled to begin in mid-September.
- Phase II- The contracts have been executed and notice to proceed has been forwarded to the contractors. A revised schedule will be prepared and distributed.
- G. O'Dell requested that the engineers submit an itemized invoice illustrating the cost savings to the T/Rutland for surveying documents supplied by the Town.

### **New Business**

- Administrative model-K. Jordan distributed a draft administrative model and detailed the advantages to jointly administrating the sewer corridor. K. Smith discussed future joint projects and funding applications which could be incorporated into the model. D. Gorham commented on the pivotal role of the sewer board and R. Mallette encouraged the board to finalize and approve an administrative plan prior to January 2004. The Board agreed by consensus that the draft should be expanded on and discussed at the September meeting.
- K. Smith discussed requesting a federal line item to complete the sewer corridor project.
- Corridor Planning-K. Amyot reported that the T/Champion planning board is studying those "hamlet" characteristics that should be maintained in potential development. K. Smith recommended that a planning/development work plan be designed and submitted to support requests for RUD funding. K. Smith also discussed the development of a GIS data base illustrating the Route 3 Corridor infrastructure.

~~Motion by T. Buckley, seconded by R. Mallette to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 6:14PM.~~

~~**The next regular meeting of the NYS Route 3 Corridor Sewer Board will be held Wednesday, September 10, 2003 at 5:00PM at the Town of Rutland Municipal Building.**~~

~~The meeting adjourned at 12:55PM.~~

~~**The next regular meeting of the NYS Route 3 Corridor Sewer Board is rescheduled for Wednesday, August 20, 2003 at 5:00PM at the Town of LeRay Municipal Building to give component boards sufficient time to review and act on the engineering authorization.**~~