

**Organization** Town of Champion

**Board** Sewer Board

**Date and Time** Wednesday, May 12 2004 at 5:30 PM

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

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## Minutes

The NYS Route 3 Corridor Sewer/Development Board met for a work session on Wednesday, May 12, 2004 at the Town of Champion Municipal Building. Chairperson McLallen called the meeting to order at 4:30PM.

Motion by T. Buckley, seconded by R. Taylor to approve the minutes for April 14, 2004. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

C. Tuttle distributed the monthly administrative reports. Members agreed by consensus that the copies faxed prior to the meetings would be sufficient for record keeping. C. Tuttle reviewed the monthly financial reports. T. Buckley commented that the receipts/disbursements ratio is very favorable. C. Tuttle remarked that a bill is pending from the City of Watertown for treatment costs. She also noted that there was limited additional work during April.

DANC personnel along with representatives from Gorman Rupp and the project engineers conducted a pump station walk through noting conditions of structures and other minor deficiencies.

T. Buckley recommended contacting Actus Land Leasing regarding sewer connections for the proposed RCI housing that is planned adjacent to existing Route 3 Sewer services. K. Jordan will draft a letter to the developer and copy it to Congressman McHugh and Jim Corriveau.

L. Longway and R. Taylor informed the Board that they have received correspondence regarding T/LeRay-Pamelia Pump Station #1, located near the intersection of Marble Street and Eastern Boulevard. The City of Watertown has outlined its conditions for conveyance of the property to the Town of LeRay requesting (1) that the City be permitted to annex the larger parcel into the City; and (2) that the fee for any tie-ins of the Eastern Boulevard properties be waived or rebated. K. Jordan and K. Smith will contact the City for a clarification of the conditions.

L. Longway discussed work that the Town of Pamela has done to assure an accurate EDU count. Plans include a recount of Heather Acres.

C. Tuttle distributed the first draft of proposed evaluation criteria for potential Route 3 expansion projects. T. Buckley emphasized the need for language that will also recognize the autonomy of the municipalities as they make decisions for improvement districts within their boundaries. Criteria will need to be "tiered" to address those projects which will be part of the blended rate system and those projects which might contract for connection and operations/maintenance only. The Board requested that the administrative management team address these issues in the next draft.

*The Board recessed for a short break. The meeting resumed at 5:47PM.*

## Construction Update - LeRay/Pamelia

Phase I - Lateral construction is complete with the exception of an outstanding connection at the Renaissance Restaurant. Restoration is fully underway and should be completed in the next 2-3 weeks. Paving is scheduled to begin in two weeks also.

Phase II - Mainline construction is at approximately the midway mark. All pump station enclosures have been constructed and all pumps installed. Electric service is pending. The contractor will complete the trenching as per Niagara Mohawk specifications. M. Smith asked if Niagara Mohawk is waiting for a payment. K. Dimmick responded that Niagara Mohawk will supply the Town with deposit requirements for action at the next Board meeting.

K. Vebber asked if it would be prudent to install a force main bypass for emergency purposes. C. Tuttle informed the members that she has asked Siewart to provide an estimated cost for the bypass feature. T. Falkenberg will include the specification in the next project.

## Design Update - Rutland/Black River

The public meeting in the Village of Black River was well attended and received. A similar meeting in the Town of Rutland is pending. Plans will be submitted to review agencies next week and, pending agency comments, the project should be ready to bid in approximately six weeks.

K. Jordan stated that Phase I will be approximately a \$3M project. Grant funds are available and the balance of the project will be submitted for funding consideration through EFC. K. Jordan noted that future phases may receive a more favorable ratio of grant/loan if a housing survey was conducted.

K. Smith informed the Board that a great deal more negotiations were required in this funding year and thanked the engineers for their ongoing efforts to design phases to meet funding levels.

### **Route 3 Bus Tour**

Chairman McLallen asked if there was any interest in arranging a tour of the Route 3 Sewer Project area. Members agreed that a tour was feasible. Motion by T. Stewart, seconded by P. O'Donnell to request a bus from the Carthage Central School District for Wednesday, July 14, 2004 at 4:30PM to depart from the parking lot at the Black River Elementary School. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried. Representatives from the funding agencies will be invited to join the Board for the tour.

### **Planning/Development**

K. Amyot reminded members that the Route 3 Corridor is designated as a scenic byway and that planning and development studies are ongoing in member communities.

K. Smith reported that the Town of Champion and the Village of Black River are discussing zoning and architectural standards. Approximately, \$10,000 of planning funds are available for community initiatives. The Board may want to consider a matching funds program to maximize the impact of the available funds. Dave Miller, USDA-RUD, continues to be receptive to funding planning proposals from project balances. K. Smith highlighted the challenge of making changes community by community rather than general recommendations. He suggested that the Board consider limited uniform standards such as signage or theme.

Motion by P. O'Donnell, seconded by T. Buckley to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 6:20PM.

**The next regular meeting of the NYS Route 3 Corridor Sewer/Development Board will be held Wednesday, June 9, 2004 at the T/LeRay Municipal Building.**