

Organization Town of Champion

Board Sewer Board

Date and Time Wednesday, March 9 2005 at 4:30 PM

Place Village of Black River Municipal Building (old fire station) Leray St Black River

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Minutes

Present: *Board members/voting representatives* - T. Buckley, D. McLallen, J. Scott, and R. Taylor

Others: K. Amyot, L. Carpenter, L. Cesario, J. Condino, K. Dimmick, T. Falkenburg, S. Harter, K. Jordan, K. Montigelli, J. Scott, M. Smith, C. Tuttle, C. Vargulick, and K. Vebber

Absent: L. Longway

The NYS Route 3 Corridor Sewer/Development Board met on Wednesday, March 9, 2005 at the V/Black River Municipal Building. T. Buckley called the meeting to order at 4:30PM.

The Board reviewed the minutes for February 9, 2004. Motion by D. McLallen, seconded by R. Taylor to approve the minutes as presented. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried.

C. Tuttle reviewed monthly operating and financial reports noting that the project management account for the Pamela/LeRay Phase 2 has been closed and that charges incurred under the current project management contract are reflected in the Rutland project. J. Condino informed the Board that John Donaghy, CPA and designated fiscal representative for the Sewer/Development Board, will attend the April meeting to discuss the capital reserve account and to respond to questions from the Board regarding management of system revenues.

Planning/Development

K. Amyot updated the Board relevant to planning initiatives.

- An application for a Quality Communities Grant has been submitted for consideration.
- Ms. Amyot inquired as to the Board's interest in resubmitting the Small Cities grant that was not funded in the last round. The grant's focus is housing rehabilitation in the Felts Mills area. Chairman Buckley responded that the T/Rutland should seriously consider an application. Ms. Amyot noted that the original submittal included planning funds for the NYS Route 3 Corridor Sewer/Development Board. Ms. Amyot was directed to discuss the cost of a resubmitted application with Avalon Associates.
- Ms. Amyot reflected on the Strategic Plan-23 Steps and particularly pedestrian trail development. Certain properties owned by Niagara Mohawk located along the Black River, and connecting to existing trails that originate in Watertown, have become available for purchase. The NYS Department of Environmental Conservation in conjunction with the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historical Preservation have offered to acquire the properties for development within their existing trail system if the Board indicates their support. Motion by R. Taylor, seconded by J. Scott that;

Whereas, the NYS Route 3 Sewer/Development Board, involving the Towns of Champion, Pamela, LeRay and Rutland and the Village of Black River through an inter-municipal agreement, supports the acquisition of Niagara Mohawk properties along the Black River Corridor from the Village of Black River to the Hamlet of Great Bend to develop a pedestrian trail, access to fishing/kayaking/canoeing and other supportive recreational uses, and amenities;

Therefore Be It Resolved, the NYS Route 3 Sewer/Development Board, supports the property acquisition of Niagara Mohawk properties along the Black River Corridor through the Department of Conservation in conjunction with the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried.

- Ms. Amyot updated members regarding on-going land use review. The Town of Champion has completed their review, adopted amendments to their zoning and is working with RACOG to establish a cooperative zoning board of appeals. The Village of Black River and the Town of Rutland continue to make progress on their review of land use controls.

Meeting break. The meeting resumed at 5:26pm.

Construction Update - LeRay/Pamela

T. Falkenburg reported that a inspection of the LeRay/Pamela Phase I & II projects will be scheduled later this spring. Construction of the Black River bridge is ahead of schedule. A July opening is projected.

Rutland-Hamlet of Felts Mills

Weather conditions have limited progress. Project completion is slated for August.

Black River South

C. Tuttle reported that she and K. Montigelli have met with Carol McDonald, RUS to complete the funding application. K. Jordan suggested that the Village may want to consider a bond resolution in an amount to include the entire project rather than one for each phase. D. McLallen stated that they had received similar advice from their counsel and were taking steps to determine the amount to be included in the resolution.

Chairman Buckley asked for information regarding the status of the development proposed for the property known as Dorr Farm. D. McLallen reported that William Hall, Stearns & Wheler, met with the Black River Village Board to discuss the extension of sewer services to the property. The Black River Board approved an amount not to exceed \$1,750 for a design study. The total cost of the study would be \$7,000. The developer, Glenn Litz, will be required to pay fifty percent (\$3,500) of the cost and a request will be made to the Town of Rutland for the balance (\$1,750). T. Falkenburg stated that if the study was begun immediately that it would be available prior to the next Sewer/Development Board meeting and would allow the project to meet submittal deadlines. Chairman Buckley stressed the necessity of requiring a formal commitment from the developer. He suggested that the Village require a bond in an amount equal to the cost of improvements to the sewer infrastructure directly related to the design upgrade. T. Falkenburg suggested that the amount would be between \$250,000 and \$300,000. L. Carpenter questioned R. Taylor in regards to the T/LeRay's infrastructure improvements to property known as the Graham pit. R. Taylor responded that the Town received approval from RUS to appropriate unexpended grant funds for the improvements and has formal commitments to purchase the property with improvements. K. Jordan remarked that a determination relevant to investment versus potential capacity increase will be facilitated by the study. Motion by R. Taylor, seconded by D. McLallen to authorize the Chairman to sign an agreement authorizing Stearns & Wheler to proceed with the design study at a cost not to exceed \$7,000. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried.

K. Montigelli informed the Board that the Village will hold an easement signing on Wednesday, March 23rd at 6:00pm at the Black River Elementary School and requested that available notaries attend.

Motion by D. McLallen, seconded by R. Taylor to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 6:05PM.

The next regular meeting of the NYS Route 3 Corridor Sewer/Development Board will be held Wednesday, April 13, 2005 at the T/Pamelia Municipal Building.