

Organization Town of Champion

Board Sewer Board

Date and Time Wednesday, April 13 2005 at 4:30 PM

Place Town of Pamela Municipal Building Board Room 25895 NYS Rte 11 Watertown NY

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Minutes

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

Others: K. Amyot, E. Berghorn, L. Carpenter, J. Condino, J. Donaghy,
T. Falkenburg, W. Hall, S. Harter, K. Jordan, K. Montigelli,
J. Scott, K. Smith, M. Smith, T. Stewart, C. Stouffer, C. Tuttle,
C. Vargulick, K. Vebber and S. Yorton

The NYS Route 3 Corridor Sewer/Development Board met on Wednesday, April 13, 2005 at the Town of Pamela Municipal Building. T. Buckley called the meeting to order at 4:30PM.

John Donaghy, CPA and the fiscal representative designated by DANC to manage the consolidated budget for the Route 3 Sewer Board, was present to discuss and respond to questions regarding Board funds. Mr. Donaghy explained that short-term funds are deposited in a money market account and transferred as needed to a checking account. Long-term funds (capital reserves) are invested in certificates of deposit (CD) accounts. The invested funds have netted \$715.48 in interest. T. Buckley requested that the administrators develop a line item in the monthly financial report to reflect interest earnings.

C. Tuttle reviewed monthly operating/maintenance and financial reports. There were no questions regarding the reports.

T. Falkenburg reviewed a draft of a study to evaluate the potential for future growth, particularly in regards to the Dorr Farm development, and how it affects the Village of Black River's current and proposed sanitary sewer system. The report detailed the findings and provided various options and their associated costs in relation to the expansion of Black River's current sanitary sewer system.

Of particular interest to the Board was the analysis concerning a proposal to move pump station BR PS-3 located on Huntington Street across the road and onto the Dorr Farm. While this alternative would eliminate the need for an additional pump station, the proposal was determined not feasible by virtue of the site profile, the presence of an underground river and the cost and difficulties that would be encountered. The engineers concluded that a pump station on the Dorr Farm that was connected to the system through a forced main would be more feasible. The Board agreed by consensus.

Members and the consulting agencies discussed staged improvements to the system to increase capacity and the incremental costs associated with the increase in the number of EDU's.

D. McLallen reported that the developer does not anticipate having to pay for any of the sewer system infrastructure except for lateral construction. L. Longway stated that the developer must decide whether or not to invest in his own property as others are doing. S. Yorton, RUD, commented that the responsibility should be on the developer and that minor changes to the system would position the Board for future improvements. K. Smith remarked that the developer will have to evaluate the value of the investment in relation to his overall project. K. Smith shared information regarding requirements to fully secure the Village, as lead agency, for the cost of construction including negotiable bonds and letters of credit.

T. Buckley, K. Jordan, and W. Hall all emphasized the need for the Village to discuss and determine its "community vision" and its expectations for community development. T. Buckley stated that any changes and/or recommendation to the system design should be tabled pending a planning decision at the Village level. T. Falkenburg discussed the timeline for phasing the Black River South project and submitting the plans for agency review and comment.

D. McLallen questioned whether there are other proposals for extensions to the sewer system at this time. T. Buckley stated that the construction of the Gardnerville tract is planned as the last phase of the Route 3 project and pointed out that other development is being proposed but in areas within established district boundaries. Developers with proposals in the Towns of Champion and Rutland are being advised that securities will be required for the entire cost of system design and construction.

D. McLallen requested that the report be finalized so that the Village may share it with Mr. Litz. T. Falkenburg will make minor corrections and distribute the final report to the communities.

The Board reviewed the minutes for March 9, 2004. Motion by D. McLallen, seconded by J. Scott to approve the minutes as presented. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Meeting break. The meeting resumed at 6:02pm.

Planning/Development

K. Smith updated the Board relevant to planning initiatives.

- The Village of Black River continues to work on revisions to the codes and on a planning vision. Efforts in the Town of Rutland to develop and adopt land use revisions are continuing.
- K. Smith discussed collaboration between the Tug Hill Commission and DANC to fully utilize GIS capabilities to provide web based operation/maintenance tools for sewer/water systems. Particularly, inclusion of GIS capabilities within bid specifications; updating existing map and drawings for web access; adding bid specifications for GPS locating by field inspectors; and the standardization of specifications regarding information formatting. The total cost of the project is \$80,000 a portion of which has been supported with an appropriation from Senator Wright with the balance coming from the other agency budgets.

Residential Concerns

Pat Merritt, 25371 NYS Rte. 3 Watertown, was present to discuss his concerns regarding his sewer system connection. The sewer lateral had been connected to the existing line. A grey water line was not connected at the time since its location was unknown. Consequently, Mr. Merritt experienced stoppages in the line, surfacing grey water, and toilet overflows resulting in floor damage within his residence. The complainant outlined incurred costs. Motion by R. Taylor, seconded by J. Scott to reimburse Mr. Merritt in an amount not to exceed \$1,000.00 for costs and damages. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried. Reimbursement will be made pending the execution of an agreement between the NYS Route 3 Sewer Board and Pat Merritt.

Website

C. Vargulick discussed the inclusion of the NYS Route 3 Corridor Sewer Board on the River Area Council of Governments (RACOG) website and its presence on the RACOG homepage. C. Vargulick invited members to visit the page at www.racog.org and to advise her if they would like to have web pages and/or links added for their communities.

Construction Update - LeRay/Pamelia

T. Falkenburg reported that restoration is proceeding including re-seeding and boring clean-ups. A final walk through is tentatively scheduled for mid-May. R. Taylor advised Mr. Falkenburg that the Town is developing a listing of property complaints and concerns. T. Falkenburg requested that the list be forwarded to T. Maloney for review and action. R. Taylor discussed concerns with the roadway in River Bend Estates in regards to ponding. T. Maloney is aware of the situation and will continue to monitor.

L. Longway inquired as to when construction of the sewer system can be expected to proceed in the Gardnerville tract. The Board estimated a 2008 construction schedule.

Rutland-Hamlet of Felts Mills

All work is proceeding with five (5) crews on site. Project completion is slated for August. T. Buckley questioned whether Niagara Mohawk has been contacted to complete services to the pump stations. T. Falkenburg responded that the utility has been contacted.

Other Business

K. Vebber questioned the Village's responsibility in connection with UFPO locating of sewer services. J. Condino and C. Tuttle responded that UFPO locating is addressed in the Operation and Maintenance contract as an additional service and therefore the Village is not responsible to UFPO sewer services.

D. McLallen inquired as to the status of the grant application submitted to NYS Quality Communities. No information was available.

Motion by L. Longway, seconded by J. Scott to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 6:48PM.

The next regular meeting of the NYS Route 3 Corridor Sewer/Development Board will be held Wednesday, May 11, 2005 at the T/Champion Municipal Building.

Christina Vargulick

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NYS Route 3 Sewer Board