

Organization Town of Champion

Board Sewer Board

Date and Time Wednesday, January 11 2006 at 4:30 PM

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

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Minutes

Present: *Board members/voting representatives* - T. Buckley, R. Taylor,
L. Carpenter, and
N. Parks

Others: J. Condino, K. Dimmick, E. Berghorn, M. Elliott,
T. Falkenburg, S. Harter, K. Jordan, S. Lillie, K. Montagelli,
K. Smith, M. Smith, C. Stouffer, C. Tuttle, and C. Vargulick

Excused: L. Longway

The NYS Route 3 Corridor Sewer/Development Board met on Wednesday, January 11, 2006 at the T/LeRay Municipal Building. R. Taylor called the meeting to order at 4:30PM.

The Board reviewed the minutes for December 13, 2005. Motion by T. Buckley, seconded by L. Carpenter to approve the minutes as presented. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Operating Report

C. Tuttle reviewed the monthly report for December noting the positive financial condition of the system. T. Buckley questioned if the Board was committing enough funds to the reserve account to satisfy Rural Services requirements. K. Smith responded that USDA-RUS had not established a threshold. C. Tuttle requested that the Board consider transferring the net cash balance to the reserve pending the collection of the 2006 capital charges.

Planning

K. Smith reported on several planning initiatives including:

- The V/Black River has received two proposals for design consultant services and will meet to discuss same.
- K. Vebber is performing dye testing to determine whether the South Black River project may be eligible to be certified as a hardship project. A hardship designation would make the project eligible for 0% financing with NYSEFC.
- Phil Smith, Avalon Associates, has met with T/Rutland officials to discuss a second application for housing revitalization through the Small Cities program. The scope of the service area is yet to be determined. K. Jordan recommended that the Town consider a joint rehabilitation/home buyer program.
- National Grid has met with interested parties regarding property that it owns that has been identified for proposed recreational uses. The NYS OPRHS, NYSDEC and Fort Drum were present to discuss their proposals. The expectation is that National Grid will issue a Request for Proposals. Company officials indicated that they would be looking to market the property to the highest bidder. K. Smith emphasized the importance of local representation at the meetings.
- K. Smith asked members if it was their intention to go forward with an EDR presentation to provide an overview of the planning project to all officials particularly those newly elected and to continue the dialogue. T. Buckley supported the presentation but recommended holding a special meeting.
- NYSDEC has asked for an opportunity to address officials regarding storm water regulations. The Board agreed that the presentation should be made at the special meeting so that municipal planning officials also have an opportunity to hear the information and ask questions.

Other Business

Chairman Taylor read a resolution adopted by the T/Rutland regarding a request to expend funds from the contingency budget of the Felts Mills project to purchase computer hardware for billing and collection purposes. Motion by T. Buckley, seconded by L. Carpenter to approve the expenditure contingent on USDA-RUS approval.

S. Harter distributed a water/sewer flow report for the T/LeRay/Pamelia line. The report strongly indicates that infiltration issues have not been corrected. J. Condino reported that a manhole inspection has been completed and that pump station operational hours have been evaluated and indicated that the infiltration is being run through the Duffy Road station and is occurring during sudden thawing of the snow cover. No problems were observed during the inspection but the situation is being monitored and inspections will be repeated especially when similar thawing conditions occur. The suspicion is that a manhole is being flooded by the sudden melt off and flowing

directly into the mainline. When the affected manhole is identified risers can be installed to prevent a recurrence.

L. Carpenter distributed a letter from William and Diane Richard expressing their concerns regarding the design of the South Black River project on property owned by them. The letter noted the following specific concerns: the permanent mainline easement being requested; the removal of a fence; restriction of property development; and the level of reimbursement for the property easement. L. Carpenter stated that he has invited Mr. Richard to address the Board and expected him to attend the latter portion of the meeting.

Meeting break: 5:15pm

Meeting resumed: 5:45pm

Chairman Taylor recognized Mr. Richard and invited him to address the Board. Mr. Richard reiterated those points that he had addressed in his letter. T. Falkenburg responded to the engineering issues, members explained the limited restrictions for building in the easement and gave assurances that any fences, trees, and shrubs that were removed would be replaced. Mr. Richard requested an "adjustment" to compensate him for his perceived loss of property. Chairman Taylor thanked Mr. Richard for sharing his concerns. Mr. Richard requested that he be informed by letter of the Board's decision regarding his property including specific information about: the construction of the mainline; lateral line; easement; residential connection; re-plumbing; and fence replacement.

South Black River (SBR) Phase I

T. Falkenburg reported that approval of the project drawings is pending from all agencies. In response to inquiries, T. Falkenburg estimated an April-May start-up with a 6-7 month construction period. T. Falkenburg reminded members that the Dorr Farm project would be bid as an alternate.

T. Falkenburg discussed a home inspection that he did at the request of the T/LeRay. The concern is a foundation wall crack. T. Falkenburg was unable to determine a definite cause for the widening crack and advised the homeowner to request contractor estimates for repair.

L. Carpenter requested information on the status of the Dorr Farm project. T. Buckley reported on a conversation with Attorney Gebo at which time it was stated that Merit, LLC. is pursuing an agreement with a hotel developer and a convenience store and is prepared to deposit the agreed upon funds prior to bid opening.

Motion by L. Carpenter, seconded by N. Parks to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 6:18pm.

The next regular meeting of the NYS Route 3 Corridor Sewer/Development Board will be held on Wednesday, February 8, 2006 at the T/Rutland Municipal Building.

Christina Vargulick, Secretary
NYS Route 3 Sewer Board