

**Organization Town of Champion**

**Board Sewer Board**

**Date and Time Wednesday, February 8 2006 at 4:30 PM**

**Place Town of Rutland Municipal Building 28411 NYS Rte 126 Rutland Center NY**

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## Minutes

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

*Others:* J. Condino, K. Dimmick, E. Berghorn, T. Falkenburg, W. Hall, S. Harter, D. Henry, K. Montagelli, K. Smith, M. Smith, C. Stouffer, C. Tuttle, and C. Vargulick

Excused: T. Buckley, L. Carpenter, and L. Longway

The NYS Route 3 Corridor Sewer/Development Board met on Wednesday, February 8, 2006 at the T/Rutland Municipal Building. R. Taylor called the meeting to order at 4:45PM.

The Board reviewed the minutes for January 11, 2006. Motion by N. Parks, seconded by T. Stewart to approve the minutes as presented. Ayes-3, Nays-0. Motion carried.

### Operating Report

C. Tuttle reviewed the monthly report for January 2006 noting that the administrator has begun to receive the capital revenues from the component tax collectors. The administrator recommends delaying a cash transfer to the reserve fund pending receipt of the balance of capital monies. Ms. Tuttle stated that an increase in rates should result in higher earned interest. Ms. Tuttle noted DANC invoices will lag one month as does revenue reporting.

D. Henry, DANC operations and maintenance, reported on problems previously discussed by the Board regarding infiltration of the sewer system in the vicinity of the Duffy Road pump station. The area received a heavy rainfall on 01/15/2006. The operators used that opportunity to inspect the manholes and reported that although some manholes were underwater none showed any evidence of leakage or infiltration. The operator then proceeded with a survey of individual homes to determine if sump pumps were tied into the public sanitary sewer in violation of the adopted sewer use law. To date, 25+ homes have been surveyed and one violator has been notified that their sump pump is illegally connected to the sewer system and must be corrected and certified by the operator to avoid further action. Pending the results of the survey, the operator may recommend a camera inspection of the affected portion of the sewer system.

J. Condino reported on conditions that are allowing sewage to backup at a residential service. The operators have ordered and received a backflow valve that will be installed to remediate the concerns. A neighboring property shall also be inspected to determine if similar action is warranted.

### Planning

K. Smith reported on several planning initiatives including:

- The V/Black River has scheduled a meeting with their consultant. The Village will be working with GYMO to prepare design drawings.
- The EDR presentation has been scheduled for Wednesday, March 22, 2006 at 5pm at the T/Champion Municipal Building to discuss progress to date and next steps. Town Board, Village Board and Planning Board members will be invited.
- Brookfield Power has scheduled public hearings to receive comment regarding the production of hydropower on sections of the Black River in the Great Bend and Felts Mills areas. The hearings are scheduled for Tuesday, March 7, 2006 at 2:00pm and 7:30pm at the Great Bend Fire Hall. K. Smith suggested that the Board may want to forward a letter stating the Board's position in regards to compatible recreational uses of the proposed lands.
- The V/Black River has adopted amendments to their zoning law.
- The T/Rutland continues to advance efforts to amend their zoning law.

### Other Business

Chairman Taylor presented the final invoice from Stearns & Wheler for the design of V/Black River south - Dorr Farm. Motion by T. Stewart, seconded by N. Parks to approve payment as presented. Ayes-3, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Chairman Taylor questioned the status of the easement from William Richard, Black River. T. Falkenburg reported that he has sent a written response to Mr. Richard queries which has been forwarded in conjunction with an updated easement. K. Montigelli will contact Mr. Richard.

Chairman Taylor presented a draft grease trap policy to amend Article 9 - Section 908 of the sewer use law for consideration and action by the component boards and the Route 3 Sewer/Development Board.

Motion by T. Stewart, seconded by N. Parks to revise the operations and maintenance budget to reflect a reduction in the projected revenue from the T/Champion due to a decrease in their equivalent dwelling units from 195.25 to 194.25. The resulting decrease is \$220.00. Ayes-3, Nays-0. Motion carried.

W. Hall reported that he had prepared copies of the T/Rutland Form E's to replace unavailable copies required to reconcile the project budget. T. Falkenburg discussed the status of disallowed expenses explaining that K. Jordan has contacted personnel at USDA-RUS to advise them that preliminary engineering has been historically been recouped within the construction budget. Approval of the questioned items is anticipated.

N. Parks discussed problems that the T/Rutland has encountered in submitting their application to NYSEFC. He recommended that the Board hire a fiscal advisor to handle the financial aspects of the T/Rutland project and future project phases. Members present stated that all preceding phases have been administered by the community acting as lead agency and that they continue to support that practice. K. Smith suggested inviting a local coordinator from EFC to meet with T/Rutland officials to assist in reconciling the project budget and completing the required submittals. Members agreed.

### **South Black River (SBR) Phase I**

T. Falkenburg reported that approval of the project drawings is pending from NYSDEC, NYSDOT, and USDA-RUS. The bidding process will begin pending receipt of all comments and approvals. The anticipated bid date is late February to early March.

Chairman Taylor addressed students from the CCHS Participation in Government class summarizing the sanitary sewer project and recognizing that it has served as a model throughout the state. W. Hall reminded the members that the project has also been recognized by the APWA as the 2005 Environmental Project of the Year.

Chairman Taylor introduced David Cutter, Fort Drum Community Planner. Mr. Cutter expressed the garrison's support for the construction of community infrastructure. K. Smith discussed the proposed joint land use study of communities impacted by Fort Drum. Mr. Cutter responded that the Office of Economic Adjustment is considering the proposal.

S. Harter commented that the V/Black River north project has been closed out and that close out of additional phases is pending.

Motion by N. Parks, seconded by T. Stewart to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 5:34pm.

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

### **Christina Vargulick**

Christina Vargulick, Secretary

NYS Route 3 Sewer/Development Board