

**Organization Town of Champion**

**Board Sewer Board**

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

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

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## Minutes

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TO: NYS ROUTE 3 CORRIDOR SEWER BOARD

FROM: Chris Vargulick, Secretary

DATE: March 9, 2006

RE: Minutes of March 8, 2006 meeting

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

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

Excused: L. Longway

The NYS Route 3 Corridor Sewer/Development Board met on Wednesday, March 8, 2006 at the T/Pamelia Municipal Building. R. Taylor called the meeting to order at 4:25PM.

The Board reviewed the minutes for February 8, 2006. Motion by T. Buckley, seconded by N. Parks to approve the minutes as presented. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

The Board agreed by consensus to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing negotiations with Merit, LLC. Executive session began at 4:28pm.

The Board returned to open session at 4:53pm.

## Operating Report

C. Tuttle reviewed the monthly report for February 2006 noting that all Towns, with the exception of Pamelia, have remitted their capital fixed revenue. C. Tuttle recommended that the Board authorize a transfer of \$30,000 from the reserve to a certificate of deposit. Motion by N. Parks, seconded by L. Carpenter to authorize the transfer of \$30,000 for investment purposes. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

R. Taylor questioned the status of the Duffy Road infiltration investigation. J. Condino responded that the household surveys are nearing completion and that all suspected sources of infiltration shall be eliminated no later than the next meeting. If after that time, evidence of infiltration remains a video inspection of the line will be done.

## New Business

C. Tuttle reported that all of the component communities have adopted the amended sewer use law language regarding the maintenance of laterals constructed after the initial project construction with the exception of the T/Pamelia. Ms. Tuttle noted that the amendment to the law did not specifically address the maintenance and/or replacement of grinder pumps. Ms. Tuttle recommended modifying the language to clarify responsibility for the pumps. Motion by T. Buckley, seconded by L. Carpenter to authorize the development of language to specify that respective municipalities shall be responsible for the maintenance, repair, or replacement of all grinder pumps as needed provided, however, that the cost of the same may be passed on to the property owner if it appears the damage to the grinder pump was caused by the negligent, reckless or intentional acts of the owner. The Sewer Board retains the right to determine and judge the cause and responsibility for any and all repairs. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

## Planning

K. Smith reported on efforts to maximize points for 0% financing through EFC and recommended an inspection of river conditions during the upcoming spring thaw to identify any sources of pollution. Mr. Smith encouraged members to attend the March 22<sup>nd</sup> EDR and NYSDEC presentation at the T/Champion from 5-7:00pm. K. Smith and K. Jordan will review new regulatory language as it relates to applications currently under review by EFC.

*Break: 5:30pm*

*T. Buckley left the meeting; T. Stewart-T/Champion voting rep.*

## South Black River (SBR) Phase I

T. Falkenburg introduced Marcy Newman, USDA-RUS, who replaced Steve Yorton.

T. Falkenburg reported that 7-8 bidding packages have been distributed. The pre-bid meeting will be held on March 15<sup>th</sup>. Bidding opening is tentatively scheduled for March 30<sup>th</sup>. Pump specifications have been forwarded to Gorman-Rupp. The cost of the pump stations is expected to increase by 7-8% due to the cost of manufacturing and new code requirements for control panels. The new code requires a flange mounted disconnect and is recommended by the project engineers. Motion by L. Carpenter, seconded by N. Parks to authorize designs to include the flange mounted disconnect. Ayes-5, Nays-0.

T. Falkenburg reported that Merit, LLC has requested that the standardized design and specifications for the pump stations be made available to them for construction in their project area. The Board discussed the advisability of sharing the designs and specifications to insure that any infrastructure construction that may eventually be turned over to the NYS Route 3 Sewer Board is built according to established standards. Motion by N. Parks, seconded by L. Carpenter to authorize Stearns & Wheler, LLC to release the designs and specification for the pump station to Merit, LLC with the stipulation that Merit, LLC will construct any and all pump stations in accordance with the supplied design drawings and specifications. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

T. Falkenburg also reported that Merit, LLC has indicated that EDU counts and flow data previously submitted were significantly underestimated by approximately thirty-three percent (33%) for a complete build out. C. Tuttle recommended that any changes in the estimated flow be referred to DANC for analysis and capacity review. K. Jordan reminded the Board that the projected flow increase from the Dorr Farm project could exhaust potential capacity reserves. R. Taylor stated that the previously negotiated agreement between the NYS Route 3 Sewer Board and Merit, LLC specified agreed upon flow numbers. The Board agreed by consensus to bind Merit, LLC to the original agreement figures.

T. Falkenburg informed the members that MBE/WBE requirements will be reinserted into the current package to satisfy requirements for EFC funding in anticipation of an award.

Board members discussed the advisability of standardizing the specifications for pump stations and grinder pumps to facilitate operations, maintenance and repairs.

RESOLUTION offered by Neil Parks,  
SECONDED BY Leland Carpenter;

RESOLVED, that the NYS Route 3 Corridor Sewer/Development Board hereby specifies Gorman-Rupp pump stations and E-1 grinder pumps as standard equipment for projects constructed under approval of the NYS Route 3 Corridor Sewer system and any extensions thereof. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

R. Taylor inquired as to the status of the T/Rutland's funding with EFC. N. Parks responded that town officials have met with C. Tuttle to develop a process for completing documentation for funding in anticipation of assistance from EFC.

Motion by L. Carpenter, seconded by T. Stewart 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 on Wednesday, April 12, 2006 at the V/Black River Municipal Building.**

**Christina Vargulick**  
Christina Vargulick, Secretary  
NYS Route 3 Sewer/Development Board