

Organization Town of Champion

Board Sewer Board

Date and Time Wednesday, August 9 2006 at 4:30 PM

Place Town of Champion Offices Board Room (rear of building) 10 N Broad St, West Carthage NY

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Minutes

TO: NYS ROUTE 3 CORRIDOR SEWER BOARD

FROM: Chris Vargulick, Secretary

DATE: August 10, 2006

RE: Minutes of August 9, 2006 meeting

Present: *Board members/voting representatives* - L. Carpenter, R. Cramer,
R. Taylor, and T. Stewart

Others: E. Berghorn, K. Dimmick, W. Hall, S. Harter, K. Montigelli,
J. Putman, K. Smith, M. Smith, T. Stewart, C. Stouffer, C. Tuttle,
C. Vargulick, and K. Vebber

Excused: T. Buckley, L. Longway, and N. Parks

The NYS Route 3 Corridor Sewer/Development Board met on Wednesday, August 9, 2006 at the T/Rutland Municipal Building. R. Taylor called the meeting to order at 4:30PM.

The Board reviewed the minutes for June 14, 2006. Motion by L. Carpenter, seconded by T. Stewart to approve the minutes as presented. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Operating Report

C. Tuttle reviewed the July 2006 period summary noting that all budget lines are within tolerable limits at this time.

R. Taylor discussed a complaint received from a customer on Duffy Road. Inspection of the service determined that detectable levels of e-coli bacteria are present in the sump pump drain and causing an odor problem. The line was scoped but no signs of leakage or infiltration were identified.

C. Tuttle presented the modified contractor qualifications to accommodate varying levels of expertise. Motion by L. Carpenter, seconded by T. Stewart to approve the qualifications as presented. Ayes-4, Nays 0. Motion carried.

C. Tuttle submitted applications from Bat-Con and Syracuse utilities requesting that the firms be included on the approved contractor list. Motion by L. Carpenter, seconded by T. Stewart to declare Bat-Con and Syracuse Utilities as approved contractors. L. Carpenter-aye, T. Stewart-aye, R. Taylor-aye, and R. Cramer-abstained. Motion carried.

C. Tuttle reported that Brian Perry has been hired to replace John Condino.

Planning

K. Smith reported that the V/Black River has scheduled a public meeting to review the prepared planning designs. K. Smith recommended that the Board review the 23-point strategic plan at their September meeting. He also suggested that National Grid be approached directly in regards to the proposed easements for trail development. L. Carpenter added that due to a pending lawsuit, National Grid has suspended action on property transfers and easements. K. Smith responded that progress may be possible on the next section of trail. Motion by L. Carpenter, seconded by T. Stewart to authorize K. Smith to act on the Board's behalf in regards to trail access from National Grid. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried.

K. Smith reported to the members that Dave Miller has informed them that the next construction phase will not be funded during the current cycle. A funding announcement is expected in October.

Break: 4:52pm

South Black River (SBR) Phase I

J. Putman reported that construction is progressing. Blasting on Huntington Street is near completion and excavation is proceeding. Brookfield Power has confirmed receipt and processing of the easement for the pump station. Verbal approval will be requested so that the contractor may have access to the property. The drawings from Gorman-Rupp have been submitted and comments have been forwarded to them.

R. Taylor questioned if there have been any conversations with the Dorr Farm developer. J. Putman responded that he had a conversation to clarify the last billing. No site work has begun at the farm. The developer has been informed that their request to use a refurbished pump station has been rejected due to the age of the unit. The excess station will be used for parts.

K. Smith reported that the South Black River project's eligibility for 0% financing through EFC has improved.

South Black River (SBR-2) Phase II

W. Hall submitted Amendment No. 2 for review and action. Mr. Hall also questioned if there is a fully executed copy of Amendment No. 1. K. Montigelli will check with Rural Utility.

Other

R. Taylor distributed information concerning a complaint lodged by Linda Cox, 29558 Maple Street, Black River, in regards to service she received between February 28 and March 13, 2006. Ms. Cox experienced problems with her sewer lateral that had been installed by an independent contractor post-project. A camera scope of the lateral determined that the service issues were the result of a crushed lateral. Ms. Cox was instructed to have the line repaired. Ms. Cox contests the charges from the system operator for labor and equipment. The Board previously determined that the damage to the service lateral was the result of negligence and therefore all associated costs are the responsibility of the property owner. The Board agreed, by consensus, to uphold its previous determination. It was suggested that Ms. Cox contact her insurer for coverage.

Motion by T. Stewart, seconded by L. Carpenter to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 5/45pm.

The next regular meeting of the NYS Route 3 Corridor Sewer/Development Board will be held on Wednesday, September 13, 2006 at the T/Pamelia Municipal Building.

Christina Vargulick

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