

Organization Town of Champion

Board Sewer Board

Date and Time Wednesday, November 8 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: November 9, 2006

RE: Minutes of November 8, 2006 meeting

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

Others: K. Amyot, C. Stouffer, W. Hall, S. Harter, J. Jenack, S. Lillie
B. Perry, K. Smith, M. Smith, T. Stewart, C. Tuttle, and
C. Vargulick

Absent: L. Longway

The NYS Route 3 Corridor Sewer/Development Board met on Wednesday, November 8, 2006 at the T/Champion Municipal Building. R. Taylor called the meeting to order at 4:30PM. R. Taylor introduced Jessie Jenack, T/LeRay Community Development Coordinator.

The Board reviewed the minutes for October 11, 2006. Motion by N. Parks, seconded by L. Carpenter to approve the minutes as presented. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Operating Report

C. Tuttle reviewed the October 2006 period summary noting eighty-percent (80%) of the budgeted revenue has been collected. Expenses are tracking within the budget parameters. The current net cash is sufficient to make the final debt payment for the fiscal year. The extra work summary was unavailable at the time of the meeting.

B. Perry reported that the previously approved letter to customers has been distributed with T/LeRay water bills. The home survey shall be completed next week after delivery of the letters. Mr. Perry shared an analysis of average flows, through the system pump stations, versus rain event flows. S. Harter noted the cumulative effect on the final pump station in the T/LeRay system. R. Taylor stated that the odor problem reported by a T/LeRay customer has been corrected. B. Perry, responding to a question from R. Taylor, reported that the new equipment for Manhole 73 has been ordered. Delivery is pending.

C. Tuttle reported that Furgison & Co., CPA, is conducting a comprehensive audit of the Route 3 Sewer accounts. The firm has selected sample transactions to examine and test; has examined the internal controls and procedures practiced by all DANC employees with access to Route 3 Sewer funds; and made some preliminary recommendations to DANC. A final report, containing all recommendations, will be distributed at the conclusion of the independent audit.

An opinion from Attorney Mark Gebo, Counsel to the NYS Route 3 Sewer Board, was distributed. Mr. Gebo stated that "it is [his] opinion that a separate audit of the activities for the Route 3 Sewer Board monies would be appropriate".

C. Tuttle advised members that DANC is beginning a pipeline rehabilitation project in Calcium. Questions concerning opportunities to connect to municipal systems shall be referred to the appropriate municipality.

C. Tuttle reported that the 2007 NYS Route 3 Sewer budget was presented for preliminary review to R. Taylor, T. Buckley and S. Harter for comment. DANC was tasked with developing alternative budget options for review by the full Board. Members agreed by consensus to hold a special meeting on Tuesday, November 28th at 3:00pm at the T/LeRay. Members of the executive committee and the secretary were asked to attend.

Planning

K. Smith reported on an upcoming meeting with the V/Black River development committee to consider the

subdivision and development of vacant commercial properties within the Village. The Village has received an additional grant in the amount of \$24,000 to develop a vision/plan for the Dorr Farm and adjacent areas along NYS Route 3.

K. Smith discussed an opportunity for funding through the Quality Communities Grant Program (QC) for a proposed Felts Mills and Great Bend Hamlet Revitalization Plan. Both communities would consider the public vision for development and design including lighting, signage, pedestrian and vehicular traffic and circulation plans, in-fill strategies, and future development sites based on input from the public. A successful application may also provide funding to prepare design elements for the Route 3 corridor.

J. Jenack remarked that the T/LeRay is considering improvements to the Town development standards to protect and enhance the Town. K. Smith suggested that the T/LeRay may want to consider an application through QC in the future and reminded members that an EDR presentation is available to facilitate discussions with their respective land use boards.

M. Smith read the full text of a resolution recognizing Kevin J. Smith for his invaluable service to the NYS Route 3 Sewer/Development Board and its component communities, upon his retirement from the Tug Hill Commission. Resolution offered by L. Carpenter, Mayor of the V/Black River, seconded by T. Stewart, Councilman for the T/Champion. The resolution was adopted unanimously by all communities present. (*The full text of the resolution shall be attached to the permanent record.*)

K. Smith reported that the US Army Office of Economic Adjustment is actively working to assist the communities most directly affected by the growth of Fort Drum. K. Smith suggested that the Route 3 Sewer Board was a natural link to receive reports, disseminate information, and make recommendations to steer activities and focus available funding. R. Taylor stated that Fort Drum Planning reports should be added as an agenda item.

C. Vargulick reported that one-half of the balance due from Linda Cox has been received and forwarded to DANC for deposit in the Route 3 Sewer account.

C. Tuttle reported that the grinder pump located at the SPCA, in the T/Pamelia, was damaged by a volunteer contractor during remodeling of the facility. The Board will need to determine any charges that should be billed back to the non-profit organization.

South Black River (SBR) Phase I

W. Hall reported that the cost of replacing and improving manholes in Heather Acres and the V/Black River has been quoted at \$10,471. The charges will be assessed to the LeRay-Phase 1 and Phase II and the SBR-1 budgets with concurrence from USDA-RUS.

The pump stations will arrive next week. Laterals are being connected.

South Black River (SBR-2) Phase II

W. Hall reported that system designs shall be distributed for agency review and comment.

C. Tuttle reported that the project has been approved for both short and long term funding through EFC at 0% interest. USDA-RUS has requested that the Form E, for both SBR Phase I and Phase II, be combined and reported as one. If funding is available the Phase I portion may be closed out early. If not, short term interim funding may be necessary.

Other

N. Parks, for L. Longway, questioned the status of the Garnerville Tract. L. Longway believes that EFC financing has already been approved. W. Hall reported that there are no designs for Gardnerville and that no financing application has been submitted to date for that project.

L. Carpenter reported that representatives of the Wingate Hotel chain plan to approach the Village ZBA for variances to construct a four-story; 100 room hotel with an access road. The representatives have indicated that there may also be an opportunity to add a restaurant on an adjacent parcel. All construction is planned on the former Dorr Farm site.

Motion by T. Stewart, seconded by N. Parks to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 5.23pm.

The next regular meeting of the NYS Route 3 Corridor Sewer/Development Board will be held on Wednesday, December 13, 2006 at the Partridge Berry Inn.

Christina Vargulick

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