

**Organization Town of Champion**

**Board Sewer Board**

**Date and Time Wednesday, January 10 2007 at 5:30 PM**

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

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## Minutes

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TO: NYS ROUTE 3 CORRIDOR SEWER BOARD

FROM: Chris Vargulick, Secretary

DATE: January 11, 2007

RE: Minutes of January 10, 2007 meeting

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

*Others:* K. Amyot, K. Dimmick, M. Elliot, S. Furgison, M. Gebo, S. Harter,  
K. Montigelli, B. Perry, J. Putnam, M. Smith, T. Stewart,  
C. Tuttle, C. Vargulick, and K. Vebber

The NYS Route 3 Corridor Sewer/Development Board met on Wednesday, January 10, 2007 at the T/LeRay Municipal Building. L. Longway called the meeting to order.

The Board reviewed the minutes for December 13, 2006. Motion by N. Parks, seconded by R. Taylor to approve the minutes as presented. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

L. Longway asked Mark Gebo, Route 3 Board counsel, to discuss the disposition of Pump Station #5 (PS#5) in the T/Champion. Mr. Gebo explained that the T/Champion had constructed sewer infrastructure on NYS Route 3 in the T/Rutland, including a pump station at the intersection of the Lester Road and NYS Route 3, during the initial phase of the Route 3 project (2000-2001). The pump station was never put into service and consequently the T/Champion has removed the pump and enclosure to utilize in T/Champion SD#2. Mr. Gebo advised members that they may declare the equipment surplus. The Board may also consider whether or not to place a value on the equipment and request that the Route 3 project be compensated.

Mr. Gebo advised that the equipment should be depreciated due to the age of the pump which was purchased on 5/31/2001. Mr. Gebo cautioned members to keep any difference of opinion in perspective with the long standing cooperative effort.

L. Longway questioned the original location of the pump and the rationale for its construction. T. Buckley responded that USDA-RUD offered the T/Champion additional funding. At the time, the T/Rutland and DANC were in negotiations with Allied Waste Management (Laidlaw) to construct a sewage transmission line to transport leachate from the landfill through the NYS Route 3 Sewer system. Ultimately, the T/Rutland decided that they were unwilling to bond to construct the line and the negotiations ceased. The T/Champion has consistently maintained that the pump is the property of the T/Champion. L. Longway clarified the location of the landfill. N. Parks stated that the T/Rutland Board has requested that the next construction phase include Burnup Road. He also expressed his objections to releasing PS#5 to the T/Champion.

S. Harter asked for a response to a question regarding the intended scope of service for PS#5. T. Buckley responded that the engineering recommendation was changed based conditions and cost. They determined that the Burnup Road design would be more cost effective.

Members discussed current sewage volume and excess capacity. Due to build out within the T/Champion, capacity is an issue particularly in regards to PS#4 and the bridge crossing.

L. Longway questioned the location and capacity of adjacent transmission lines and pump stations.

R. Taylor supported discussion with Laidlaw but reminded members that the final decision and responsibility for bonding/financing would lie with the T/Rutland.

B. Perry asked Attorney Gebo if T/Champion SD#2 could be incorporated in the NYS Route 3 Sewer System. Attorney Gebo confirmed that it may be possible but urged the Board to study the financial implications to both the Route 3 System and T/Champion SD#2. He also stated that the Board should seek concurrence from funding

agencies for any proposed district consolidations.

Members discussed the original and depreciated cost of PS#5 and the enclosure. L. Longway stated that the T/Champion should prepare an offer.

## **Operating Report**

C. Tuttle reviewed the December 2006 period summary noting the actual year-end revenue was at 99.7% of budgeted and expenditures were 86% of the 2006 projected budget. All scheduled debt payments have been made. Net cash of \$35,789.30 remains. Ms. Tuttle recommended a contribution of \$30,000 to the capital reserve in February.

L. Longway summarized damage done to the grinder pump located at the SPCA in the T/Pamelia. Motion by R. Taylor, seconded by T. Buckley to authorize the Secretary to prepare and deliver a bill to the SPCA for costs related to the repair including parts and labor. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

B. Perry informed members that operations personnel are leaving contact information at homes in an effort to complete the Duffy Road survey.

C. Tuttle introduced Sherry Furgison, Furgison & Co., CPA, to report on the 2005 financial audit. Ms. Furgison distributed the final report and recommendations. At the request of the Chairman, she reviewed specific management comments. Ms. Furgison thanked DANC for their cooperation during the audit. Motion by N. Parks, seconded by L. Carpenter to accept the audit as presented and direct the Secretary to forward a response, to the comments, to Furgison & Co., CPA. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

## **Planning**

K. Amyot reported that USDA-RUD has contracted with Rural Water to assist communities required to prepare a water/sewer Vulnerability Assessment and Emergency Plans. B. Perry commented on the proposal that DANC submitted for the work citing the large number of staff hours that the assessment and plan would require.

K. Amyot updated members regarding the status of a CDBG and Quality Communities grant.

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

J. Putnam reported that the Dexter Street pump station is scheduled for a January 24<sup>th</sup> start-up pending the completion of the gas/electric services. The remaining gas/electric construction is still outstanding as is one easement. National Grid has not replied with definitive dates for service construction/installation.

USDA-RUD has approved the connection for the new library including a grinder pump, if necessary. K. Vebber stated that a gravity line may be possible.

## **South Black River (SBR-2) Phase II**

C. Tuttle reported that the project has been invited to submit an application for pre-eligibility determination. DANC will assist the Village with the preparation and submittal of the application.

Motion by R. Taylor, seconded by L. Carpenter to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 5.48pm.

**The next regular meeting of the NYS Route 3 Corridor Sewer/Development Board will be held on Monday, February 12, 2007 at the T/Rutland Municipal Building.**

## **Christina Vargulick**

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