

Organization Town of Champion

Board Sewer Board

Date and Time Monday, February 12 2007 at 4:30 PM

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

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Minutes

TO: NYS ROUTE 3 CORRIDOR SEWER BOARD

FROM: Chris Vargulick, Secretary

DATE: February 13, 2007

RE: Minutes of February 12, 2007 meeting

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

Others: K. Amyot, E. Berghorn, K. Dimmick, G. Eddy, M. Elliot, S. Harter,
R. Cramer, K. Montigelli, B. Perry, F. Phelps, J. Putnam,
M. Smith, T. Stewart, C. Tuttle, C. Vargulick, and K. Vebber

The NYS Route 3 Corridor Sewer/Development Board met on Monday, February 12, 2007 at the T/Rutland Municipal Building. L. Longway called the meeting to order at 4:30pm.

The Board reviewed the minutes for January 10, 2007. Motion by N. Parks, seconded by L. Carpenter to approve the minutes as presented. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

L. Longway presented a proposal from Furgision & Co., CPA to perform an audit of the 2006 fiscal records for a cost of \$1,350.00. Motion by N. Parks, seconded by L. Carpenter to authorize the Chairman to execute the agreement with Furgision & Co. for an audit of the NYS Route 3 Corridor Sewer System's 2006 fiscal records. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Operating Report

C. Tuttle reviewed the January 2007 period summary. Ms. Tuttle explained that DANC is transitioning from an Excel reporting format to reports produced by their financial software. The transition process has necessitated a manual reconciliation of the accounts and therefore the November and December reports have been revised to reflect a correction made due to a duplicate posting. A discrepancy of approximately \$1,000 in net cash remains under review.

Ms. Tuttle noted, that although the January budget report indicates a negative balance for net cash, that checks were withheld to maintain a positive cash flow pending the receipt of funds from the Towns for sewer capital collected. The Board has a reserve account balance of nearly \$115,000. The extra work summary was unavailable at meeting time. Ms. Tuttle reported that the \$15,000 budgeted for operations/maintenance in the Black River South - Phase I capital project will be exhausted in April.

S. Harter questioned the significant increase in the T/Rutland sewer flows. B. Perry stated that the operator had not identified any issues to account for the increase and encouraged the Town to mail information to customers regarding illegal hookups including sump pumps.

Planning

K. Amyot, responding to a question from L. Longway, discussed the development of vulnerability assessments by NYS Rural Water. Ms. Amyot reported that the V/Black River is moving forward with their planning/development initiative for downtown and that the housing rehabilitation program in the T/Rutland should be fully committed by August 2007.

Other Business

Members reviewed a letter from David Miller, USDA-RD Community Program Director regarding the disposition of T/Champion PS#5. Mr. Miller proposed the following for the Board's consideration:

- 1) Engage Engineer (BCA) to arrive at a pump station value. (Suggested value: \$5,000-\$15,000)
- 2) Thereafter, T/Champion could then agree to use this value to create a "spare parts" inventory fund for

replacement of components in similar pump stations in use in the NYS Route 3 district.

3) Engage Mark Gebo, Esq. to create a Legal Agreement to implement this initiative.

4) The "spare parts" fund will cease when the prior agreed cost of the pump station has been reached.

Members reviewed the age, condition and original cost of PS#5. R. Cramer questioned the installed cost. N. Parks stated that the pump had been constructed on property under the restrictions of an easement and that the property should be returned to its original condition. Fred Phelps, the landowner who granted the easement, stated that he would not require that the wet well be removed only that the site be secured to protect him against any future liability. R. Cramer questioned existing utilities. The utility service has been terminated and equipment removed by the utility distributor. Members questioned an offer made by the developers of the Dorr Farm for another pump station but information on the offer was not available. R. Taylor urged members to settle the issue and move forward with the sewer project. L. Carpenter agreed that the project is the priority and suggested a value of \$18,000 for the pump station. L. Longway questioned whether the pump station could be utilized by the project. M. Elliot, Stearns & Wheeler, responded that each pump station is an integral part of the design and sized and equipped specifically for a particular service area. R. Cramer questioned the original service area intended for PS#5. M. Elliot stated that the original service area was a portion of the T/Rutland and Waste Management but that the design was revised to transport the effluent by a gravity main which is more cost effective. The Board reviewed the original mapping for service in the T/Rutland. C. Tuttle reported that a meeting to discuss scenarios for future phases has been scheduled. R. Cramer asked if PS#5 would be part of the scenario discussion. M. Elliot responded that it would not be. R. Cramer pointed out, that in that case, PS#5 is obsolete. He suggested that the value should include costs for the original installation. R. Taylor stated that a determination of obsolescence voided any value for installation. G. Eddy, F. Phelps, and R. Cramer, members of the T/Rutland Town Board, all concurred with the proposal recommended by Dave Miller. Motion by L. Carpenter, seconded by R. Taylor to set a value of \$18,000 for T/Champion PS#5. Vote: L. Carpenter-aye, T. Buckley-aye, L. Longway-nay, N. Parks-nay, and R. Taylor-aye. Motion carried.

South Black River (SBR) Phase I

J. Putnam reported that National Grid continues to work on electric and natural gas service to the pump station. The utility reported that they will begin the gas service construction on February 26, 2007, weather permitting.

J. Putnam reported that the contractor will shut down construction for a 3-4 week period pending improved weather conditions.

L. Carpenter discussed the costs to convert the pump station from natural gas to propane. The conversion would cost approximately \$10,900. The cost for the construction of the natural gas line is approximately \$24,000. The construction cost is included in the budget. K. Vebber stated that the Village is frustrated by the slow progress of the utility but believes that natural gas is the best choice due to uninterrupted service, cost and efficiency. N. Parks supported leaving the decision with the Village.

South Black River (SBR-2) Phase II

C. Tuttle reported the application to EFC for short term funding is due by the end of the month. T. Buckley asked if the short term funding could be obtained through a BAN. C. Tuttle stated that monies have not been budgeted for BAN interest.

Motion by R. Taylor, seconded by L. Carpenter to adjourn the meeting.

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

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