

**Organization Town of Champion**

**Board Sewer Board**

**Date and Time Monday, March 12 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: March 13, 2007

RE: Minutes of March 12, 2007 meeting

Present: *Board members/voting representatives* - T. Buckley, L. Carpenter(4:50),  
L. Longway, N. Parks,  
and R. Taylor

*Others:* K. Amyot, K. Dimmick, S. Harter, 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 Monday, March 12, 2007 at the T/Pamelia Municipal Building. L. Longway called the meeting to order at 4:30pm.

The Board reviewed the minutes for February 12, 2007. Motion by R. Taylor, seconded by T. Buckley to approve the minutes as presented. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried.

**Operating Report**

C. Tuttle reviewed the February 2007 period summary and noted that the interest reflects the low net cash that was deposited at the time of reporting. Since reporting, capital payments have been received from the Towns of LeRay and Pamela. Ms. Tuttle reported that Furgison & Co. have begun the 2006 financial audit. The administrator will reconcile the previous manual statements with the new accounting system in conjunction with the audit.

C. Tuttle reported that Rural Development now requires municipalities participate as a financial partner for infrastructure projects. The budget for Black River South-Phase I reflects an investment of \$5,600 from the V/Black River. Board members commented that they had been previously unaware of this change and discussed who would be the appropriate agency to be responsible for the revenues. S. Harter stated that the Village should finance that portion of the project revenue through their general fund. Members questioned the appropriateness of funding a sewer project through the general fund. Chairman Longway suggested that the matter be tabled until the April meeting to allow members to obtain additional information and to reflect on the matter.

Ms. Tuttle informed members that Rural Development has changed their position on the utilization of unexpended project funds. Rural Development no longer allows unexpended funds to be carried over to the next phase of a project but has suggested that they may consider change orders to an existing project. A qualified change order would require that the next project phase already be reviewed and approved. J. Putnam stated that the engineering on Black River South-Phase II is approximately 80% engineered. Pump stations need to be sized to accommodate the identified scope of the proposed phase. The completed designs would then be submitted for regulatory agency review and comment. Board members also discussed the acquisition of property for the pump stations and whether Rural Development might consider the cost of engineering and property acquisition, for Phase II, as a change order to Phase I.

N. Parks discussed his presumption that the owner of Sandy Pines will be unwilling to sell property for a pump station. He also reported that he has talked to a representative of Allied Waste regarding a hook-up to the Route 3 Sewer System. Allied expressed some interest if a package, different from that previously offered, was proposed. On a recommendation from T. Buckley, Board members agreed, by consensus, to authorize the engineer/administrator to discuss the change order concept with Dave Miller, Rural Development.

B. Perry informed the Board that operators have either been unable to contact homeowners or been denied entry to ten (10) properties to confirm that there are no illegal hook-ups to the sewer system. Both, L. Longway and N. Parks, suggested taking the matter to the next level. The suggestion included notifying property owners of the Sewer Use Law and the consequences for not complying with that law. They also suggested having the notice reviewed by counsel.

**Planning**

K. Amyot reported that the V/Black River has sent out RFP's to consultants for work related to downtown revitalization.

### **Other Business**

L. Carpenter reported on a meeting between Village officials and the Dorr Farm developers to discuss the construction of 250 - 1200sq.ft. rentals on 27 acres of property in addition to single family homes. J. Putnam stated that the original agreement between the Village and the developer allowed for a maximum sewer flow of 192,000 GPD, at a rate not to exceed 200G/minute. T. Buckley reminded members that the developer had agreed to build their own storage if their sewer flows exceeded the allowed levels.

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

J. Putnam reported that National Grid has substantially completed the electric service to the pump station. The utility reported that they will begin the gas service construction on February 22, 2007, weather permitting.

L. Carpenter discussed \$1,100 in finance charges that the Village has been assessed by National Grid for the failure to pre-pay for the service construction. J. Putnam will contact National Grid to discuss the charges and to request a waiver.

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

J. Putnam reported that they are still waiting for comments from Rural Development. C. Tuttle stated that all of the required items have been submitted to Rural Development.

L. Longway questioned why local builders are not participating more fully in the area wide growth. K. Dimmick responded that outside firms tend to follow the military closely. Local builders are not positioned to be property managers and locally operating property managers do not have a construction component to their business. In addition, outside firms have not developed a good working relationship with local contractors.

K. Dimmick reminded members, that as expansion and growth continue, to treat their sewer capacity as an asset. Developers should be vetted to evaluate reliability, appropriate financing, and commitment to proposed projects. Local boards should consider requiring assurance bonds, down payments and/or development agreements to protect sewer/water assets.

Motion by T. Buckley, 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, April 9, 2007 at the T/LeRay Municipal Building.**

**Christina Vargulick**

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