

Organization Town of Champion

Board Sewer Board

Date and Time Monday, April 9 2007 at 5:30 PM

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

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Minutes

TO: NYS ROUTE 3 CORRIDOR SEWER BOARD

FROM: Chris Vargulick, Secretary

DATE: April 10, 2007

RE: Minutes of April 9, 2007 meeting

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

Others: K. Amyot, K. Dimmick, B. Perry, S. Lillie, B. McBride,
K. Montigelli, J. Putnam, M. Smith, and C. Vargulick

Excused: R. Taylor

The NYS Route 3 Corridor Sewer/Development Board met on Monday, April 9, 2007 at the V/ Black River Municipal Building. L. Longway called the meeting to order at 4:00pm.

The Board reviewed the minutes for March 12, 2007. Motion by L. Carpenter, seconded by N. Parks to approve the minutes as presented. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Operating Report

B. Perry introduced Brian McBride. Mr. McBride has been hired by DANC to implement their new GIS program.

B. Perry reviewed the March 2007 period summary and noted that the summary should reflect \$343.33 in interest year-to-date. All fiscal benchmarks are on target for the first quarter. The total sewer flow through the combined NYS Route 3 System was 7.4 MG this period. The flow is a significant increase for the system. The increase suggests that some homeowners may have illegally connected a sump pump to their sewer lateral.

Members reviewed correspondence from Mark Gebo, Route 3 System Counsel, suggesting two avenues to address problems the operators have had gaining access to survey basement hookups. Mr. Gebo suggested amending the Sewer Use Law to establish penalties for failure to comply with reasonable requests for access or petitioning the local municipal court for an administrative search warrant. Board members expressed unanimous support for amending the Sewer Use Law to detail the violation and penalty for denying access to the system operator after reasonable cause and reasonable notice. Mr. Gebo was expected to attend the meeting so discussion was adjourned pending his arrival.

Other Business

L. Carpenter requested that the Board consider reimbursing the budgeted project construction costs assigned to the Village by Rural Development for South Black River Phase I. The budget reflects a contribution in the amount of \$5,600 from the Village. T. Buckley reported that Rural Development is expecting a percentage of budgeted costs from all municipalities now to presumably give them a vested interest in their projects. South Black River/Phase I is the first portion of the Route 3 project to be affected by the new financing rules. T. Buckley recommended reimbursing the Village for the expense. N. Parks, also expressing support for the reimbursement, stated that contributing capital would have even a more negative impact on townships since the entire tax base would not be responsible for the funding. S. Harter expressed reservations, concerning the reimbursements, reminding the Board that all future project phases should reasonably expect the same assistance. K. Dimmick discussed incorporating the financial commitment into the long-term financing. S. Harter questioned whether it is an eligible expense under the EFC criteria. The Board agreed, by consensus, to insure that the Village shall not be held responsible for the cost of project financing. The project costs shall be repaid by the Route 3 Sewer System either through repayment of long-term debt or directly reimbursing the Village, through the reserve account, if necessary.

Planning

K. Amyot reported that the V/Black River received seven responses to their RFP for downtown revitalization. A committee will review the proposals and make a recommendation to the Village Board for approval. A May 1st start-up is projected.

Break: 4:32pm

Resumed meeting: 5:08pm

South Black River (SBR) Phase I

J. Putnam reported that National Grid has made progress on the gas line installation and may complete the work as early as April 14th. Upon completion and connection of the gas and electric services, a pump station start-up will be scheduled and lateral connections completed. Additional outstanding items include the NYS Route 3 bore, paving, and restoration which are expected to be completed near the end of May.

L. Carpenter reported that National Grid has agreed to waive \$1,100 in finance charges that the Village was assessed.

South Black River (SBR-2) Phase II

J. Putnam reported that a letter of conditions has been received from RUD. Pending design revisions, the project should be able to go to bid within two weeks with an anticipated bid opening in mid-May.

Town of Rutland (next phase)

An engineering agreement is being prepared between the engineer and Town. C. Tuttle is working with the Town to prepare the pre-eligibility submittals. T. Buckley questioned the number of anticipated project phases. J. Putnam stated that the project would be completed in two phases.

Mark Gebo was unable to attend the meeting, but members resumed the discussion regarding the survey of sewer hook-ups. T. Buckley reiterated his support and proposed a procedure including a letter to request an inspection; if there is no response or access is denied, a letter of violation and information regarding the fine structure; if there is still no response or access continues to be denied, the water service to the property shall be shut off. L. Carpenter suggested that there should be enough flexibility in the system to accommodate the schedule of the property owner. L. Longway questioned if a legal notice advertised in the newspaper would be sufficient to serve as public notice. K. Dimmick suggested including the information in a direct mailing to system users. B. Perry reported that it is often difficult to find property owners home during the normal hours worked by the operations personnel. The Board agreed that the potential savings from disconnecting any illegally connected sump pumps would far outweigh the cost of a reasonable number of overtime hours and authorized the operating authority to schedule evening and weekend inspections, as necessary. Mr. Perry was also directed to discuss amendments to the Sewer Use Law with Mr. Gebo for Board review and action.

L. Carpenter discussed the illegal connection of a sump pump in the Village of Black River. Steve Lillie estimated the volume of the one-half horsepower pump at 89,000 GPD or roughly \$189/day at the current overage rate. This is the second violation for this particular property owner. B. Perry questioned how the Board wanted the operator to proceed with inspections throughout the Route 3 Sewer System. L. Longway recommended that the operator inspect the most likely areas.

Motion by T. Buckley, seconded by N. Parks to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 5:37pm.

The next regular meeting of the NYS Route 3 Corridor Sewer/Development Board will be held on Monday, May 14, 2007 at the T/Champion Municipal Building.

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