

**Organization Town of Champion**

**Board Sewer Board**

**Date and Time Monday, August 13 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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Present: *Board members/voting representatives* – T. Buckley L. Carpenter(4:35),  
L. Longway, N. Parks, and  
R. Taylor

*Others:* K. Amyot, K. Amyot, L. Berghorn, K. Dimmick, S. Harter, S. Lillie,  
K. Montigelli, B. Perry, J. Putnam, T. Stewart,  
C. Tuttle, C. Vargulick, and K. Vebber

The NYS Route 3 Corridor Sewer/Development Board met on Monday, August 13, 2007 at the T/Rutland Municipal Building. L. Longway called the meeting to order at 4:30pm.

The Board reviewed the minutes for June 11, 2007. Motion by N. Parks, seconded by T. Buckley to approve the minutes as presented. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Chairman Longway opened the meeting for public comment. The owner and manager of Heather Acres apartments questioned the sewer rates and communicating rate changes to customers. Mr. Patel explained his understanding that the project was constructed with grant funds and that there would be no cost to the customers. Mr. Longway and C. Tuttle explained that the sewer project is being constructed with both loan and grant funding and customers that connect during the initial construction are not charged a hook-up fee. All parcels within the sewer district, regardless of whether or not they are connected to the system, are responsible for debt service and operation/maintenance charges. These charges are assessed and collected on the town/village annual tax bills and the amount is determined as per the budget adopted by the NYS Route 3 Sewer/Development Board.

## Operating Report

C. Tuttle reported that both revenues and expenses are tracking on budget with calendar year projections.

C. Tuttle reported that a closed-circuit television (CCTV) inspection between Maple Street and Ambrose Drive in Black River was completed at the request of the Village DPW. The inspection found a problem with a 20'-30' section of the road crossing that dips down and then rises causing the manhole to fill with sewage. The crossing serves a development owned by Stephen Jelli. Mr. Jelli understands that the problem is his responsibility and he has contacted Syracuse Utilities to remediate the problem.

C. Tuttle suggested that the Board may want to require a CCTV inspection of all road borings. K. Dimmick explained that "lamping the line" is also an accepted inspection tool. Mr. Dimmick stated that all connections should be made straight into the manhole. Board members discussed whether infrastructure agreements should require a one-year warranty on work and materials.

C. Tuttle informed members that a presentation of the 2008 preliminary budget will be made at the next meeting. For the benefit of Mr. Patel, S. Harter and C. Tuttle also advised that the ad valorem charges will be set at \$230/EDU.

C. Tuttle presented an application from Houppert Builders Inc. for contractor approval. The application has been reviewed and accepted as complete. Members questioned the applicants experience level and determined, based on references and work performed, that the applicant is qualified. Motion by R. Taylor, seconded by T. Buckley to approve Houppert Builder's Inc. as an approved contractor. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

## Planning

K. Amyot reported that it has been determined that funds from the Fort Drum Growth Management grant may not be used to complete a vulnerability assessment and/or emergency response plan for the Route 3 Sewer Corridor project. Ms. Amyot reported on the status of the V/Black River downtown conceptual plan.

## South Black River (SBR) Phase I

J. Putnam reported that the project walk through has been completed and a small number of minor items were

identified. The project has been completed within the approved budget. L. Carpenter questioned the amount withheld for restoration. Mr. Putnam responded that he estimates that the line item still has \$50,000. Mr. Carpenter remarked that much of the restored area is only growing weeds, with corn in one location, and residents are concerned.

C. Tuttle reported that USDA-RUS will not release grant monies because the local share has not been expended. J. Putnam will adjust the Form E to expend the local share so that grant monies may be received.

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

J. Putnam reported that the pre-construction meeting was held and that the project is proceeding. The contractor is obtaining all necessary highway permits and will be submitting a work schedule for approval. T. Buckley asked about the size of the project. J. Putnam responded that the size of the project is similar to Phase I and that the project is all gravity sewer with 2-3 grinder pumps and no pump stations.

## **Town of Rutland (next phase)**

J. Putnam informed members that all documents for the pre-eligibility determination will be submitted shortly.

Motion by L. Carpenter, seconded by N. Parks to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 5:20pm.

**The next regular meeting of the NYS Route 3 Corridor Sewer/Development Board will be held on Monday, September 10, 2007 at 3:30pm at the T/Pamelia Municipal Building.**

## **Christina Vargulick**

Christina Vargulick, Secretary

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