

Organization Town of Champion

Board Sewer Board

Date and Time Monday, November 19 2007 at 4:30 PM

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

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Minutes

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

Others: K. Amyot, L. Berghorn, K. Dimmick, K. Montigelli, B. Perry, J. Putnam, M. Smith, T. Stewart, C. Tuttle, C. Vargulick, and K. Vebber

Excused: L. Longway

The NYS Route 3 Corridor Sewer/Development Board met on Monday, November 19, 2007 at the T/Champion Municipal Building. T. Buckley called the meeting to order at 4:30pm.

The Board reviewed the minutes for October 10, 2007. Motion by R. Taylor, seconded by L. Carpenter to approve the minutes as presented. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried.

At the request of the Town of Pamela Town Board, the NYS Route 3 Sewer Board considered a request from Heather Acres Properties, LLC for an adjustment to their last quarterly sewer bill. The sewer billing was unusually high due to an undetected water leak. The Board reviewed information from the property managers and questioned Mr. Velasquez, General Manager, regarding the location and duration of the leak. The Board concluded that water from the leak did not impact the sewer system and therefore an adjustment should be made. Motion by R. Taylor, seconded by L. Carpenter to recommend an adjustment to the last quarterly sewer bill. An adjustment equal to the original bill minus the flat rate (\$42.50) multiplied by the number of EDU (94) shall be made. The adjustment will amount to a credit of \$5,354.06. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried. The Board agreed to review the next quarterly billing, since the repair was not made until October 18, 2007, and to make adjustments if necessary.

The Board reviewed a letter from Nancy Fey regarding a broken water line in an adjacent unused RV park. The City of Watertown has adjusted the water bill and Ms. Fey is requesting an adjustment to the sewer portion of her billing. Ms. Fey did not include any information regarding normal usage or billing. The Board deferred action pending receipt of additional information.

Operating Report

C. Tuttle reviewed the October period summary noting that revenues are at 91% of projected figures and that expenditures are on target with the calendar year.

B. Perry reported that the wet wells, that were approved for cleaning and maintenance at the last meeting, have been serviced. The contractor has recommended, due to conditions observed during the maintenance, that the balance of the manholes also be cleaned. C. Tuttle noted that monies were budgeted to clean all of the manholes. Motion by N. Parks, seconded by L. Carpenter to approve cleaning the remaining wet wells (6) as recommended. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried.

B. Perry reported that all of the manholes have been inspected and that the annual report is pending. No significant problems were reported.

Board members considered the rate charged for extra usage (usage over 12.5KG/quarter). The current rate is \$2.50/KG. The estimated rate for 2008 is \$2.55/KG. Due to DANC's fiscal year (April 1st), no increases would take effect until that date. M. Smith noted that the T/LeRay has forwarded a letter to residents detailing rate changes already approved by the Board. T. Buckley stated that the net balance between the collected rate and the rate charged by DANC may balance and recommended that any adjustment to the rate be considered after DANC has determined their 2008 sewer charge.

Planning

K. Amyot distributed an updated Community and Economic Strategic Development Plan and noted specific progress on the twenty-three items listed. R. Taylor questioned the status of the recreational trail development. L. Carpenter reported that he and K. Vebber have met with representatives of Brookfield Power to revitalize previous discussions that were deferred after a construction accident on the trail. One hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) has been budgeted to complete the NYS Route 3 trail but Mr. Carpenter voiced concern that the funds

may be reallocated if they are not encumbered. Brookfield Power is looking for an agreement that would indemnify them from future liability.

South Black River (SBR) Phase I

J. Putnam reported that the project is under budget. The total funds remaining shall be determined and application made to USDA-RD to apply the funds to the next phase. RD will need a resolution of agreement between the Town of Rutland and the Village of Black River to make the final approval. Attorney Gebo is preparing the resolution for review by all parties. The agreement will include the authorization for the Burnup Road extension.

South Black River (SBR-2) Phase II

J. Putnam reported that 90% of the mainline has been completed and that 20% of the laterals have been run. The road bore will begin on November 20th. Asphalt restoration is proceeding and is expected to be complete by weeks end. The contractor has indicated that they will request a change order to extend the time for lateral construction and restoration.

Town of Rutland (next phase)

J. Putnam reported that the project is proceeding on schedule.

Other Business

C. Tuttle reminded members that the Village of Black River needs to satisfy the local share of the project financing, in the amount of \$5,600, prior to closeout. The Board had previously approved (4/09/2007) appropriating funds to assist the Village with the project financing. Motion by R. Taylor, seconded by N. Parks to authorize the administrator to transfer \$5,600 to the Village of Black River prior to making the contribution to the reserve fund and furthermore to modify the budgeted reserve contribution as necessary. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Motion by N. Parks, seconded by L. Carpenter to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 5:50pm.

The next regular meeting of the NYS Route 3 Corridor Sewer/Development Board will be held on Wednesday, December 12, 2007 at 5:00pm at the Partridge Berry Inn.

Christina Vargulick

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