

**Organization Town of Champion**

**Board Sewer Board**

**Date and Time Wednesday, February 11 2009 at 4:30 PM**

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

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**Minutes**

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Present: *Board members/voting representatives* - T. Buckley, L. Carpenter, G. Eddy and S. Harter(4:37)

*Others:* K. Amyot, L. Berghorn, B. Perry, K. Dimmick, W. Hall, K. Montigelli, J. Putnam, T. Stewart, C. Tuttle, and C. Vargulick

*Absent:* Larry Longway

The NYS Route 3 Corridor Sewer/Development Board met on Wednesday, February 11, 2009 at the T/Rutland Municipal Building. G. Eddy called the meeting to order at 4:35pm.

The Board reviewed the minutes for January 14, 2009. Motion by T. Buckley, seconded by L. Carpenter to approve the minutes as presented. Ayes-3, Nays-0. Motion carried.

**Operating Report**

C. Tuttle reviewed the January 2009 period summary noting that the sewer flow decreased from 7.1MG, for the previous period, to 6.7MG, with a significant decrease in the Felts Mills service area.

B. Perry discussed an increase in the LeRay/Pamelia service area noting that the reading had been based on water flows due to a sewer flow meter failure. Operators are continuing to monitor manholes in Rutland but have observed no infiltration. Utilizing the SCADA reporting, operators are monitoring the pump hours to identify areas that may have illegal sump pump connections. The Board will be informed as suspect areas are identified. The operator has the capability to CATV the laterals and violators will be reported to the Board for legal action. B. Perry was authorized to prepare a news release regarding the intended action regarding illegal connections.

C. Tuttle reported that the proposed contract with Allied Waste is undergoing corporate review. Allied has been informed of the March 1<sup>st</sup> deadline set by EFC. USDA-RUS has requested that a pre-eligibility determination application be submitted. C. Tuttle recommended that the application be prepared on the assumption that the Allied contract will be approved. K. Dimmick concurred, stating that the application would strengthen the T/Rutland's position with Allied. Motion by G. Eddy, seconded by L. Carpenter to proceed with applications to EFC and USDA-RUS that include a hookup to Allied Waste. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried.

T. Buckley questioned an administrative charge for the review of the Dorr Farm Wingate Hotel plans in regard to the sewer connection. Members agreed, by consensus, that those costs should be covered by the developer and collected and submitted by the Village of Black River.

**South Black River Phase I/Phase II**

C. Tuttle reported that she is working with the Village to expend the grant balance of the phases. The long term financing for the projects was preliminarily taken out with USDA-RUS resulting in approximately \$40,000 in accrued interest that can not be covered with the grant funds. USDA-RUS has authorized the expenditure of the grant funds for future phase design. Board members urged the engineer to invoice the engineering costs as soon as possible to encumber the balance of the grant funds and allow refinancing with EFC at 0% interest.

**Town of Rutland Phase II**

J. Putnam reported that the pre-construction meeting was held and the notices to proceed delivered.

**Future Phases**

J. Putnam reported that he has approached property owners in the service area regarding proposed easements to connect Allied Waste and to locate two sewer pump stations. All but one property owner were receptive to executing the easements or transferring property therefore one pump station may be relocated. Natural gas is not available on the Staplin Road to provide energy for the backup generator. National Grid is preparing an estimate to extend the service approximately 1,500'. If the line extension is not financially feasible, the engineer recommends using propane to fuel the generator.

**Planning**

K. Amyot reported that Beahan Planning has completed and submitted the Fort Drum Initiative study. Ms. Amyot recommended that the members review the study summary.

W. Hall informed members that Stearns & Wheler has merged with GHD, an Australian company with offices on the West Coast.

Motion by T. Buckley, seconded by L. Carpenter to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 5:17pm.

**The next regular meeting of the NYS Route 3 Corridor Sewer/Development Board will be held on Wednesday, March 11, 2009 at 4:30pm at the T/Pamelia Municipal Building.**

**Christina Vargulick**

Christina Vargulick, Secretary

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