

**APPROVED MINUTES**

**SARATOGA COUNTY SEWER COMMISSION No. 1**  
**MINUTES OF June 22, 2011**  
**3:00 PM Treatment Plant**

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** Davis, Bold, Cannon, Crowley, Doyle, Loewenstein, Ostapczuk, Rinaldi

**COMMISSIONERS EXCUSED:** Nelson

**ALSO PRESENT:** James DiPasquale, Executive Director; Linda MacNeal, Administrative Assistant; Robert Wilcox, Asst. County Attorney; Spencer Hellwig, County Administrator; Susan Duff, Chief Operator; Jim Bolduc, Assistant Chief Operator; Grant Eaton, Collection System Manager.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – None

**CHAIRMAN’S COMMENTS** –

Chairman Davis would like to change the Commission meeting dates for September, October and November; September 28<sup>th</sup> to **September 21**, October 19<sup>th</sup> to **October 26<sup>th</sup>** and November 2<sup>nd</sup> to **November 9th**.

Chairman Davis brought to the attention of the Commission an article in the Times Union stating the intention of Globalfoundries to build another plant. This emphasizes the need to proceed with building the Northern Plant to redirect flows from the City of Saratoga and North, which currently discharge to the current Plant.

An invitation from Globalfoundries for a tour of the facility is extended to the Commissioners at 9:00 AM on Tuesday June 28<sup>th</sup>. Executive Director will need to know who will be attending so a list can be forwarded tomorrow. Directions and instructions will be forwarded to the applicable Commissioners this week.

Chairman Davis displayed a glass container containing the effluent from today which discharges into the Hudson River and remarked how clean it looked. This is a reflection of the success of the upgraded equipment installed with the Plant expansion and efforts of staff to develop the appropriate treatment strategy resulting in a 97% removal.

Chairman Davis continues to be concerned about the Plant’s emergency access road proceeding. He has referred to the County Attorney the process of obtaining the right of ways and or easements necessary so the road can be installed. Director DiPasquale stated that a survey was completed a few years ago and will make it available to Attorney Wilcox. Commissioner Bold also offered his assistance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES of May 25, 2011. Commissioner Doyle made the motion to approve the minutes of May 25, 2011. Commissioner Lowenstein seconded the motion. No discussion; 8Ayes, 0 Nays. The minutes of May 25, 2011 was approved.**

**TREATMENT PLANT EXPANSION** – Progress update of the construction contracts. Delaware, Jett, Gross, J&K; punch list items are being completed. Certificates of substantial completion are being executed. The paving has been completed. Jett, Gross and J&K are working on the remaining items on the punch list.

A change order for Jett's contract reducing the contract by \$101,106.00 from the original \$37,949,000.00 to \$37,847,894.00 has been received. *Commissioner Doyle made the motion to approve the Change Order conditional on his review, Commissioner Bold seconded. No discussion. The Change Order reducing Jett's Contract by \$101,106.00, conditional on Commissioner Doyle's review and concurrence, passed; 8Ayes, 0 Nays.*

## **CAPITAL PROJECTS FOR UPGRADES:**

### **2010 CAPITAL PROJECTS**

**Pipevision** – Railroad permits have been obtained by the Contractor. The bypass system is being installed. The by-pass system can be viewed from Coons Crossing Road, relining is expected to begin in the middle of July.

**CK & Kashmiri Upgrades in the Town of Clifton Park** – Carver and Stilsing Electric's fully executed Contracts have been forwarded to the Contractors. Submittals of information are being reviewed and approved by the consultant, EDP. The pre-construction meeting was held on 5/23/11. The project is scheduled for completion in 2011. The Contractors are waiting for electrical upgrades to be completed by National Grid before they can proceed.

### **2011 CAPITAL PROJECTS –**

**McDonald Engineering** – Saratoga Lake, 4 & 32; Project status report and field inspections are scheduled. A review meeting was held on 5/20/11 with the Consultant, Sewer District Staff and Commissioners; Davis, Bold, Doyle and Nelson. Presented at the meeting was preliminary plans for Routes 4 & 32 and the Saratoga Lake upgrade. Preliminary hydraulic analysis, property issues and grinder pump upgrades were discussed. McDonald Engineering has requested additional documents and information from the Sewer District. The next meeting is scheduled for 10:00 AM on 6/30/11. The Route 9P bridge project has been completed and open; however, a portion of 9P will be closed for culvert repair for a week and a half.

**Saratoga County Sewer District Northern Treatment Plant Project-** The Contract for a feasibility study to Delaware Engineering has been executed. A meeting with Supervisor Wood, Mayor of Schuylerville, John Sherman, Chris Marin a representative from the National Park System, several members of the community, Chairman William Davis, Executive Director James DiPasquale and Delaware's Ed Hernandez and Mary Beth Bianconi attended. A tour was conducted at the Village of Schuylerville's Treatment Plant. Several routes are being considered and Delaware will coordinate with Saratoga County Planning Department Director, Jason Kemper.

**Incinerator upgrade** –The Contract to Delaware Engineering has been executed, a preliminary design meeting was held 5/20/11. Inspection of the unit was conducted by Lou Barry of Chavond Barry on 6/14/11; a report will be issued. Preliminary information indicates the exterior shell needs more attention than previously anticipated.

**FEDERAL SEWAGE SLUDGE INCINERATION REGULATION** – Incinerator air emissions compliance. A letter was received from NYS DEC initiated by EPA concerning new regulations on emissions allowed from incinerators; monitoring nine additional elements. There are three options available; discontinuing incineration by 3/21/2012, bringing emissions into compliance with the new regulations or a statement of reasons for not responding at this time, the response is due June 30, 2011. To be in compliance, a stack test needs to be performed with a review and recommendations of the test to determine the status of compliance. Also a Title V Permit would need to be obtained. Compliance is required by March 21, 2015 or March 21, 2016 at the latest, pending implementation of the Regulation by NYSDEC.

Commissioner Ostapczuk mentioned that there is a litigation pending on this mandate that Municipal Treatment Plants nationwide have joined.

Several ideas were discussed including an RFP for a Consultant to oversee a stack test with recommendations or transporting the sludge off-site.

Director DiPasquale recommends sending a response letter stating the Sewer District will need a year to review the Sewer District's options, the Commission concurred.

**Milton Pump Station Emergency Generator replacement bid** – Bid documents are being prepared for replacement of the original emergency generator that was installed 34 years ago and is expected to be available soon. It is anticipated that this work can be completed in 2011.

#### **COLLECTION SYSTEM INFORMATION:**

**GLOBALFOUNDRIES DISCHARGE PERMIT-** Flow data is being received on the District's SCADA system. Discharge effective July 1<sup>st</sup> 2011 will be considered categorical which will trigger monitoring requirements of GLOBALFOUNDRIES and SCSD, under our SPEDES permit and EPA pre-treatment requirements.

**RESERVE CAPACITY EXTENSION REQUEST-** IAIA Condominium Development in the Town of Ballston requests a six month extension of their Reserve Capacity to January 12, 2012 for 24 Condominium units. *Commissioner Doyle made the motion to extend the Reserve Capacity for IAIA Condominium Development six months from July 12, 2011 to January 12, 2012. Commissioner Loewenstein seconded the motion. The motion to extend the Reserve Capacity for IAIA Condominium in the Town of Ballston until January 12, 2012 the final extension passed ; 8 Ayes, 0 Nays.*

#### **DEDICATIONS:**

**NYSERDA-NYSERDA-** Town of Malta -A request to dedicate Saratoga Technology + Energy Park Phase 2 consisting of an additional 1,168 feet of 12 inch PVC pipe and 5 Sewer Manholes. *A motion to accept dedication of NYSERDA's Saratoga Technology + Energy Park Phase 2 in the Town of Malta was made by Commissioner Loewenstein. Commissioner Bold seconded the motion. No discussion. Resolution 4-11 accepting dedication of Saratoga Technology + Energy Park Phase 2 in the Town of Malta, consisting of 1,168 feet of 12 inch PVC pipe and 5 sewer manholes, passed; 8Ayes, 0 Nays*

**ADAMS POINTE PDD** – Town of Halfmoon – John A. Paige Jr. Contracting, Inc requests to dedicate sanitary sewers for the Adams Pointe PDD, a 20 lot subdivision off Johnson Road in the Town of Halfmoon. *A motion to accept dedication of Adams Pointe in the Town of Halfmoon was made by Commissioner Bold. Commissioner Cannon seconded the motion. No discussion. Resolution 5-11 accepting dedication of Adams Pointe PDD in the Town of Halfmoon off Johnson Road ,consisting of 1,735 ft of 8 inch gravity PVC sewer line and 13 manholes serving Julia Circle contingent upon release or subordination of any mortgages on the property, passed; 8Ayes, 0 Nays.*

**SPRINGWOOD MEADOWS-** Town of Ballston - Springwood Meadows LLC requests to dedicate Springwood Meadows a.k.a Ballston Condominiums ; 48 Condominium units off Route 50 and Rolling Brook Drive in the Town of Ballston. *A motion to accept dedication of Springwood Meadows in the Town of Ballston was made by Commissioner Doyle. Commissioner Cannon seconded the motion. No discussion. Resolution 06-2011 accepting dedication of 48 Condominium units off Route 50 and Rolling Brook Drive in the Town of Ballston consisting of 1,735 feet of 8 inch gravity PVC sewer line and 17 manholes passed; 8Ayes, 0Nays.*

**ATTORNEY REPORT:**

Ray's Septic has not responded to letters requesting payment and Attorney Wilcox has noted that there are some assets that can be pursued, he asked for permission to proceed. Chairman Davis suggested sending another letter indicating that if payment is not forthcoming the Sewer District will proceed with legal action against their assets.

Director DiPasquale received a letter addressed to the Commission from Ten Eyck Septic Systems; requesting the Commission to waive the late fees and penalties. Ten Eyck currently has a balance of \$10,243.79 of which \$6,721.02 is actual charges. After much discussion the Commission suggested Ten Eyck Septic Systems be advised to send immediate payment of the \$6,721.02 with a decision on the late fees and penalties considered by the Commission at a future time after receiving additional information.

Quality Assurance Program payments - Discussion resulted in the future; reviewing the size of the Project and requesting a more realistic estimate of time before the issuance of the Construction Permit and requiring the Inspectors to update the hours of inspection on a weekly basis.

**COMMITTEES:**

**FUTURE PLANT #2 COMMITTEE** – Commissioner Crowley

**ENGINEERING COMMITTEE** – Commissioner Doyle

**SEWER DISTRICT COUNTY WIDE COMMITTEE** – The County Attorney, Stephen Dorsey has requested additional information prior to presenting the Commission's recommendation to extend the Sewer District's boundaries to include Towns which have communicated interest for inclusion in the Sewer District inside boundaries by the County Board of Supervisors.

*A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Crowley and seconded by Commissioner Rinaldi. No discussion. The motion passed.*

**NEXT COMMISSION MEETING**  
**Wednesday, June 27, 2011**  
**3:00 P.M. at the Treatment Plant**