

APPROVED MINUTES

SARATOGA COUNTY SEWER COMMISSION No. 1
MINUTES OF July 27, 2011
3:00 PM Treatment Plant

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Davis, Bold, Crowley, Doyle, Ostapczuk, Rinaldi

COMMISSIONERS EXCUSED: Cannon, Loewenstein and Nelson

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

PUBLIC COMMENT – Developer Bruce Tanski of 11 Meyer Rd, Clifton Park expressed his displeasure with the new regulation effective April 1st 2011 that all sewer lines discharging to Saratoga County Sewer District must be inspected under Saratoga County Sewer District’s Policy. He stated that there has been no history of complaints in his 37 years of installing private sewer lines. Tanski expressed his opinion that “this is part of what is wrong with New York State because they keep adding more bureaucracy to what they are doing.” The requirement of inspection will cost him \$600 per day that he was not anticipating and he will have to pass it on to tenants. He stated he was not notified of this change and feel that there should be some mechanism to waive this requirement when a Contractor has a good reputation. He also commented that if a problem arises it is his responsibility to respond to these calls. Mr. Tanski thanked the Commission for their time.

CHAIRMAN’S COMMENTS – None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES of June 22, 2011. *Commissioner Doyle made the motion to approve the minutes of June 22, 2011. Commissioner Rinaldi seconded the motion. No discussion; 6Ayes, 0 Nays. The minutes of June 22, 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. Delaware and Gross Electric were here last week addressing punch list items. The Plant treatment process is running well; yesterday was a 99% removal.

2012 BUDGET - Preparation of the 2012 budget and sewer rates is underway. A Department Head meeting was held the beginning of this week and submission of the budget to the County Administrator is due August 22, 2011. Anticipated User fees from GLOBALFOUNDRIES will be taken into consideration. The Sewer District is reviewing the increased costs for electric use; identifying the portion that the new equipment installed at the Treatment Plant contributed.

CAPITAL PROJECTS FOR UPGRADES:

2010 CAPTIAL PROJECTS

Pipevision – Railroad permits have been obtained by the Contractor. The bypass system is installed. Internal inspection and cleaning of the line has been completed, yesterday they began the first run. Due to weather conditions delaying the start of the project, a request for extension of the contract from 8/1/11 to 9/1/11 was requested. No cost is involved in this change order. *Commissioner Crowley made the motion to approve the change order for Pipevision extending the contract completion date from 8/1/11 to 9/1/11. Commissioner Doyle seconded the motion. No discussion. The motion extending the completion date for Pipevision from 8/1/11 to 9/1/11 passed; 6 Ayes, 0 Nays.*

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. A pre-construction meeting is scheduled for next week and the project is expected to be completed by the end of 2011.

2011 CAPITAL PROJECTS –

McDonald Engineering – Saratoga Lake, 4 & 32; Project status report and field inspections are scheduled. A review meeting was held on 6/30/11 and 7/27/11 with the Consultant, Sewer District Staff and Commissioners; Davis, Bold and Doyle. District Staff and the Consultant conducted a field inspection of the projects on 7/1/11. A meeting on the alarm system was held 7/21/11. Preliminary plans and hydraulic analysis were submitted. Information is being collected and organized for preparation of the system design the project is on schedule and Construction should be ready for bid by the end of the year.

Saratoga County Sewer District Northern Treatment Plant Project- The Contract to Delaware Engineering has been executed. Delaware has requested additional information; flow data and operating parameters of the Sewer District’s Saratoga Springs Pump Station. Delaware Engineering met with Saratoga County Planning last week for zoning and planning information.

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 very soon.

FEDERAL SEWAGE SLUDGE INCINERATION REGULATION – Incinerator air emissions compliance. A proposal from Delaware with the assistance of Chavond Barry to prepare specifications for and to review stack test results to establish compliance status. The proposal for \$14,375 will include a review of sludge quality data, preparation of specifications for the stack test, attendance at the stack test, review of the results, preparation of recommendations to maintain compliance and an estimate of the cost both Capital and ongoing operating fees .

Commissioner Doyle made the motion to approve the change order to Delaware’s Incinerator contract by \$14,375 for assistance with the stack test required for determining compliance with the new regulation. Commissioner Crowley seconded the motion.

Commissioner Ostapczuk suggested that the Sewer District obtain the services of a company that’s specialty is stack testing with knowledge of obtaining optimum results. He mentioned that he could give the names of these companies, one of which is used by Albany County. Ostapczuk strongly suggested that the incinerator should be run at maximum optimal burn prior to the graded test to get the kinks out. Ostapczuk is concerned that the District will incur more expenses than is necessary, if the testing is not properly conducted. Attorney Wilcox interjected that in response to the request from the Commission in June, he contacted the group that has filed an objection to the legality of this new regulation. It is Attorney Wilcox’s opinion that they have a valid claim and they were not pressing for a monetary contribution at this time. His concern is if this legal action succeeds, the Sewer District may be spending unnecessary money.

Executive Director DiPasquale explained that upon instruction from the Commissioners at the June meeting, he responded to the NYS DEC stating the Sewer District will need a year to respond on the options of discontinuing incineration, stating compliance or identifying steps necessary to achieve compliance.

The motion to approve the change order of \$14,375 to Delaware for assistance with the Federal Emissions Regulations passed; 5Ayes and 1 Nay made by Commissioner Ostapczuk.

Milton Pump Station Emergency Generator replacement bid – Bid documents are being prepared for issuance.

NYSERDA GRANT – Through the Supervisor of Technical Services Department, William Hartman, a \$3,000 grant was received for replacement of the RAS Pump #5 VFD. The Grant offset the cost of the \$4,200 unit.

COLLECTION SYSTEM INFORMATION:

SEPTAGE HAULERS – Status of Ten Eyck and Ray's; Ten Eyck has paid the principal and Ray's has paid in full. At the last Commission meeting, Ten Eyck asked for a waiver of the penalties due to extenuating circumstances; County Attorney Bob Wilcox sent a letter to them requesting additional information before the Commission would make a decision regarding the penalties but requested payment on the principal. Ten Eyck paid the principal and sent further information. After review of the information sent, the Commission deliberated and the consensus is that without Ten Eyck filing criminal charges, no penalties would be waived. Attorney Wilcox will send a letter requesting payment in full within 30 days or discharge into SCSD's system will be denied.

Although the following policies have been in place a long time, it was suggested a revision to discharge permits to include language stating; charges for waste from Outside the District at \$ 50 per thousand gallon and \$25 for waste from Inside the District, also that billing is based on the capacity of the vehicle not gallons actually dumped. The Commission concurred that from this time forward the additional clarifications should be included on the Hauler Discharge Permit.

GLOBALFOUNDRIES DISCHARGE PERMIT- Flow data is being received on the District's SCADA system. The ADF for June was 642,000 gallons; last week's ADF was 1,100,000 gpd.

LUTHER FOREST- A request was made from Mike Relyea's office requesting dedication of the Luther Forest trunk line by the middle of August. Attorney Wilcox stated that they are asking for a waiver of the bonding and clarification of easements. Saratoga County Sewer District Staff have observed technical problems that also need to be resolved before dedication. After these issues are taken care of, dedication of the sewer line will be presented to the Commission.

STONEBRIDGE – Town of Ballston - Lansing Engineering on behalf of NY Development Group is requesting to temporarily relocate the Saratoga County Sewer District's Chapel Hill Pump Station to accommodate the first phase of 21 lots. After much discussion the Sewer Commission's decision, due to liability concerns, is to deny the request.

BELMONTE PROPERTIES LLC – Belmonte Properties requests service of up to 9 lots on Bonneau Road in the Town of Clifton Park located outside the District. Service to property outside the Sewer District needs to be approved by the Sewer Commission and the Board of Supervisors. Executive Director James DiPasquale stated that the Sewer District System is able to accommodate these flows. *Commissioner Doyle made a motion to forward a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors to accept flows for this project as outside users. Commissioner Bold seconded the motion. The motion to forward the Commission's recommendation to accept flow for up to 9 lots on Bonneau Road as outside users passed; 6Ayes, 0 Nays.*

ATTORNEY REPORT: Attorney Wilcox gave information about the issue of the Benson property adjacent to Revolutionary Heights; an easement that the Town would like taken over by the Sewer District. In this easement is a sewer line which will service the PNL/Saratoga Hills Mobile Home Park. He is working on the complicated legal issues and will keep the Commission informed.

DEDICATIONS:

REVOLUTIONARY HEIGHTS Phase 1 – Town of Stillwater – Gravity sewer system discharging to the former Gurba System recently dedicated by the Town earlier this year. Camelot Associates Corporation is requesting dedication of Phase 1 of Revolutionary Heights. *Commissioner Davis made the motion to accept dedication of Revolutionary Heights Phase 1, Commissioner Crowley seconded. No Discussion. The motion to accept dedication of Revolutionary Heights Phase 1 off Gurba Drive consisting of 3,447 feet of 8" sewer line, 24 manholes, serving 15 of the project's 125 lots (93 Single Family and 51 Townhouse/Condos) and the PNL/Saratoga Hills Mobile Home Park (approximately 400 sites) in the Town of Stillwater passed; 6Ayes, 0 Nays.*

COMMITTEES:

FUTURE PLANT #2 COMMITTEE – Commissioner Crowley

ENGINEERING COMMITTEE – Commissioner Doyle

SEWER DISTRICT COUNTY WIDE COMMITTEE – Commissioner Nelson – By resolution, the Board of Supervisors have directed SCSD to prepare maps, plans, report and a SEQRA determination. A final survey of municipalities for inclusion is to be completed. Tuesday, July 19, 2011 the Saratoga County Board of Supervisors passed resolution 125-11 instructing the Sewer District to prepare maps and plans showing the revised boundary on condition that extending the new boundary did not result in the County imposing ad valorem taxes on properties within their municipal boundaries. Chairman Davis suggested contacting the municipalities again that have not responded or denied acceptance informing them of the ad valorem tax prohibition included in the resolution from the Board of Supervisors before final preparations of a new map.

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

NEXT COMMISSION MEETING
Wednesday, August 24, 2011
3:00 P.M. at the Treatment Plant