

## UNAPPROVED MINUTES

### SARATOGA COUNTY SEWER COMMISSION NO. 1 MINUTES OF May 20, 2009 3:00 PM Treatment Plant

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** Davis, Bold, Cannon, Crowley, Doyle, Lefner, Loewenstein, Nelson and Schrock

**COMMISSIONERS EXCUSED:** None

**ALSO PRESENT:** James DiPasquale, Executive Director; Linda MacNeal, Administrative Assistant; Stephen Dorsey, First Assistant County Attorney; David Wickerham, County Administrator; Sue Duff, Chief Operator; Grant Eaton, Collection System Manager; Ed Hernandez, Delaware Engineering; Steve Williams, *The Daily Gazette*; Emily Donohue, *The Saratogian*.

**PUBLIC COMMENT - None**

**CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS** - Chairman Davis continues to be disappointed that there has been no correspondence from the Governor's office relative to SCSD's request for funds from the Federal stimulus program.

The Federal grant that has been requested for the plant expansion project is now in the Federal Environmental Review Section for review. Application for Federal Grant funds was submitted to the USEPA on March 12, 2009. Release of the funds for the Plant Expansion is awaiting a determination of the Environmental Review section, for compliance under provisions of NEPA.

In anticipation of the next phase of funding for the Plant Expansion, it is important to be aware of all possible avenues of funding that can be expected. Letters requesting an update on status of the review process will be sent out.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES of April 22, 2009.** *Commissioner Lefner made the motion to approve the minutes of April 22, 2009. Commissioner Doyle seconded the motion. No discussion. 9Ayes, 0 Nays. The minutes of April 22,, 2009 was approved.*

**TREATMENT PLANT EXPANSION** - The weekly tour of the construction site and review of upcoming activities with Delaware on Monday mornings at 10:30 AM. is continuing, all the commissioners are invited to attend. The contractors met with Delaware, Saratoga County Sewer District Personnel and several Commissioners prior to this Commission Meeting. An update on the project was given by Ed Hernandez of Delaware Engineering; the project is on schedule and on budget. The contractors have approximately 100 employees on-site; work is progressing on the concrete structures and the new maintenance building. After the maintenance building is completed work will start on the new

lab, followed by new office space in the present lab area and rehab of the current Administrative offices. When the new treatment system comes on-line at the end of this year, facilities of the existing system will be rehabilitated.

A meeting with the Saratoga County Treasurer, Sam Pitcherale; Deputy County Treasurer, Gerald Lundgren; Fiscal Advisor, Jeanine Rodgers Caruso; SCSD Commissioners; Bold, Doyle and Nelson; Executive Director, James DiPasquale and First Assistant County Attorney, Stephen Dorsey was held Tuesday May 12, 2009 at the Treasurers Office to discuss the next phase of funding the expansion. The \$32 million dollars of Bond Anticipation Notes are due July 22, 2009, consideration for different avenues of financing were discussed and all updated information will be reviewed next week. A decision will be made soon regarding financing covering the period of July 2009-July 2010.

## **CONTRACTS FOR UPGRADES**

**GROOMS ROAD AND CRESCENT ESTATES PUMP STATIONS** - Towns of Halfmoon and Clifton Park. TVGA is the Project Engineer for the project and the contractors are C.O. Falter and Brunswick Electric. Work has begun at Crescent Estates pump station, provisions for bypass pumping are in place and expected to begin the week of 5/26/09. Equipment for the Grooms Road Pump Station has been ordered and construction is anticipated to begin the end of June.

**BURNING BUSH PUMP STATION UPGRADE** - C.T. Male is the Engineer on the project. Trinity Construction is the contractor. The Town of Clifton Park's easements have been received with the help of First Assistant Attorney, Stephen Dorsey. This project is also a carryover from the 2008 Long Term Capital Plan. Construction will begin in the next few weeks and is expected to be completed in one to two months.

**PHASE II OF INTERCEPTOR RELINING** - The relining, located in the area of Coons Crossing Road (one section downstream and several sections upstream). C.T. Male is the Engineer on the project, Insituform is the contractor. The relining has been completed and all the equipment has been removed, SCSD is waiting for the official release from; the Town of Halfmoon, Jason Kemper for the Zim Smith Trail and the D&H railroad to confirm that the site restoration has been completed satisfactorily.

**LFTC TRUNK SEWER** - The project started on April 27, 2009, with completion expected by September 2009. The sewer line is being installed by the Luther Forest Technology Campus. Rifenburg is the contractor. C.T. Male will provide full time inspection of the project; issue certification, As-Built plans and documents. Upon completion, the system is proposed for dedication to SCSD. The project was started at the intersection Route 67 and Farley Road and is progressing north up Farley Road toward the entrance of the Technology Campus on Cold Springs Road.

**ROUTE 4 AND 32 CORRIDOR - Town of Halfmoon**- Discussion included; the limitations of the Sewer District's authority and precedent for installing sewer lines, the environmental impacts on the Hudson River and the impacts, past and future, on residents of the area. Commissioner Doyle made the motion and Commission Lefner seconded the motion for a RFP to be drafted for engineering services to conduct a preliminary engineering review for service to the area. The Commission unanimously gave Executive Director James DiPasquale with the Engineering Committee, permission to draft a RFP for review at the next meeting in June. The RFP will be limited to a feasibility review of the project,

including environmental impacts with a projection of costs. Chairman Davis cautioned that the Sewer District does not install sewer lines and the engineering report will be made available to the Town of Halfmoon or Resident's Association that is interested in proceeding with construction of the project.

**SARATOGA HILL MOBILE HOME PARK** - Town of Stillwater - The PNL Companies requests an extension of Reserve Capacity commitment for an additional six months from June 19, 2009 to December 19, 2009. The delay is due to numerous steps that needed to be completed before this project could proceed. Executive Director, James DiPasquale has had several conversations with PNL and is satisfied with the progress. This project is a cooperative effort between the Town of Stillwater, PNL and developers of the Revolutionary Heights Subdivision. Commissioner Doyle made the motion to grant the extension and Commissioner Cannon seconded. No further discussion. The permission to grant the extension passed; 9Ayes 0 Nays

**SARATOGA LAKE SEWER STUDY**-A review of prior reports and evaluations; information includes the 2001 S.L. #8 pump station evaluation, the 2003 Saratoga Lake facilities evaluation, the 2006 Saratoga Lake Sewer Study and the Town of Malta's current study for service in the north corridor of Route 9, north of the Highpointe pump station.. Executive Director, James DiPasquale attended a meeting with Clough Harbour; representing the Town of Malta and Commissioner Lowenstein on May 1, 2009. Jim DiPasquale has been in communication with the City of Saratoga Springs and received an E-Mail that they are reviewing our request and will be forwarding a response. Commissioner Loewenstein commented that the Town of Stillwater through Chazen Co. is forwarding information. Clough Harbour has contacted the Town of Saratoga for information. Collecting updated information from the municipalities is important so that information in the 2006 study can be confirmed for long term service needs. The infrastructure has been in place for 25 years, upgrades are needed to maintain operational reliability of the system.

**GLOBAL FOUNDRIES (AMD) DISCHARGE PERMIT**- Delaware Engineering, providing technical support to the District is conducting a technical review of submitted information relative to content of proposed discharge flows from the facility. Engineer Ed Hernandez is analyzing the data to confirm that the approved discharge limits will be permitted within parameters allowing SCSD to maintain compliance with regulatory discharge permit requirements and USEPA pretreatment requirements. Currently Delaware is waiting for additional technical information from Global Foundries on the process for review.

**CENTRAL HALFMOON SEWER CORPORATION** - Ownership of 4 systems; Oak Brook Commons (HM), Old Dater Farm, Millsop Subdivision and Ashland Estates, was transferred to SCSD on May 7, 2009. The culmination of this long process is due to the diligence of First Assistant County Attorney, Stephen Dorsey. A process is being developed for these properties providing information to the residents on the change and to avoid double billing by the corporation.

**FEMA** - Several meetings have been held with FEMA and New York State for possible reimbursement of approximately \$100,000 for expenses incurred during the December 12, 2008 Ice Storm. The initial contact with FEMA was made from the Saratoga County Emergency Services Director, Paul Lent. Executive Director, James DiPasquale received correspondence today indicating the blue folders, which is the final step were being forwarded.

**FARLEY LOCUST GROVE SUBDIVISION** - Last month a presentation was given to the Commission regarding this property; Chairman Davis responded that after a formal written request was received, a

response would be given within 60 days. The letter from Lansing Engineering was received on May 8, 2009; a response will be forwarded before July 7, 2009 per Chairman Davis's direction.

**NYSDOT PROJECTS:**

**ROUTE 9 AND CURRY ROAD** - DOT will be reconstructing the intersection of Route 9 and Curry Road entering the Village of Round Lake, information was provided to the NYS DOT in consideration of existing sewer lines that are under the intersection and a manhole located in the intersection. Access to the Round Lake Pump Station will be relocated to Route 9.

**NYS ROUTE 9P BRIDGE REPLACEMENT** - A meeting with NYSDOT is scheduled for Wednesday 5/27/09 to discuss DOT's bypass provisions and relocation of the District's force main. Saratoga County Sewer District has contracted with an Engineering Consultant to assist the District in review of the proposal and address details.

**ROUTES 4 & 32 BRIDGE REPLACEMENT** - located near the entrance to the Treatment Plant. The bridge is closing on Tuesday, May 26, 2009 and expected to reopen in September 2009. The official detour route designated by NYS DOT is Upper Newton Road in the Town of Halfmoon. DOT has informed the municipalities and agencies affected.

**DEDICATION:**

**SOUTHWICK MEADOWS**- Town of Clifton Park, Amedore Homes requests dedication of Phase 2 of Southwick Meadows, a 115 lot residential subdivision, consisting of 4,100 linear feet of 8inch PVC including 12 manholes off Crescent and Van Vranken Road in the Town of Clifton Park. *The motion to accept dedication of Southwick Meadows sewer system was made by Commissioner Bold, Commissioner Nelson seconded the motion. No discussion. Resolution 04-2009; Dedication of Southwick Meadows Phase 2 sewer system, serving 47 lots, was passed; 9 Ayes, 0 Nays.*

**St. LEDGERS WOODS**- Town of Malta-. Malta Partners LLC requests dedication of St. Ledgers Woods a 21 lot residential subdivision including 1,915 feet of 8 inch gravity sewer including 9 manholes off New York State Route 9 in conjunction with the previously dedicated Steeplechase project. *The motion to accept dedication of St. Ledgers Woods sewer system was made by Commissioner Crowley, Commissioner Lefner seconded the motion. No discussion. Resolution 05-2009; Dedication of St. Ledgers Woods sewer system passed; 9 Ayes, 0 Nays.*

*A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Nelson. Commissioner Crowley seconded the motion. No discussion. 9Ayes, 0 Nays. The motion was passed.*

**NEXT COMMISSION MEETING**  
**Wednesday, June 24, 2009**  
**3:00 P.M. at the Treatment Plant**