

## UNAPPROVED MINUTES

### SARATOGA COUNTY SEWER COMMISSION NO. 1

MINUTES OF September 23, 2009

3:00 PM Treatment Plant

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

**COMMISSIONERS EXCUSED:**

**ALSO PRESENT:** James DiPasquale, Executive Director; Linda MacNeal, Administrative Assistant; Stephen Dorsey, First Assistant County Attorney; Spencer Hellwig, Management Analyst; Sue Duff, Chief Operator; Bernie Gurtler, Assist. Chief Operator; Grant Eaton, Collection System Manager; Ed Hernandez, Delaware Engineering; Charles Siciliano, Malta resident; Steve Williams, *The Daily Gazette*.

**PUBLIC COMMENT - None**

**CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS** - After careful consideration and with knowledge from past experiences; now is the time to plan for increasing the capacity of Saratoga County's ability to treat wastewater for continued growth in Saratoga County. Chairman Davis anticipates that in the time frame of 13 to 15 years the current facility will be operating at capacity. As the current site with the current expansion has been fully utilized, one option would be to construct a plant in the northern part of the County to serve Saratoga Springs and the Town of Wilton. Chairman Davis appointed a committee of; Commissioner Nelson as Chairman, Commissioner Doyle, Chief Operator Susan Duff and Assistant Chief Operator Bernard Gurtler to evaluate potential sites and required right of ways and easements. He asked for the Committee to report back to him with a preliminary report by June 1, 2010.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES of August 26, 2009.** *Commissioner Doyle made the motion to approve the minutes of August 26, 2009. Commissioner Cannon seconded the motion. No discussion. 9Ayes, 0 Nays. The minutes of August 26, 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 Engineering, 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 work is progressing; work has begun on the UV system, the building is expected to be completed in 30 to 60 days. The current septage receiving area is being upgraded, the new station will provide tracking information and the ability for pre-treatment. The primary clarifiers' mechanical equipment is installed and the aeration systems are in, the gates are being installed. The roof trusses are up for the maintenance garage and work is expected to be completed in 60 to 90 days. The garage space in building #2 will then be relocated to the new maintenance building. Then, construction can begin for the new lab. After relocation of the lab, construction of new office space will begin in the present lab area and rehab of the current Administrative offices. Currently Delaware is working with Jett on coordinating the bypass pumping for piping upgrades. The overall project is still on schedule expecting to be completed the summer of 2010.

Chairman Davis asked when the maintenance garage was completed, would the asphalt driveway be installed. Ed Hernandez explained that there will be crushed stone in the driveway and that all the asphalt would be the last task of the project completed. This would ensure that there was no additional wear on the asphalt from construction vehicles.

Commissioner Rick Loewenstein announced that on the first two Friday's in October, he will be escorting a group of approximately 20 civil engineering students from Syracuse University on a tour of the Treatment plant expansion project. Ed Hernandez from Delaware Engineering graciously agreed to assist with the tour. The University funded this tour to give the students a visual experience beyond the classroom instruction. Commissioner Loewenstein selected this project as one of the major construction projects in the Capital District. Commissioner Doyle commented that this was an ideal example of a safe and well run construction project exposing the students to the reality of a large engineered construction project. Commissioner Doyle felt it was an honor recognizing Saratoga County and the Sewer District's for their commitment to the community. Chairman Davis requested Ed Hernandez to provide an overall diagram of the project for the students.

### **CAPITAL CONTRACTS FOR UPGRADES:**

**GROOMS ROAD AND CRESCENT ESTATES PUMP STATIONS** - located in the Towns of Halfmoon and Clifton Park. TVGA is the Consulting Engineer for the project and the contractors are C.O. Falter and Brunswick Electric. A meeting with TVGA, contractors, Sewer District Staff and Commissioner Doyle was held on 9/3/09. Crescent Estates pump station is 95% completed and Grooms Road Pump Station work is expected to begin shortly. A general project meeting is scheduled for the week of October 12<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner Doyle commented that the new engineer from TVGA assigned to the project is well experienced with pump station upgrades and is doing a great job coordinating the contractors.

**INTERCEPTOR RELINING** - C. T. Male is the Consulting Engineer, the general contractor Insituform has completed the work in the area of Coons Crossing Road, and the close out documents were received today including a request for a change order.

*Commissioner Doyle presented and made the motion for Change Order #1 for Insituform reducing the original contract by \$19,237.32. Commissioner Nelson seconded the motion. Discussion included the reason was that there was less expenses than expected for both the relining and railroad allowances not used. The motion to reduce the original contract of \$769,340 to \$750,102.68 for Insituform, a reduction of \$19,237.32 was passed; 9 Ayes, 0 Nays.*

**BURNING BUSH PUMP STATION UPGRADE** - C.T. Male is the Engineer on the project. Trinity Construction is the contractor. This project is completed; the check valves, for which a change order was approved last month, have been installed on September 18, 2009. A visual inspection this morning on the station affirmed that everything was working normally.

### **COLLECTION SYSTEM INFORMATION:**

**CENTRAL HALFMOON SEWER CORPORATION** - Transportation Corporation in the Town of Halfmoon. Report on delinquent payments for maintenance. Services provided by SCSD under terms of the executed agreement. Payment of \$28,688.19 is due September 30, 2009. The adjusted payment due, reflects SCSD assuming ownership of portions of the system , 224 units on May 7, 2009 and discontinuing maintenance services to CHSC on August 26, 2009.

**CHARLES SICILIANO** - Located at 2 Riley Cove Road, Town of Malta. Private sewer lateral serving Mr. Siciliano's residence at 2 Riley Cove Road is partially located on 4 Riley Cove Road, owned by Mr. Furlani. In an effort to resolve the situation, SCSD engaged and paid for the services of James Vianna to establish property boundaries of the two properties and the S.L. Pump Station 6 parcel. The lateral was connected in the mid 1980's; permits for the work cannot be located. Mr. Siciliano's contention is that SCSD's sewer lateral connection point was not extended far enough to accommodate his property. The last letter issued on 9/21/09 to Mr. Siciliano affirmed that Saratoga County Sewer District is not responsible for relocation of the private lateral serving 2 Riley Cove. Mr. Furlani, owner of 4 Riley Cove was given the paperwork to sign an easement for the existing lateral but declined to execute.

Mr. Siciliano presented a history of this concern and his discussions with SCSD since 1999. He asked for guidance in how to proceed. He was told a permit and an easement from Saratoga County needs to be obtained to relocate his lateral for connection to the existing manhole. He can then hire a contractor to install the new lateral.

**FARLEY LOCUST GROVE SUBDIVISION** - Town of Malta; updated information has not been received from Lansing Engineering.

**LFTC TRUNK SEWER** - The project started on April 27, 2009, with completion expected in October 2009. The sewer line is being installed by the Luther Forest Technology Corporation. Rifenburg is the General Contractor. C.T. Male will provide full time inspection of the project; issue certification, As-Builts plans and documents. Work on the sewer line siphon along Coons Crossing Road under the Anthony Kill for connection to the interceptor sewer line is proceeding. Upon completion, the system is proposed for dedication to SCSD. Executive Director, James DiPasquale stated that work near the Anthony Kill has a deadline of the work being completed by the end of October. Sewer District personnel have been reviewing the progress and have been informed of all the construction meetings and inspections. Prior to dedication to Saratoga County Sewer District, easements for the line will be reviewed to ensure Saratoga County Sewer District will have access to the sewer line. The line has been designed to accommodate 10mgd. Chairman Davis asked Commissioner Doyle to review the design and give his evaluation.

**ROUTE 4 AND 32 CORRIDOR - Town of Halfmoon-** Proposals for a preliminary Engineering evaluation of service in the corridor were received on August 13, 2009. Nine proposals were received. On September 1, 2009 the Commissioners Bold and Doyle and the Executive Director, James DiPasquale interviewed three Engineering Firms with the lowest proposals; EDP, C.T. Male and Delaware. Commissioners Bold and Doyle have reviewed the proposals; Delaware provided the most information but a recommendation of award is given to the lowest proposal with Environmental Design Partnership for \$9,996 as they have complied with conditions of the RFP. *Commissioner Doyle made the motion to award the contract for evaluation of sewer service in the 4 & 32 corridor to Environmental Design Partnership for no more than \$9,996. Commissioner Bold seconded the motion. No discussion. The motion passed to award the contract for evaluation of sewer service in the Town of Halfmoon in the 4 & 32 corridor; 8 Ayes, 0 Nays and Commissioner Loewenstein abstained.*

**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 current Town of Malta's study for service in the north corridor of Route 9, north of the Highpointe Pump Station. Review comments of the Phase 2 Sanitary sewer feasibility study for the northern service area in the Town of Malta presented by Clough Harbour.

**GLOBAL FOUNDRIES (AMD) DISCHARGE PERMIT-** Delaware Engineering is conducting a technical review and determining discharge limits to ensure compliance with the District's SPDES permit. Additional information was received yesterday from Global Foundries with specific information as to the content of the proposed discharge. Their consultant is designing the onsite pump station, which will remain under ownership of Global Foundries as will the force main within their property.

**LEYERLE PROPERTY** - 52.93 acres directly south of the Treatment Plant. The Realtor called recently to advise that the owner is more motivated to sell the property. Commissioner Nelson previously walked the property in March 2008 and her opinion is the wetlands are more than the 1/3 indicated by the DEC and the property would not be economically and physically feasible for further expansion. The property appears to be landlocked; bordered by property owned by the Town of Halfmoon, SCSD and Railroad. However, the Realtor is of the opinion there is an easement along the Railroad. Commissioner Doyle walked the property in May 2009 and is of the opinion that 1/3 amount for wetlands is correct. Commissioner Doyle is inclined in favor of purchasing the property, as it would be insulation from neighbors and would be ideal as land preservation. Commissioner Crowley suggested First Assistant County Attorney Stephen Dorsey investigate the validity of the easement claim. Chairman Davis indicated that SCSD might explore purchasing the property contingent on the asking price and requested Commissioner Nelson to provide the assessed value of the property. Executive Director mentioned that the property adjoining the treatment plant to the north; 32 acres is also for sale. The majority of this property could be classified as wetlands with issues for accessing the property.

**CITY OF SARATOGA SPRINGS** - The City's consultant has forwarded a proposal to redirect flows in the Nelson Ave. study area to the Crescent Ave. gravity sewer. This would reduce the flow directed through SCSD's Excelsior Pump Station.

**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 from Route 9.

**NYS ROUTE 9P BRIDGE REPLACEMENT** -. The bid design and specifications are finalized by NYS DOT and are under review. Upon approval by the Board of Supervisors, the betterment agreement payment has been forwarded and receipt has been acknowledged by NYS DOT.

**DEDICATION:** Carlson Farm LLC, Town of Clifton Park requests dedication of the sewer system servicing the Carlson Farm 42 lot single family residential subdivision off Moe Road including 3,258 ft of 8" PVC sewer line and 15 manholes to Saratoga County Sewer District No. 1. *Commissioner Loewenstein made the motion to accept dedication of Carlson Farm Subdivision sewer system in the Town of Clifton Park off Moe Road from Carlson Farm LLC. Commissioner Crowley seconded the motion. Resolution SD08-09 accepting dedication of Carlson Farm, 42 single family residential subdivision off Moe Road including 3,258 ft of 8 inch PVC sewer line and 15 manholes passed; 9 Ayes, 0 Nays.*

**ATTORNEY REPORT** - The Saratoga County Board of Supervisors adopted resolution 174-09 pursuant to the recommendation of the Sewer Commission last month; changing the manner of publishing the Notice of Public Hearing for the Scale of Charges and publication of the actual Scale of Charges. This resolution will be placed in practice for the upcoming 2010 Sewer Rates process; it should lower the publication costs and provide greater access to the information.

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

**NEXT COMMISSION MEETING  
Wednesday, October 21, 2009  
3:00 P.M. at the Treatment Plant**