

APPROVED MINUTES

SARATOGA COUNTY SEWER COMMISSION NO. 1
MINUTES OF January 27, 2010
3:00 P.M. Treatment Plant

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Davis, Bold, Cannon, Crowley, Doyle, Loewenstein, Nelson, Ostapczuk

COMMISSIONERS EXCUSED: Kearney

ALSO PRESENT: James DiPasquale, Executive Director; Linda MacNeal, Administrative Assistant; Stephen Dorsey, First Assistant County Attorney; Grant Eaton, Collection System Manager; Ed Hernandez, Delaware Engineering; Tom Wood, Chairman of Saratoga County Law and Finance Committee and Supervisor Town of Saratoga; Steve Williams, *The Daily Gazette*.

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

CHAIRMAN’S COMMENTS - Chairman Davis introduced Tom Wood, Supervisor of the Town of Saratoga and Chairman of the Law and Finance Committee; thanking him for attending the meeting today. Mr. Wood thanked the Commission for the tour of the plant expansion.

Chairman Davis introduced the new Commissioner from Wilton, Robert E. Ostapczuk who is replacing retired Commissioner Michael Schrock. Commissioner Ostapczuk stated; he is employed as Sr. Project Manager at Malcolm Pirnie in Clifton Park and has been involved in wastewater projects all over the Northeast. He lives in Wilton with his two children, he coaches baseball and is involved in Scouts, his hobbies are fly fishing and hiking.

Due to the increasing number of Condo’s being constructed, Chairman Davis is charging the Scale of Charges Committee to investigate and make recommendations to the Commission relative to: 1) amending the Sewer District’s Scale of Charges in 2011 to add specific criteria for charging condominiums user and collector charges, and 2) the appropriateness of current billing practices for condominiums under the 2010 Scale of Charges. First Assistant County Attorney Stephen Dorsey has been appointed to the committee to provide legal guidance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES of December 16, 2009. *Commissioner Doyle made the motion to approve the minutes of December 16, 2009. Commissioner Cannon seconded the motion. No discussion; 8Ayes, 0 Nays. The minutes of December 16, 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. Delaware Engineering's Ed Hernandez reported that the project is still under budget and slightly behind schedule. Start up of the new side of the plant is anticipated on April 1st, a meeting was held with Bob Kingsbury of Saratoga County Data Processing, reviewing the new computer systems. The new Maintenance Garage is completed and relocation should begin in two weeks, the U.V. system is expected to be in operation in two weeks, the Septage Receiving System should be completed by the end of February. The project inside the Administration area will be undertaken in phases; the first phase will be relocating the Lab to the renovated garage space. Work in the garage space is currently underway. The project's major infrastructure has been constructed and the mechanical systems have been installed. Ed Hernandez estimates the project is 65% to 70% complete with no monetary Change Orders initiated.

Chairman Davis credits no monetary Change Orders with having meetings with the Consultant and Contactors twice a month in the initial phases, reduced to the current once a month. His 26 years of experience with projects has given him the knowledge; assembling together all parties ensures cooperation and reduces delays providing for a successful project.

CAPITAL PROJECTS:

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. The Crescent Estates pump station upgrade in Clifton Park is complete except for punch list items and work at the Grooms Road Pump Station in Halfmoon is ongoing. The Grooms Road Pump Station is currently scheduled to be completed February 26, 2010. During the installation of the Grooms Road Pump station, additional work has been required; two additional helical piers were needed to be installed and additional reinforcement was required for the concrete slab.

Commissioner Doyle stated that in extending the contract from 1/6/10 to 2/26/10, C.O Falter has accepted an assessment for liquidated damages in the amount of \$15,820. This extension, increased the Engineering services required of the Consulting Engineer, TVGA. TVGA is requesting an amendment Change Order to their contract for an additional \$16,610.50; \$2,700 Administration expenses, \$13,120 inspection time and \$790.50 for additional Engineering service for installation of the Helical Piles and redesign of the concrete slab for Grooms Road Pump Station. Brunswick Electric's Change Order is an extension of the completion date with no change in the Contract price. *A motion for approving a change order for TVGA in the amount of \$16,610.50 to be forwarded to Law & Finance and the Board of Supervisors for approval was made by Commissioner Doyle. Commissioner Nelson seconded the motion.* Commissioner Doyle noted that the additional cost to the Sewer District would be the difference of \$16,610.50 and \$15,820 in the amount of \$790.50. Commissioner Loewenstein asked if there was confirmation that we had an agreement to the \$15,820 reduction from C.O. Falter; a Change Order executed by the Contractor has been received. *The motion to approve and forward to Law & Finance and County Board of Supervisors for approval; Change Order for TVGA in the amount of \$16,610.50 passed; 8 Ayes 0 Nays.*

2010 CAPITAL PROJECTS - Interceptor relining, upgrades at Kashmiri and CK Pump Stations; a RFP for engineering services is due 2/18/10. An informational meeting for the consultants is scheduled at the Plant on Wednesday 2/3/10 at 10:00 A.M.; Executive Director James DiPasquale has been in contact with several interested Consultants.

This project will be Phase 3 of interceptor relining. The first phase, the Engineering firm of C&S Engineers provided Engineering Services for the relining, provided an evaluation of the TV inspection tapes for 90,000 feet of interceptor sewer and presented a prioritization of areas of concern. This third phase of relining is immediately downstream of the previous relining project at Coons Crossing in the Town of Halfmoon. This area is a priority due to the upcoming discharge from the new 30" line from Luther Forest Technology Campus. The Long Range Capital Plan includes relining the sewer line in increments of approximately 2,000 linear feet at an estimated cost of approximately \$800,000 to \$900,000. The relining is necessary as the concrete sewer lines are subject to hydrogen sulfide corrosion. The relining is part of the yearly Capital Projects funded since 2002 by the \$20.00 yearly charge assigned to all users, amounting to approximately 1.2 million dollars per year. The system upgrades and relining of interceptor lines has kept ahead of problems and avoided incidents of environmental impact. The Long Term Plan needs to be updated to continue moving forward, ensuring the integrity of the system with minimal impact to the Scale of Charges.

Chairman Davis emphasized that our rates are the lowest in the Country even after this year's increase of \$30.00 per unit for funding the Plant Expansion.

COLLECTION SYSTEM INFORMATION:

LFTC TRUNK SEWER - Cleaning and internal TV inspection of the Line has been completed. Sewer District personnel observed the process. Copies of the TV inspection and inspection reports have been forwarded to SCSD and are under the process of review.

Chairman Davis expressed concern of future problems with the line after Saratoga County Sewer District assumes ownership and would be more comfortable with a Surety Bond extending beyond the one year required, due to the complexity of the project. First Assistant County Attorney Stephen Dorsey will review the request.

GLOBALFOUNDRIES (AMD) DISCHARGE PERMIT- Delaware Engineering under contract to SCSD is conducting a technical review and determining discharge limits to ensure compliance with the District's SPDES permit and EPA pretreatment program. Comments and questions on the permit were forwarded after updated information was received on December 14, 2009 from GLOBALFOUNDRIES.

The County Board of Supervisors approved amending the contract from \$10,000 to \$20,000 for Delaware Engineering that was previously approved at the December Commission meeting. The funding for this contract is reimbursed by GLOBALFOUNDRIES, under their Review fee.

ROUTE 4 & 32 CORRIDOR - Commissioner Bold and Executive Director James DiPasquale met with the project Consulting Engineer, Environmental Design Partnership on 1/13/10 reviewing the scope of the project. The Consultant has requested additional information from the Town of Halfmoon and the Saratoga County Planning Board. Jim DiPasquale will request information from the Town of Waterford and the City of Mechanicville.

NYS DOT PROJECTS:

The 9P bridge project - NYSDEC has approved the force main changes and bypass design; NYS DOT has released an update; the bids were returned on 1/7/10 and they are in the process of being evaluated. The project is anticipated to begin in the Spring of 2010.

The Curry Road and Route 9 Intersection - Town of Malta - NYS DOT has received easement documents related to the reconfiguration of the intersection and relocation of the access to SCSD's Round Lake Pump Station.

ATTORNEY REPORT - Stephen Dorsey, 1st Assistant County Attorney gave an update concerning the Central Halfmoon Sewer Corporation; the past due bill is still outstanding. However, there has been progress in acquiring easements; 4 easements have been acquired of the 6 previously needed.

SUPERVISOR TOM WOOD - He stated he was impressed with the information presented at the meeting and was pleased with the fine operation Saratoga County Sewer District is managing.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Crowley. Commissioner Cannon seconded the motion. No discussion. The motion was passed; 8 Ayes, 0 Nays.

NEXT COMMISSION MEETING
Wednesday, February 24, 2010
3:00 PM Treatment Plant