

**APPROVED MINUTES**

**SARATOGA COUNTY SEWER COMMISSION NO. 1**  
**MINUTES OF April 28, 2010**  
**3:00 P.M. Treatment Plant**

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** Davis, Bold, Cannon, Crowley, Doyle, Kearney, Loewenstein and Ostapczuk.

**COMMISSIONERS EXCUSED:** Nelson

**ALSO PRESENT:** James DiPasquale, Executive Director; Linda MacNeal, Administrative Assistant; Grant Eaton, Collection System Manager; Spencer Hellwig, Management Specialist; Ed Hernandez, Delaware Engineering Bill Hoblock, Capital District Properties; Mr. & Mrs. Glenn Phillips, Paul Phillips & Attorney Steve Conners, 10 Lake Ave. Malta property; Steve Williams, *The Daily Gazette*.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** - None

**CHAIRMAN’S COMMENTS** - None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES of March 24, 2010.** *Commissioner Cannon made the motion to approve the minutes of March 24, 2010. Commissioner Doyle seconded the motion. No discussion; 8Ayes, 0 Nays. The minutes of March 24, 2010 was approved.*

**TREATMENT PLANT EXPANSION** - The weekly tour of the construction site and review of upcoming activities with Delaware Engineering on Monday mornings at 10:30 AM. is continuing; all the commissioners are invited to attend. Delaware Engineering, Ed Hernandez noted progress on the new Lab; next week an inspection is scheduled for the CO. Work in the Admin building will take approximately 3 to 4 months. The project is under budget but behind schedule approximately 90 days as some rework needs to be completed, delaying the start up of the new side. The UV system is expected to be online shortly

**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. A Punch list was received this week; minor remaining work for the Pump Station consists of outside site work; fencing, paving etc. The project should be closed out before the next Commissioner meeting.

**2010 CAPITAL PROJECTS** - Interceptor relining from the most recently completed project in the vicinity of Coons Crossing, upgrades at the Kashmiri Pump Station in Clifton Gardens and the CK Pump Station located on Grooms Road in Clifton Park. The contract with Environmental Design Partnership of Clifton Park for \$78,000 has been executed. A meeting is scheduled for next week to begin the design and preparation of bid documents.

### **COLLECTION SYSTEM INFORMATION:**

**10 LAKE AVE, MALTA** -Property owner Glenn Phillips presented his request for approval of connection. He stated several corrections to his information packet that was distributed to the Commissioners. Mr. Phillips purchased the property in 1987; however, no structures are on the property. He reiterated the information presented at the February Commission by his attorney Steve Connors for which the application was denied. In his continuation of approval for connection, he stated several alternatives; remediation of two grinder pumps, a installation of a holding tank which would require a letter from the Sewer District to the NYS Department of Health indicating when approval for connection to the Sewer is anticipated, a connection allowed in place of a grinder pump on nearby property (pump #426) not currently in use. Chairman Davis responded that several requests have been received for connection and that all were denied due to the insufficient capacity in the system, resulting in overflow conditions which result in NYS DEC enforcement action. Chairman Davis commented on issuance of a letter to NYS DOH with a date of availability that could not be projected at this time, and to do so could possibly subject the Sewer District to legal repercussions. Chairman Davis further explained that conditions have not improved; the Sewer District is aware of the problem and has been working toward a plan for upgrades and improvements around the Saratoga Lake including exploring funding for the project. This is a large involved project requiring input from all the communities in the Saratoga Lake service area. A portion of the project; increasing the size of the force main at the 9P bridge is currently underway. Several Commissioners contributed to the discussion Commissioner Cannon suggested the Engineering Committee review the remediation data to determine if approval for this connection should be considered; a vote was taken and the suggestion was not carried. The Sewer District's budget is limited to charges collected from the users, and capital projects are undertaken on a priority basis. Relining of the interceptor line has been ongoing for several years and will continue until completed, Pump Stations that are 35 years old take priority to the 25 year old stations around Saratoga Lake unless there is outside funding; this project is not currently in the 5 year Capital plan. Attorney Connors addressed the requested letter from the Sewer District for the requirement of receiving approval for a holding tank; his opinion was an approximate target date for connection would be sufficient and he felt no one would hold the Sewer District to that date. Chairman Davis stated he would consult the County Attorney and would respond in 30 days.

Collection System Manager, Grant Eaton stated that during flooding from Saratoga Lake our personnel have discovered lateral clean outs and manholes uncovered, allowing lake water to enter the sewer system, this considerably increases the flow, placing the pump station over capacity and diluting the sewage causing additional issues at the Treatment Plant. A suggestion was made to inform the Saratoga Lake Association of this activity. The Lake Association is pursuing a study on the lake level, flooding problems and other concerns. Commissioner Loewenstein stated that due to environmental and compliance issues, consideration should be given to addressing issues in this area separately from the overall Lake project to alleviate the situation more quickly than the yearly 10% replacement program in the Capital Plan. Chairman Davis asked the Engineering Committee to meet with Collection System Manager, Grant Eaton and compile a brief report for the Commissioners of all the issues related to the situation.

**LFTC TRUNK SEWER** - Cleaning and internal TV inspection of the line has been completed. Sewer District personnel observed the process. A meeting was held on March 29, 2010 with Commissioners; Davis, Doyle, Loewenstein and Ostapczuk and Executive Director, James DiPasquale to review the inspection reports. A letter was forwarded on April 5, 2010 to the Consulting Engineer, C. T. Male from SCSD with comments on repairs. A response was received on 4/14/10; a firm timetable of corrective actions has not been forthcoming. Executive Director, James DiPasquale spoke with the Town of Stillwater this morning relative to their road reconstruction project.

**SARATOGA LAKE SEWER SERVICE** - A meeting with the Town of Malta was held on February 25, 2010 at 8:30 AM with Executive Director, James DiPasquale and Commissioners Davis and Loewenstein to review flow data for inclusion in the overall Saratoga Lake Sewer Study. John Zepko with the Town of Malta, Planning Department, has forwarded information from the Town's GEIS to Commissioner Loewenstein. Commissioner Loewenstein will review the information for inclusion in the overall Saratoga Lake sewer study.

**GLOBALFOUNDRIES (AMD) DISCHARGE PERMIT**- Delaware Engineering, Ed Hernandez, is conducting a technical review and determination of discharge limits to ensure compliance with the District's SPDES permit and EPA pretreatment program. Comments from GLOBALFOUNDRIES were received on February 9, 2010; a more detailed response was received on March 17, 2010. The draft permit is currently under review by GLOBALFOUNDRIES. Information has been received on a proposed expansion; increasing the flows from 3.1 mgd to 4.0 mgd.

**HALFMOON ROUTE 4 & 32 CORRIDOR** - Consulting Engineer, Environmental Design Partnership attended a meeting with the Town of Halfmoon Planning Department on Monday 3/29/10. A meeting with the Sewer District is planned for next week. The draft report will include potential costs and possible routings of the line.

**VILLAGE OF STILLWATER** - Permit for acceptance of sludge from their Treatment Plant, the current permit expires on 6/30/10. A portion of flows originate from the Town of Stillwater, inside the Sewer district boundaries. The village has requested inside rates for the sludge disposal. Executive Director, James DiPasquale estimates that approximately 10% originates from inside the Sewer District boundaries and presented the option of a proportionate rate to the Commission. This information will be forwarded to 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant County Attorney, Stephen Dorsey to review and make a recommendation.

**THREE SILO'S PDD, TOWN OF MALTA** - Capital District Properties has requested a final six (6) month extension of Reserve Capacity. The project consists of 60 residential units the developer has agreed to make upgrades to the Highpointe Pump Station. The developer is waiting for approval of the water connection. Commissioner Loewenstein made the motion to extend the Reserve Capacity for Three Silo's PDD for six months to November 29, 2010. Commissioner Doyle seconded the motion. The motion to extend the Reserve Capacity for Three Silo's PDD in the Town of Malta passed; 8 Ayes, 0 Nays.

**WOOD ROAD INDUSTRIAL PARK, TOWN OF CLIFTON PARK** - Charles D. Baker of EDP the designated agent for the project on behalf of DCG Development Co. requested a final six (6) month extension of Reserve Capacity for the Wood Road Industrial Park. The Developer stated that construction is anticipated to begin this Spring. Commissioner Bold made the motion to extend the Reserve Capacity for the Wood Road Industrial Park for six months to November 29, 2010. Commissioner Cannon seconded the motion. The motion to extend the Reserve Capacity for Wood Road Industrial Park was passed; 8 Ayes, 0 Nays.

**NYS DOT PROJECTS:**

**The 9P Bridge project** - A preconstruction meeting was held on April 23, 2010; Executive Director James DiPasquale and Collection System Manager, Grant R. Eaton attended. The directional drilling for the sewer main is anticipated to begin next week The Bridge is expected to close Labor Day 2010 and reopen by Memorial Day 2011.

**The Curry Road and Route 9 Intersection** - Town of Malta - NYS DOT has forwarded property acquisition documents for the project which will be forwarded to 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant County Attorney, Stephen Dorsey. Work is expected to begin in late Fall.

**COMMITTEES:**

**SCALE OF CHARGES** - A meeting of the committee members was held on March 30, 2010 at the County Attorney's office, to review condominium charges. A determination was made to charge for units which have received certificates of occupancy and State approval for sale.

**FUTURE PLANT #2 COMMITTEE** - A meeting will be scheduled in the near future. Commissioner Doyle contacted Jason Kemper; Director of Planning to update information from previous meetings.

**ENGINEERING COMMITTEE**- Chairman Doyle stated that the Treatment Plant construction is going well.

*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, May 19, 2010**  
**3:00 PM Treatment Plant**