

Water Committee Minutes

December 19, 2006 – 3:15 p.m.

Present: Chairman Callanan; Supervisors Connors, Daly, A Johnson, Sausville, Wood, and DeCerce; Wes Carr, Water Coordinator; Wilma Koss, Resident, Saratoga Springs; Press.

Chairman Callanan called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance.

On a motion made by Ms. Daly, seconded by Mr. Wood the minutes of the November 8, 2006 meeting were approved unanimously.

Mr. Callanan said the purpose of the meeting today is because we have been dealing with DEC to obtain their permit for the project to go forward. They have agreed to give us the permit, which is ready for mail provided that we provide them with a Stream Mitigation Plan, which has been distributed, to all committee members for their review. The plan calls for the Water Authority to spend between \$270,000 - \$300,000 over a four year period to do various stream mitigation's.

Mr. Connors asked if there was a possibility that the Water Authority would not have to spend as much?

Mr. Carr said that there is a possibility that some of the costs could be traded out as an in-kind service. The dollars were derived by DEC as a percentage of the cost savings that the county will be realizing as a result of doing open dredging over the Kayaderoseras and Snookkill, versus directional drilling.

Mr. Callanan said initially the DEC wanted the county to directional drill, however, through negotiations they figured it would save approximately \$900,000 to do open dredging. The problem is that the directional drilling for a 36 ft. main is approximately ½ mile long. If the county agrees, it is suggested that we should contribute approximately 30% of our savings to the stream mitigation, he said.

Mr. Connors asked if it was an in-kind service that the county would provide or the individual towns would provide? Mr. Callanan said the Water Authority would ultimately provide that service for the County.

Mr. Carr said DEC wouldn't object if there were a project where the town and county could work together for mutual benefit.

Mr. Callanan said the Water Authority has given DEC some criteria for what the County might or might not do. I am sure, if over the four-year period, if there were certain items that came up we could negotiate.

A motion was made by Mr. Connors, seconded by Mr. Johnson to approve a resolution approving a letter of committal and the mitigation plan with DEC. Unanimous.

Mr. Connors asked where are we with regard to negotiations for water?

Mr. Callanan said, we have been in contact with Senator Bruno's office, and the AMD contract is still being negotiated.

Mr. Connors asked what action are we proposing to take as a result of the bid documents being received.

Mr. Carr said he took the low bids to Mr. Pratt and is asking the low bidders to hold their bids for the next 45 days. The low bidders have indicated that they are very much interested in the project, and that would not be a problem, he said.

On a motion made by Ms. Daly, seconded by Mr. Sausville the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Sansom