

APPROVED MINUTES

SARATOGA COUNTY SEWER COMMISSION No. 1
MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 7, 2012
9:15 A.M. at the COUNTY OFFICES

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Davis, Bold, Cannon, Loewenstein, Marshall, Nelson and Rinaldi

COMMISSIONERS EXCUSED: Doyle and Ostapczuk

ALSO PRESENT: Chad M. Cooke P.E., Executive Director; Anne Gorman, Confidential Secretary; Sue Duff, Chief Operator; Jim Bolduc, Assistant Chief Operator; Grant Eaton, Maintenance Manager; Robert Wilcox, Assistant County Attorney; Ryan Moore, Management Specialist; Stephen Williams, *Daily Gazette*; Harold Wessel, *The Express*; Caitlin Morris, *The Saratogian*; Lindsay Panzica, *The Ballston Journal*

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CHAIRMAN’S COMMENTS:

Chairman Davis opened discussion with the Public Hearing that was held at 9:00 A.M. in the Board of Supervisors Chambers before the Commission meeting. There was no opposition to the Scale of Charges for 2013 and the rates were not raised. Chairman Davis commended the Commissioners and employees at the plant for a good track record. Records show that rates were raised only one time in 9 years and that was for a \$52.0M expansion which raised the rates \$10.00 per user.

Property Purchase – At the October 24, 2012 Commission meeting, a resolution was passed offering \$63,000.00 for two (2) parcels of property in the Town of Northumberland, currently owned by the County, for the purpose of siting a northern Waste Water Treatment Plant.

Commissioner Nelson made a motion to rescind last month’s offer of \$63,000.00 for 15 acres from Saratoga County in the Town of Northumberland. Saratoga County wishes to recoup \$39,580.00 for the amount that was paid for Tax Parcel 104.-1-7.2 in 1996, bringing the total purchase price for two (2) parcels to \$98,580.00. Commissioner Marshall seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Chairman Davis made a resolution to offer the County \$98,580.00 for two (2) parcels of property at the County landfill, one for 14.77 acres and the other for 0.96 acres. The Commissioners of the Sewer District hereby authorize and direct its Chairman, Executive Director and counsel to prepare and execute all those documents and instruments, and to perform all those acts, ordinary, customary and necessary to effectuate the transfer of ownership of the subject parcels to the Sewer District. Commissioner Nelson seconded the resolution. Discussion involved environmental studies and if any needed to be completed in order to complete the transaction. Executive Director Cooke indicated that as part of the subdivision process with the town the State Environmental Quality Review Act will need to be followed. The resolution passed: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays

APPROVAL OF MINUTES of October 24, 2012. *Commissioner Cannon made the motion to approve the minutes of October 24, 2012. Chairman Davis seconded the motion. No discussion. The minutes of October 24, 2012 were approved. 7 Ayes, 0 Nays.*

2012 SCALE OF CHARGES:

Commissioner Cannon made a motion to forward the proposed Scale of Charges for 2013 to the Board of Supervisors for approval. Commissioner Nelson seconded the motion. No discussion. The motion for approval of the proposed Scale of Charge for 2013 as presented at the Public Hearing held 9:00 A.M November 7, 2012 and to be forwarded to the Board of Supervisors for approval passed: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays.

CONTRACTS FOR UPGRADES:

Pipevision – Robert Wilcox, Assistant County Attorney, made contact with Pipevision regarding the completion of the contract. Pipevision is working with the consultant, EDP, to submit closing documents and finalize the contract.

2011 CAPITAL PROJECTS:

McDonald Engineering – Saratoga Lake and 4 & 32. Executive Director Cooke reported that the contractor is working with engineers and making shop drawing submittals and anticipates drilling on 4 & 32 to start in the next few weeks. Work around Saratoga Lake not slated to begin until next year. However, they may be working on grinder pump replacements in the Silver Beach area this winter.

Three (3) bids were received for Contract No. 3, HVAC. Executive Director Cooke spoke with Commissioner Doyle and Commissioner Doyle, upon further review, indicated his recommendation for award to the low bidder, Crisafulli Brothers, for \$170,000.00.

Commissioner Loewenstein made a motion based on Commissioners Doyle's recommendation to award the contract to the low bidder Crisafulli Brothers in the amount of \$170,000.00 for Contract No. 3, HVAC. Commissioner Marshall seconded the motion. No Discussion. Motion passed: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays.

North Plant Project – Delaware Engineering continues to work on the North Plant study. The Chairman, Executive Director and counsel are preparing and executing documents to purchase two (2) parcels of property from Saratoga County to the Sewer District.

2012 CAPITAL PROJECTS

Incinerator – Contractor is in the process of completing lead paint abatement. The incinerator is on schedule to be up and running by April 2013.

ATTORNEY REPORT:

Attorney Wilcox stated that he was continuing to seek the remaining easements that are necessary for the Saratoga Lake and 4 & 32 project. Contact has been made with almost all the individuals with regard to

seeking easements except for one (1) Albany resident with whom documentation has been sent. We are waiting to hear back and easements are still being received with hopes that the number of properties that go to eminent domain will be modest. At this time, there are 13. Attorney Wilcox continues to obtain all information necessary for the proceedings. A Public Hearing to start the eminent domain process is scheduled for November 28, 2012 at 2:30 P.M. at the Treatment Plant.

DEDICATIONS: None.

COMMITTEES:

FUTURE PLANT #2 COMMITTEE – Commissioner Ostapczuk

ENGINEERING COMMITTEE – Commissioner Doyle

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Nelson and seconded by Commissioner Cannon. No discussion. The motion passed.

**NEXT COMMISSION MEETING
Wednesday, December 19, 2012
3:00 P.M. at the Treatment Plant**