

APPROVED MINUTES

SARATOGA COUNTY SEWER COMMISSION No. 1 MINUTES OF May 25, 2023 3:00 PM at the Treatment Plant

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Bisnett, Doyle, Hotaling, Lansing, Fillion, Keegan and Scirocco

COMMISSIONERS EXCUSED: Butler and Smassanow

ALSO PRESENT: Dan Rourke P.E., Executive Director; Gene Hutchings, Chief Operator; Nathan Morris, Assistant Chief Operator; William Bills, Maintenance Manager; Andrew Marsden, Assistant Maintenance Manager; Mike Naughton, Assistant County Attorney.

Chairman Bisnett welcomed everyone to the May 25, 2023 Saratoga County Sewer Commission meeting.

Chairman Bisnett called the meeting to order.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS: Chairman Bisnett welcomed Saratoga Springs Commissioner Scirocco.

Chairman Bisnett asked for a motion to approve the April 27, 2023 minutes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES of April 27, 2023. *Commissioner Doyle made a motion to approve the minutes of April 27, 2023. Commissioner Lansing seconded the motion. No discussion. The minutes of March 30, 2023 were approved: 6 Ayes, 1 Abstain, 2 Absent, 0 Nays.*

2020 CAPITAL PROJECTS

HVAC Upgrade at WWTP – Executive Director Rourke gave a status update and stated he is working through the submittal process with the Mechanical Contractor. There were some questions with regard to the general construction work that needed to be completed. The HVAC contractor believed that the general contractor would complete that work. There is no general contractor as we only bid HVAC and electrical, so we are looking at that to see what they included in their bid and what they did not. There may be a potential change order in the future if the general construction work was not included in the original bid. Commissioner Hotaling asked if it should become a new bid. Executive Director Rourke said that he would talk to the engineer and find out what was included in the bid. The commission discussed future bids to include general construction work.

Interceptor Relining Phase VIIB – Executive Director Rourke gave a status update and stated that the project is progressing. The contractors are at the Milton Pump Station. He said there is some debris in the pipe going south of Northline and that the pipe is in rough shape. The next step is to move down to Coon's Crossing and the Railyard. Executive Director Rourke said that he is working with the railroad to get a temporary agreement to access the property.

Saratoga Springs Pump Station and F.M Evaluation and Design – Executive Director Rourke gave a status update. He said he is working on some questions with the contractor – regarding bypass pumping.

2021 CAPITAL PROJECTS

Secondary Clarifier Gate and MCC Replacement – Executive Director Rourke gave a status update. He said the preconstruction meeting is scheduled for next Tuesday.

Technical Determination of Local Limits/Inhibition Testing – Executive Director Rourke gave a status update. He stated that the local limit portion has been completed and submitted to the EPA. Executive Director Rourke said that we will need to amend the Local Law of 2020 and will be coming to the commission in the near future. He said the inhibition testing side of this is still ongoing but slated to be completed next week.

2022 CAPITAL PROJECTS

Biosolids Handling Facility –Executive Director Rourke gave a status update. He said everything passed with no exceptions last month. We received the Bond Resolution, Project Resolution and had the public hearing. There were no comments at the public hearing. He stated that we received documents from EFC that will be submitted tomorrow for the subsidized financing.

Ammonia related WWTP Upgrades –Executive Director Rourke gave a status update. He stated that the project is steadily moving along. He said that he will be taking pictures of the progression each month to show the commission. He also stated that pictures will also be taken of the collection system.

Aeration Tank Improvements – Executive Director Rourke gave a status update. He said we received the control narrative for the dewatering system which he is reviewing. He expects to have final plans within the next three weeks. Commissioner Hotaling asked if the engineer had a scope price. Executive Director Rourke said he believed it was \$1.8 Million. Executive Director reminded the commission that the price included the dewatering system that we are putting in and rehabilitation of tank 5, 6 & 8 as well as some wall rehabilitation to meet code.

D&R P.S. Upgrade – Executive Director Rourke gave a status update. He said we had to reapprove the resolution as there was a typo. He said it was approved last Tuesday and we are working with the attorney’s office to get the contracts out. He stated that the pumps have been ordered.

Capacity Evaluation – Executive Director Rourke gave a status update. He stated that the project has stalled as the 8.2 and 8.1 buildouts are on pause. Global Foundries is submitting Chips Act Funding requests. Once we have a better idea of Global’s scheduling we can get a meeting scheduled with the engineer to look at the pilot.

523 South Main Abatement – Executive Director Rourke gave a status update. He stated that the work is ongoing. He stated that they are working on building 6 right now to abate the mold. He said they encountered some unexpected mold and they are crafting a proposal to abate that mold. He stated that the proposal will most likely be over 10% and will require a change order.

2023 CAPITAL PROJECTS

Moreau Forcemain Extension – Executive Director Rourke gave a status update. He said the preconstruction meeting was held this morning. The contractor is looking to start the work around June 5th. Laberge Group is doing the inspection on that project. Executive Director Rourke stated that he requested a minor contract for

Laberge in the amount of \$7500.00 to do an IMG Grant application through EFC. He stated that it is an intermunicipal grant which allows up to 40% grant funds for construction projects.

Ace Pump Station Upgrade – Executive Director Rourke gave a status update. He said we are generating contracts. He also said that he is working with Attorney Mike Naughton on an agreement to spell out the terms between SCSD and Wilton Water and Sewer for us to get started on work at the pump station. He said the agreement will also spell out some of the terms of potentially taking over the system. Executive Director Rourke said he wants to make sure they are offering their capital improvement budget of around \$3 Million. He stated that another sidebar to this project is that we are requesting DEC to allow us to pause a portion of the project which is to potentially forgo the installation of the EQ basin which will save \$300,000.00. Commissioner Hotaling questioned why the two projects couldn't be combined for the grant. Executive Director Rourke explained that it is a timing issue and may be an option for next year.

MISCELLANEOUS

Heritage Springs Valuation – Executive Director Rourke gave a status update. He stated that he had a meeting with Raftelis and Heritage Springs on Monday. Raftelis got a history of the Heritage Springs system and did a visual inspection of the system. They are waiting on a few documents from Heritage Springs. Executive Director Rourke stated that he hopes the report will be forthcoming in a month or two.

General Controls – Motion to Amend Contract – Executive Director Rourke asked for a motion to amend the contract. He stated that General Controls does our SCADA repairs. He stated that we've spend \$10K - \$15K to date this year. He stated that the main reason for the contract is to purchase a new server for the new software.

Motion to Amend – *Commissioner Doyle made a motion to amend. Commissioner Hotaling seconded the motion. The motion was approved: 7 Ayes, 0 Abstain, 2 Absent, 0 Nays.*

ATTORNEY REPORT – None

DEDICATIONS – None

Executive Director Rourke thanked everyone. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made and the motion passed unanimously.

**Next meeting June 29, 2023
3:00 P.M. at the Treatment Plant**