

APPROVED MINUTES

SARATOGA COUNTY SEWER COMMISSION No. 1
MINUTES OF June 29, 2023
3:00 PM at the Treatment Plant

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Bisnett, Doyle, Lansing, Keegan, Smassanow, Butler and Scirocco

COMMISSIONERS EXCUSED: Fillion and Hotaling

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 June 29, 2023 Saratoga County Sewer Commission meeting.

Chairman Bisnett called the meeting to order.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CHAIRMAN’S COMMENTS: None

Chairman Bisnett asked for a motion to approve the May 25, 2023 minutes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES of May 25, 2023. *Commissioner Doyle made a motion to approve the minutes of May 25, 2023. Commissioner Lansing seconded the motion. No discussion. The minutes of May 25, 2023 were approved: 5 Ayes, 2 Abstain, 2 Absent, 0 Nays.*

2020 CAPITAL PROJECTS

HVAC Upgrade at WWTP – Executive Director Rourke gave a status update and stated we are still waiting for final submittals from the mechanical contractor. He said that the electrical contractor has been working to install the fire alarm system and it has been going smoothly. Once the submittals are approved, we will have a better lead time but expect a response within a couple of weeks.

Interceptor Relining Phase VIIB – Executive Director Rourke gave a status update and stated that the project is continuing to go well. He stated that most of the restoration is completed on the northern trail. He said that we are working with a homeowner to access some of the piping near the railroad in Stillwater/Mechanicville and we are working with the railroad to get an agreement. He said that CSX is reviewing our plans for access to their property. Executive Director Rourke showed the commission pictures of the access road behind the state park. He also showed them the temporary bridge that was constructed across the Kaydeross Creek and the bypass pipe serving Saratoga Springs North. He stated that the bridge is still up although they are no longer bypassing through it. The commission asked if they would be taking the bridge down or leave it up. Executive Director Rourke said that they would be taking it down as it is not rated for anything other than the pipes.

Saratoga Springs Pump Station and F.M Evaluation and Design – Executive Director Rourke gave a status update. He said that work has commenced. He showed the commission pictures of the pump station and the three 200 horsepower pumps. He stated that pump #2 has been taken out and is being rebuilt. He stated that we are still working with the contractor to see if there is any savings on the HVAC and plumbing contracts. He stated that we have been given a negative change order for bypass pumping that they thought would be required for the manhole relining down Excelsior Ave. He said the change order is about \$70,000.00 that would be coming back to us.

2021 CAPITAL PROJECTS

Secondary Clarifier Gate and MCC Replacement – Executive Director Rourke gave a status update. He said we had pre-construction meeting and submittals are currently being sent to the engineer for review. He said we are waiting for a schedule of values and construction schedule from the general contractor and we will continue to move forward.

Technical Determination of Local Limits/Inhibition Testing – Executive Director Rourke gave a status update. He stated that we received good results from our denitrification inhibition testing. He said that our influent does not show any signs of inhibition against the organisms that would provide the denitrification step. He said that the engineer would prepare a memo to show all their findings. He stated that the local limits were submitted to the EPA and we are awaiting final approval. He said that once we get that we will amend our sewer use ordinance. He stated that we will take this project off the agenda. Commissioner Butler asked if there is a time frame that the EPA has once we submit the paperwork. Executive Director Rourke stated that there was not and that the process is not fast.

2022 CAPITAL PROJECTS

Biosolids Handling Facility – Executive Director Rourke gave a status update. He said that we received comment responses from the engineer and that we are moving forward with 60% design. He said that we hope to have the 60% design within the next three to four months for review.

Ammonia related WWTP Upgrades – Executive Director Rourke gave a status update. He showed the commission pictures of the dewatering wells along with the rebar being installed. He stated that the project is progressing well. Executive Director Rourke invited the commission to come early to the next meeting to see the site and progress.

Aeration Tank Improvements – Executive Director Rourke gave a status update. He stated that we approved the control strategy for the dewatering system and we are waiting for final plans for the general contractor to review for a change order. He said we will most likely have to amend bond resolutions and project resolutions for that change order.

D&R P.S. Upgrade – Executive Director Rourke gave a status update. He said that the contracts are almost fully executed, the pumps have been ordered and the pre-con meeting is scheduled for July 13th.

Capacity Evaluation – Executive Director Rourke gave a status update. He said that this project is on a bit of a pause as we are waiting to have a meeting with a new consultant that the county has hired. He said we will have a meeting with the county's new liaison for a potential pilot. He said we are trying to get a meeting on the books to lay out a plan for the next six to twelve months.

523 South Main Abatement – Motion to Approve Change Order- Executive Director Rourke asked for a motion to approve a change order. He said that there was a second wall behind another wall that needed mold remediation. He stated that the extra cost would be \$17,200.00 above the original cost of \$119,200.00 bringing the total to \$136,400.00.

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

2023 CAPITAL PROJECTS

Moreau Foremain Extension – Executive Director Rourke gave a status update. He said the contractor, Bellamy, has started work on the project. He said that we are currently assessing the ability to interconnect the lines with an existing foremain to increase operational flexibility. He said that we are awaiting a change order as it was not included in the original scope.

Ace Pump Station Upgrade – Motion to Award - Executive Director Rourke asked for a motion to award. He stated that this is a Wilton Water and Sewer pump station that is eventually going to get handed to us. He stated that they are going to pay for a portion of this upgrade. He stated that EDP did the design for this pump station. He said that the contract has been awarded. He said that we did not have a contract for construction inspection or construction administration. The total cost for the contract is \$42,000.00 and includes 400 hours of inspection and construction administration services.

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

MISCELLANEOUS

Heritage Springs Valuation –Executive Director Rourke gave a status update. He said he is working to finalize this report. He said he hopes to have the final report sometime in July. He said at that point we will look to see what the final assessment is of the system and discuss what the best steps moving forward would be.

Xylem Contract for UV Control System – Motion to Award – Executive Director Rourke asked for a motion to award a contract. He said that we do maintenance on the UV system every year. He said the system is responsible for providing disinfection for the wastewater before it hits the Hudson. He stated that it is part of our permit. He stated that the system is over ten to thirteen years old and that technology wise it is hitting the end of its life. He stated that we put it out to bid and Xylem was the only responder. He said that the total cost to do new power distribution panels, ethernet cables and uninterrupted power supplies would be \$57,100.00. He stated that the UV system is a big power draw and upgrading these components will help to run the system more efficiently.

Motion to Award – *Commissioner Doyle made a motion to award. Commissioner Keegan 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 July 27, 2023
3:00 P.M. at the Treatment Plant**