

**APPROVED MINUTES**

**SARATOGA COUNTY SEWER COMMISSION NO. 1**  
**MINUTES OF May 19, 2010**  
**3:00 P.M. Treatment Plant**

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

**COMMISSIONERS EXCUSED:** Loewenstein

**ALSO PRESENT:** James DiPasquale, Executive Director; Linda MacNeal, Administrative Assistant; Stephen Dorsey, 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Saratoga County Attorney; David Wickerham, Saratoga County Administrator; Sue Duff, Chief Operator; Grant Eaton, Collection System Manager; Ed Hernandez, Delaware Engineering.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** - None

**CHAIRMAN’S COMMENTS** - Saratoga County Sewer District Commission’s responsibility is to protect the environment. Chairman Davis explained his current concern is Saratoga Lake and the Hudson River. He recommended hiring an Engineering firm to design a system around Saratoga Lake and Route 4&32 south of the Plant to Upper Newtown Rd. Commissioner Doyle seconded the motion. After input from Commissioner Bold, Chairman Davis amended his recommendation to extend the area on Route 4&32 from Upper Newtown Rd to Lower Newtown Rd. Commissioner Cannon seconded the amendment. Commissioner Bold has been involved in the study that EDP has been compiling for the Sewer District and stated a concentration of septic systems from Upper Newtown Rd to Lower Newtown Rd. has potential problems and should be included. Bold said the complete report will be available at the Commission meeting next month. Commissioner Doyle stated that a designed system would be helpful for long term planning. Commissioner Crowley asked if the area around Saratoga Lake would be installation of larger lines and was told by Chairman Davis that a parallel line was suggested by the previous study. Commissioner Cannon expressed his support in proceeding with this action. Chairman Davis estimated that approximately 10 million dollars will be needed to construct the projects. The Commission voted 8 Ayes and 0 Nays to proceed with issuing a RFP for an engineering design of sewer systems around Saratoga Lake and a section of Route 4 & 32 from the Treatment Plant to Lower Newtown Rd.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES of April 28, 2010.** *Commissioner Doyle made the motion to approve the minutes of April 28, 2010. Commissioner Bold seconded the motion. No discussion; 8Ayes, 0 Nays. The minutes of April 28, 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 that the move to the new Lab has been completed and the old Lab is in the process of dismantling. Work on the Admin building is progressing, all new walls have been installed. Bypass pumping of the main influent pumps began on Monday, involving 8 diesel pumps; this is expected to continue thru the end of the week. During this time of bypass pumping, installation of new header piping for the main influent pumps will be completed. Start up training for new equipment is continuing. Start up of the new aeration system is scheduled for June 12, 2010, letters have been sent to NYS DEC and NYS DOH informing them of the date for review and comment. The Treatment Plant when completed will be the largest facility in the Capital Region.

## **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. The project is approximately 98% complete; the remaining work consists of seeding and clean up. Both Pump Stations are running well.

**2010 CAPITAL PROJECTS** - Interceptor relining from the most recently completed project in the vicinity of Coons Crossing Road, upgrades at the Kashmiri Pump Station in Clifton Gardens and the CK Pump Station located on Grooms Road in Clifton Park. A meeting with Environmental Design Partnership was held on May 5, 2010 with the Sewer District staff; preparation of design and bid documents is proceeding.

## **COLLECTION SYSTEM INFORMATION:**

**LFTC TRUNK SEWER** - The Staff and Commissioners; Davis, Doyle, Loewenstein and Ostapczuk reviewed the TV inspection reports and forwarded a letter with repairs necessary to meet Sewer District Standards. The project Engineer, C.T. Male has requested a response from SCSD to the contractor's proposal of repairs. The Staff and Commissioners have been corresponding and the consensus is that information in the Sewer District's original review letter needs to be addressed. The Commissioners concerns are if the corrections are not accomplished as requested, reliability of the line will be compromised after dedication to Saratoga County Sewer District and the responsibility will be on Saratoga County Sewer District.

**SARATOGA LAKE SEWER SERVICE** - Collection System Manager, Grant Eaton and his staff collected information on the grinder pumps subjected to flooding conditions and details were given. In the Town of Malta; Stoney Point Rd. has 26 grinder pumps that discharge to Saratoga Lake #7 with cost to upgrade of \$39,000; Silver Beach Rd., Riley Cove, 122 grinder pumps that discharge to Saratoga Lake #6 with cost to upgrade of \$183,000; installation of 5 watertight manhole covers that discharge to Saratoga Lake #7 at a cost of \$2,500. In the Town of Saratoga; Franklin Beach, Pointe Breeze, 22 grinder pumps discharge to Saratoga Lake #3 to SL #4 to SL #8, at a cost to upgrade of \$33,000. City of Saratoga Springs, Stockholm Road; 6 discharge to Saratoga Lake #2 to SL #4 to SL #8 at a cost to upgrade of \$9,000. A total of 176 grinder pumps at a cost of approximately \$1,500 for each for a total of \$264,000 and 5 manhole covers at a cost of \$500.00 each totaling \$2,500. The overall total would be \$266,500. Executive Director James DiPasquale will issue a letter to the Saratoga Lake Association for their newsletter stating our concerns about removing manhole covers and opening their clean outs to drain areas during flood conditions, creating potential safety hazards and overwhelming the sewer system.

**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. Saratoga County Sewer District is waiting for a response.

**HALFMOON ROUTE 4 & 32 CORRIDOR** - Consulting Engineer, Environmental Design Partnership attended a meeting with staff and Commissioners; Bold, Davis and Doyle on 5/12/10. Commissioner Bold expects the full report to be released by next month's Commission meeting.

**SICILIANO EASEMENT** - 2 Riley Cove, Town of Malta, in September Mr. Siciliano requested the Commission to investigate acquiring an easement from his neighbor for his lateral. The county was unsuccessful on his behalf; therefore, he is requesting a small easement on property of the SL #7 Pump station from Saratoga County Sewer District to relocate his lateral off his neighbor's property. 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant County Attorney, Stephen Dorsey will prepare the documents after an easement description and survey map is received from Mr. Siciliano.

**PERMITTING OF CONNECTIONS** Discharge connections to SCSD related to the memo issued by 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant County Attorney, Stephen Dorsey on 4/12/10. Under the current policy the Sewer District does not permit all connections; gravity laterals within a Development and in the Cities of Saratoga Springs, Mechanicville or the Village of Ballston Spa; upon review by 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant County Attorney, SCSD has the legal ability and obligation to permit under the Sewer Use Ordinance. This matter was turned over to the Scale of Charges Committee to review and make recommendations in ninety days.

#### **NYS DOT PROJECTS:**

**The 9P Bridge project** - Directional drilling started on Tuesday 5/18/10 on the south side by Stewarts in the Town of Saratoga; the pilot hole is approximately halfway completed as of today. They expect to pull the HDPE pipe through this upcoming weekend. Saratoga County Sewer District received a letter from Attorney Michael Toohey demanding that work cease at the location of the SL #2 Pump Station, as the Sewer District does not have the legal authority to work on his client's, Patricia A. Gwiazdowski Ambrozak, property. 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant County Attorney, Stephen Dorsey responded that the construction is under direction of NYS DOT. The Sewer District has permits from the 1980's allowing access for the construction and maintenance of the Pump Station. Saratoga County has been attempting to acquire this property for approximately 25 years. Attorney Dorsey is concerned that the son of Mrs. Ambrozak who has power of Attorney will not be receptive to resolution and we may have to proceed with eminent domain. Chairman Davis made a motion for a resolution from Saratoga County Sewer District to request the Saratoga County Board of Supervisors to proceed with resolution of this property issue by all available avenues including eminent domain, Commissioner Nelson seconded the motion. No discussion. The resolution to proceed passed 8 Ayes, 0 Nays.

NYS DOT is proceeding with resolving a controversy on the south side of the project with Point Breeze Marina concerning moving of docks for installation of the bridge abutments.

**The Curry Road and Route 9 Intersection** - Town of Malta - NYS DOT has forwarded property acquisition documents for the project which were forwarded to 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant County Attorney, Stephen Dorsey. Work is expected to begin in late Fall. Attorney Dorsey's concern is that DOT will pay \$10,600 for the easements but will not be held responsible for damages to the District's facilities that may occur during the work. Attorney Dorsey will delete wording of concern and submit.

#### **DEDICATION:**

**STONE CREST PRESERVE PHASE 2**, Town of Halfmoon - Toll Land V Limited Partnership requests to dedicate Stone Crest Preserve Phase 2. February 2009 dedication was accepted for Phase 1. This phase extends from Phase 1 and includes 1722 feet of low pressure force main sewer and 3 access manholes. This entire project is a 90 lot residential subdivision; Phase 1 was dedicated February 2009.

*A motion to accept dedication of Stone Crest Preserve Phase 2 was made by Commissioner Bold and seconded by Commissioner Doyle. No discussion. The motion to accept dedication of Stone Crest Preserve Phase 2 passed; 8 Ayes, 0 Nays.*

#### **ATTORNEY REPORT:**

**Central Halfmoon Sewer Corporation** - An outstanding bill of \$31,625.22 for maintenance services remains unpaid, 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant County Attorney, Stephen Dorsey will send a demand letter to Gregory Mills, President of the Corporation for payment by August 1, 2010. If unpaid, the Sewer District will request the Board of Supervisors to proceed with collection action. Attorney Dorsey will have an update at the July Commission meeting.

**Glenn Phillips**-Last month at the Commission meeting on 4/28/10, Mr. Phillips requested a letter to the Department of Health giving a projected date when connection to the sewer is possible, so that he could get approval to install a holding tank. Attorney Dorsey after consultation with Chairman Davis and Director DiPasquale sent a letter indicating that the area is in our 5 year Capital Plan. Mr. Phillips responded that he was satisfied with the letter.

**Retired Commissioner Schrock**- At the January Sewer Commission meeting a request was made to thank Mr. Schrock for his service to the Sewer Commission. A proclamation will be presented at the June 23, 2010 Commission meeting; the presentation was on hold until Mr. Schrock returned to Wilton from his winter home in Florida.

**REFUND FROM NYSERDA** with paperwork submitted by Technical Services Supervisor, Bill Hartman, a \$3,000 refund was received to offset the cost of \$3,700 in replacement of a VFD for a sludge pump.

#### **COMMITTEES:**

**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.

*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, June 23, 2010**  
**3:00 PM Treatment Plant**