

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COMMITTEE: WARREN COUNTY SEWER

DATE: NOVEMBER 27, 2007

Committee Members Present:

Supervisors Belden  
Gabriels  
Mason  
Stec

Committee Member Absent:

Supervisor Champagne

Others Present:

William Lamy, Superintendent, DPW  
Joan Sady, Clerk, Board of Supervisors  
JoAnn McKinstry, Deputy Commissioner,  
Administrative & Fiscal Services  
Supervisors F. Thomas  
VanNess  
Geraghty  
Fred Austin, Building Project Coordinator  
Katy Goodman, Secretary to the Clerk

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In the absence of Mr. Champagne, Committee Chairman, Mr. Belden, Committee Vice-chairman, called the meeting of the Warren County Sewer Committee to order at 10:40 a.m.

Motion was made by Mr. Gabriels, seconded by Mr. Mason and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the previous meeting, subject to correction by the Clerk.

Privilege of the floor was extended to William Lamy, Superintendent, DPW, who distributed copies of his Agenda packet for the meeting, a copy of which is on file with the minutes.

Mr. Lamy commenced with review of his Agenda, and under Old Business Item No. 1, Referrals, he stated the first referral was the status of the bid process for work required at the Town of Bolton Wastewater Treatment Plant. He stated the item would be discussed later in the meeting under the New Business items on the Agenda. A copy of the referrals list was included in the Agenda packet.

Mr. Lamy stated the second referral was the status of the eminent domain proceedings which had been authorized relative to Town of Hague Tax Map Parcel No. 26.14-1-16 in connection with Town of Hague Sewer District No. 2. He reported that Paul Dusek, County Attorney, had sent a letter to the property owner's attorney and they had agreed to the County's plan to re-route the sewer in that area. Mr. Lamy stated a new easement map had been drawn up and provided to Mr. Dusek who was discussing the easement with the property owner's attorney. He advised the County would be granted the easement which meant that an eminent domain procedure would not have to be taken on the parcel and therefore, the item could be deleted from the Pending Items list.

Mr. Lamy commenced with review of the New Business items listed on the Agenda. Pursuant to Item No. 2, he requested approval of a Transfer of Funds in the amount of \$107,000 from the A.9950 Transfers - Capital Projects into Capital Project No. H166.9550 280 Lake George Basin

Sewer Project, in order to fund the local share of the Project.

Motion was made by Mr. Stec, seconded by Mr. Gabriels and carried unanimously to approve the request to increase the capital project, as presented, and to refer it to the Finance Committee. *(Note: Subsequent to the meeting it was determined that Transfer of Funds would not be necessary as it was included in Item No. 3 below.)*

Mr. Lamy stated there was also a request to increase the aforementioned Capital Project (Agenda Item No. 3). Joan Sady, Clerk, Board of Supervisors, explained it would only be necessary to approve the Transfer of Funds because the Capital Project would be increased when the funds were transferred. *(Note: Subsequent to the meeting it was determined that the correct amount for the increase to the capital project should be \$82,000. The corrected request was referred to the Finance Committee. Copies of the original request form and the correct request form are on file with the minutes.)*

Messrs. Geraghty and VanNess entered the meeting at 10:44 a.m.

Next, Mr. Lamy presented an update on the status of the Bolton Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) (Agenda Item No. 4). He stated Phase 2 of the Project included an upgrade to the Rogers Rock pump station at an approximate cost of \$300,000. Mr. Lamy reported the Project had been completed and the pump station was back in service. He advised a contract was currently being awarded to replace the trickling filter media, the trickling filter arm and to provide a standby generator, replace lights in a secondary clarifier and to do concrete repair work in a tank. Mr. Lamy apprised the cost of the work totaled approximately \$500,000, the work was underway and it was anticipated it would be completed by Memorial Day of 2008. Mr. Gabriels, Town of Bolton Supervisor, mentioned he did not know if the work had started; and Mr. Lamy acknowledged the comment.

Mr. Lamy apprised there was still about \$800,000 in grant funds left for Bolton to make improvements, and in view of that, they had looked at doing some other improvements within the district. Mr. Lamy explained while that work was being looked at it had become apparent that an existing force main from the North pump station to the collection system would need to be fixed. Mr. Lamy stated he had discussed the situation with Mr. Gabriels who in turn had discussed it with the Town Board and they had also spoken with a representative of C. T. Male Associates, P.C. In addition, he stated, he had spoken with a representative of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and they were trying to get EPA to approve the work so they could proceed to the design and bidding processes for the project.

Mr. Lamy advised he had received a letter from C. T. Male, Associates, P.C. that described the project work and he had advised Mr. Gabriels he wished to bring the information to the Committee members to be sure that was how they would want to proceed with the Town's project. He stated then they would send the EPA the project description and map for their approval through the Environmental Review process. Mr. Lamy read the letter to the Committee members. A copy of

the letter is in writing and is on file with the minutes.

Motion was made by Mr. Mason, seconded by Mr. Stec and carried unanimously to approve the aforementioned project for the Town of Bolton's Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Mr. Gabriels stated the Bolton Town Board had selected the project as its priority over any other project they could have chosen. Mr. Lamy stated he would work with the Town Board and C. T. Male to forward the project to the EPA for its approval. He explained that before they reached the design phase they would have to go through the NEPA (National Environmental Policy Act) and SEQR (State Environmental Quality Review) requirements.

Mr. VanNess left the meeting at 10:49 a.m.

Pursuant to Agenda Item No. 5, Mr. Lamy spoke on the status of the Hague Sewer Extension project. He reported the NEPA/SEQR procedures had been completed and all that was left to do was to gather the rest of the easements so that Clough, Harbour & Associates could submit the final plans and specifications to the EPA for review. Mr. Lamy advised that had already been done with DEC (Department of Environmental Conservation) who had signed off on the project. However, he reported, in the process of trying to solve some of the easement problems there was now a problem about re-routing the sewer in one section of the collection system and they would have to resubmit some drawings for approval of the modifications.

Mr. Lamy stated that Mr. Belden, Supervisor of the Town of Hague, and he had recently met with a representative of the EFC (Environmental Facilities Corporation) and Hague was qualified for low interest loans on the portion of the project that would be funded by their local sewer district. Therefore, Mr. Lamy advised, they were working between the Town, EFC, Clough, Harbour & Associates and himself to submit the required paperwork by the March 1, 2008 application deadline. He stated it appeared the SEQR and NEPA procedures for the project were much further advanced than where he had told EFC they were. Mr. Lamy stated they were also told that the low interest loans would still be available to the Town in the next round of funding. He apprised the Town's local share was \$650,000 and they would try to fast track what would need to be done in order to meet the aforementioned deadline. Mr. Belden noted the State wanted to make the project a pilot program.

Next, Mr. Lamy presented an update on the status of the Lake George WWTP project (Agenda Item No. 6). He reported the installation of clarigester No. 3 and the partial flow new head box standby generator had been completed and the trickling filter media, as well as the yard piping had been changed. Mr. Lamy stated that once some problems with the supplier of the cover for the trickling filter were resolved and the cover was received, the project would be completed.

Mr. Gabriels referred to the previous discussion on the relocation of Bolton's force main and that Mr. Lamy had said he wished to do the NEPA/SEQR procedures before the design phase would be done. Mr. Lamy explained that schedule was required by law; and Mr. Gabriels acknowledged

he understood that. However, he advised, he wanted it to be on the record that the reason the main had to be relocated was that the State Department of Transportation (DOT) had originally scheduled a mill and fill project for 2008 on the particular section of Route 9N where the sewer work was to be done. Mr. Gabriels advised the Town was in the process of asking DOT to delay its work until the force main project was completed so the road work would not have to be disturbed. Mr. Gabriels stated he did not know what DOT's schedule was, but he hoped that any action that was necessary could be taken to comply with the law to meet the schedules as quickly as possible so the force main project could be completed before the DOT work started.

Mrs. Sady left the meeting at 10:54 a.m.

Mr. Belden suggested that Mr. Lamy should draft a letter to forward to DOT to see if the agency would advise the County what its definite schedule was for the mill and fill work. Mr. Gabriels confirmed for Mr. Lamy that although the Town had had preliminary discussions with DOT about the agency moving its project back, the Town had not yet received anything in writing from them in that regard. Mr. Belden recommended that the Committee members should authorize Mr. Lamy to write a letter to DOT concerning that request.

Motion was made by Mr. Gabriels, seconded by Mr. Stec and carried unanimously to authorize Mr. Lamy to prepare the aforementioned letter and to forward it to the State DOT.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, on motion by Mr. Mason and seconded by Mr. Stec, Mr. Belden adjourned the meeting at 10:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Katy Goodman, Secretary to the Clerk