

Minutes  
CATSKILL WATERSHED CORPORATION  
Wastewater/Stormwater Committee Tuesday, June 7, 2022 @ 9:00 AM

Attendees: Tina Mole (Director), James Eisel (Director), Jeff Senterman (Director), Joseph Cetta (Director), Chris Mathews (Director), Allen Hinkley (Director), Thomas Snow Jr.(DEC)-Via Zoom, David Warne (DEP).

Others: John Mathiesen (CWC), Timothy Cox (CWC), Jason Merwin (CWC), Sonia Martinez (CWC), Eric Lane (CWC), Racheal Burger (CWC), Samantha Costa (CWC), James Martin (CWC), Barbara Puglisi (CWC), Lynn Kavanagh (CWC), Tom Hoyt (Director), Alicia Terry (Director), Innes Kasanof (Director), Rich Parete (Director), Arthur Merrill (Director), Mark Tuthill (Director), Nicholas Sadler (DEP), Aaron Bennett (DEP), Pat Palmer (DOH), Michael MaLoney (DOH), Via Zoom; Tom Stalter (DEP), John Schwartz (DEP), Matt Giannetta (DEP),

The meeting was called to order by Tina Mole at 9:01 AM.

- I. Review minutes from May 3, 2022 meeting. Minutes approved as written by a motion from James Eisel and the motion was seconded by Joseph Cetta. Motion carried.

## **1. Community Wastewater Management Program**

### **General Project Updates:**

#### **CWMP III**

West Conesville – All individual systems have been connected to the Wastewater Treatment System.

All final restoration work including lawn restoration, tree planting and all paving was to be completed by May 31, 2022 however, there has been a couple of issues that has come up. The Blacktop work done on State Rt. 990V did not meet the specifications of the NYSDOT. Therefore at the contractor's expense they will need to remove the blacktop and re-pave State Rt. 990V in the work area. This work is scheduled to be done the week of June 13<sup>th</sup>.

There has also been a couple of property restorations that needed further work done.

Lamont Engineers is in the process of completing a Change Order to extend the completion of all work to a new date of June 30<sup>th</sup>.

New Kingston – On 11/28/2018, the NYCDEP forwarded the Block Grant approval to the CWC in the amount of \$5.2 million for 28 hookups. At the May 8, 2019 Town Board meeting they approved the creation of the Sewer District and the Sewer Use Law and included the adoption of SEQR. The signing of the Notice of Award to F.P. Kane was completed by the Town on 4/13/2022 for \$4,793,300.00.

The project is proceeding with a loan that has been secured from CWC's CFF for up to \$5,000,000.00 to be split between New Kingston and Halcottsville, as an update to the current Block Grant from the NYCDEP is awaited upon. The NYCDEP Commissioner and the NYSDOH have both provided letters for backup to provide additional funds to the Block Grant to reimburse the CFF.

The last remaining easement have been signed so this completes the easement process.

The contractor F.P. Kane has informed Lamont Engineers that there is a 12+ week lead time on obtaining the needed piping for the project. They feel that they won't be starting the project until the end of August.

Halcottsville- On 9/29/2017, the NYCDEP approved the Block Grant for Halcottsville for a total of \$8,954,000.00. The project will be a large diameter gravity sewer with pump station and force main connecting to the NYCDEP Margaretville WWTP. O&M costs are estimated at \$69,000.00 per year. There will be 53 hookups being tied into the system.

Since the last 3 lateral access agreements have not been obtained the approach going forward will be once the project is under construction a stub with a cleanout will be installed at the property line.

This project is proceeding as well with the combined loan with New Kingston for \$5,000,000.00 from CWC's CFF as an updated Block Grant from the NYCDEP is awaited upon. The NYCDEP Commissioner and the NYSDOH have both provided letters for backup to provide additional funds to the Block Grant to reimburse the CFF.

Hubbell Inc. was the low bidder at \$8,880,563.00. At the 2/9/2022 Town of Middletown Board meeting the board voted to accept and award Hubbell Inc. as the low bidder.

The total block grant expenses with the additional \$2.5 million will increase the Block Grant to \$11,454,000.00.

The executed contract was received from the Town of Middletown on 4/4/22.

A Pre-Construction meeting was held on 5/19/2022 with all the contractors, CWC, Lamont Engineers, and Engineers from Delaware County DPW and NYSDOT. Hubbell's plan to start working on the pre-cast manholes and the building in late June. The force main work will not start until September due to the long lead time on getting piping.

Shokan- On August 10, 2020, the NYCDEP approved the Block Grant for the Shokan project for a total not to exceed \$48,715,000.00. This will provide funding of a wastewater project for the hamlet of Shokan and making modifications to the Boiceville WWTP. Program Agreement was approved by the CWC Wastewater Committee and the CWC Board of Directors at their 2/6/2018 meeting. The Town of Olive signed the contract and resolution to proceed with the Study Phase on August 14, 2018. Lamont Engineers has completed the PER and delivered the document to CWC on 8/29/19. There are 475 connections being projected for the hamlet of Shokan. The current estimated flow for Shokan is 166,000 gpd.

Lamont Engineers has been continuing with the design phase work. The Town of Olive at their December 14, 2021 meeting issued the Neg. Dec. needed for the property for the site of the WWTP. The closing has now been completed as of 5/23/2022.

Approximately 74% of the data on occupied properties has been collected. (350 of the 475).

There will be 35 grinder pump stations proposed for the district.

The Town of Olive has passed a resolution seeking Lead Agency on 2/15/2022. The Town of Olive has also passed resolutions scheduling Public Hearings to amend the Septic Use Law as well as to create the Sewer District. A Public Information meeting was held on March 22, 2022 with approximately 100 residents in attendance. The Public Hearing was held on April 4, 2022 with 26 residents in attendance. There were some residents that were not in favor of this project and there seems to be a large amount of misinformation being presented to the residents throughout the community by a few of the residents. Several residents spoke in favor of the project.

Lamont Engineers has identified critical easements needed for the collection system. 3 large areas that will need 20' wide x up to 2,000' long and it is anticipated that these will take some work to gain these easements.

## **2. Future Stormwater Program**

## **3. Stormwater Retrofit Program**

## **4. Local Flood Hazard Mitigation**

Village of Tannersville-Tweedie Construction has submitted a bid in the amount of \$110,284.00 to complete a demolition at 145 Railroad Avenue in the Village of Tannersville. This property had entered into the NYCFCBO Program due to past substantial flood damages.

Two Contractors attended the mandatory Pre-Demo meeting and only Tweedie Construction submitted a bid.

The property was identified in the Tannersville LFA as a possible buyout. The demo and safe work plans have been completed by Chazen, A LaBella Company.

Tim Cox explained that if the Committee approves this application there is a resolution prepared to provide to the CWC Board of Directors at today's meeting.

A motion was made by Joseph Cetta to approve this application and forward onto the CWC Board of Directors for funding. The motion was seconded by Jeff Senterman. Motion carried.

Town of Halcott-An application has been received from Greene County DPW requesting funding in the amount of \$67,000.00 to complete the necessary design work for the replacement of a culvert on County Rt. 1 in the Town of Halcott. This culvert carries waters from the Brownell Creek under County Rt. 1. This culvert is severely deteriorating and has been damaged by past flood events. This culvert was also identified in the Local Flood Analysis (LFA) by Milone and MacBroom as being undersized and not capable of passing the 10 year storm event. By replacing this culvert, it will also allow better access to the area for emergency services and the residents.

The design funding request is estimated to be below the 10% of the actual construction costs that is projected to be \$800,000.00 and is eligible for funding as an alteration to Public Infrastructure. After receiving comments back from the DEP it was pointed out that they had also included funding for the administration and inspection for construction aspect into the design funding request. Removing this portion of the funding would be \$9,500.00 so the total request for funding for the design will now be \$57,500.00.

Backup for the scope of work and a resolution from the Greene County Public Works Committee are provided. There was also a question from the DEP on if their proposed design would meet the criteria for passing the 100 year flood event. John confirmed this with a call to the engineers of Greene County DPW and they had said that Creighton Manning who will be completing the design had been made aware that this would need to be done.

A motion was made by Joe Cetta to approve this application and to forward onto the CWC Board of Directors for funding approval. The motion was seconded by Jeff Senterman. Motion carried.

## **5. Other:**

John addressed the Committee about the Tank Anchoring Program and how it's been slow for getting any applications during the COVID period. He has been informed from Dubben's in Delhi that they are now actively getting applications from customers of theirs in Delhi and in Andes. Dubben's has a local contractor giving them estimates for each one and is anticipated to have 32 applications completed within the next few weeks.

Thomas Rinaldo of 9 Tremper Ave. in Phoenicia has submitted an application to have his oil tank in the basement anchored. He has received an estimate from Chris Nissen Construction and Smit Environmental Services for a total of \$6,502.13 to complete the work. John met with Chris on site and this will be a difficult job to complete. The existing slab will need to be cut to accept the engineered design slab that has been completed by Lamont Engineers. The tank will need to be removed away from its existing location which is under the stairs and doesn't meet code in its current location. It will need to be pumped and all piping will need to be changed to install in a new location in the basement. The vent and fill lines will also need to be raised so they are 2' above base flood elevation. All concrete needs to be mixed outside by hand and carried in buckets.

This is being brought to the Committee since the estimates for the work exceeds the \$5,000.00 threshold. John feels that with the amount of work that needs to be done the price is within reason.

Tim Cox looked up the program rules and stated that since the estimate exceeds the \$5,000.00 the Committee would need to approve this application and then forward onto the Board of Directors for funding approval.

A motion was made by Chris Mathews to approve the application request and to forward onto the CWC Board of Directors for funding approval. The motion was seconded by Allen Hinkley. Motion carried.

Jason Merwin had a couple of topics to discuss with the Committee. He discussed the grant application that had been worked on by CWC staff and the intern Chrissy for obtaining possible additional funding towards the FHMIP Program. Also, talked to the upcoming meeting with DEP on Thursday, June 9<sup>th</sup> for the Flood Hazard contract.

Jason also discussed the recent "clock stoppage" on FHMIP invoicing due to recent requests being made by the DEP for bidding documents, mileage requests, timesheet requests from subcontractors, contractors, consultants on projects that have been completed over the past year. Jason felt and explained if there is something like this that the DEP needs going forward it shouldn't be a problem. The problem we are having is making this request to those mentioned above to go back on past projects to provide this information after they have already been paid for their services. Several have responded back saying they will get the information to us as time for staffing allows. This holds CWC up for providing this information to DEP and then we are told that the clock has stopped since this information hasn't been provided. This becomes unacceptable since CWC's funds to complete future projects becomes in jeopardy.

## **III. Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday July 5, 2022**

**IV. Meeting was adjourned at 9:31 AM**