

Minutes
CATSKILL WATERSHED CORPORATION
Wastewater/Stormwater Committee Tuesday, December 6, 2022 @ 9:00 AM

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

Others: John Mathiesen (CWC), Timothy Cox (CWC), Jason Merwin (CWC), Sonia Martinez (CWC), Rachael Burger (CWC), Barbara Puglisi (CWC), Sam Costa (CWC), Jim Martin (CWC), Tom Hoyt (Director), Rich Parete (Director), Arthur Merrill (Director), Innes Kasanof (Director), Alicia Terry (Director), Mark Tuthill (Director), Nick Sadler (DEP), Aaron Bennett (DEP), Michael Meyers (DEP), Pat Palmer (NYSDOH), Michael MaLoney (NYSDOH), Via Zoom; Matt Giannetta (DEP), Nick Carbone (Delaware County), Heidi Emrich (Ulster County), Lisa Melville (NYSDOS/WPPC), Pauline Wanjugi (NYSDOH), Dmitry Ostapshyn (DEP), Jessica Feidler (CWC).

The meeting was called to order by Jim Sofranko at 9:01 AM.

- I. Review minutes from November 1, 2022 meeting. Minutes approved as written by a motion from Joseph Cetta and the motion was seconded by Thomas Snow. Motion carried.

1. Community Wastewater Management Program

General Project Updates:

CWMP III

West Conesville – All work by the contractor has been completed. Lamont Engineers is awaiting all final closeout documents and as built drawings so the project can be completely closed out.

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 has received a letter and amendment to the Block Grant from the NYCDEP to reimburse the additional funds borrowed back to CWC's CFF Program.

The contractor F.P. Kane has officially started work on the project on September 12, 2022. The construction of the access road to the remote leach field has begun and the WAC temporary bridge being installed. F.P. Kane has also completed the installation of the gravity mains with laterals at each property on the Southeast side of the hamlet as well as the gravity mains and lateral lines along County Rt. 6 on the West side of the hamlet. Directional drilling has been completed under the stream, County Rt. 6, and through certain properties. Pre-cast manhole units and Pump Station one and two have been installed. Pump Station 1 also has had the vacuum test completed on 10/27/22 and passed. Approximately 75% of the collection system has been completed as of 10/20/22. F.P. Kane has also completed the installation of the remote leach field site with all 6 beds completed, graded, seeded and mulched. Construction of the building foundation has been completed.

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.

The project has received a letter and amendment to the Block Grant from the NYCDEP to reimburse the additional funds borrowed back to CWC's CFF Program. The total block grant expenses the additional \$2.5 million to increase the Block Grant to \$11,454,000.00.

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.

Hubbell's have begun work as of July 13, 2022 on the main pump station and pump station #1. Several of the pre-cast units and piping has been delivered to the site. Hubbell's left the site for a few weeks to complete other jobs and as of 10/12/22 they have restarted construction. Hubbell's has been actively working on the force main through the back yards along the railroad bed within the hamlet.

Hubbell Inc. has provided documents with possible cost overruns on materials since the COVID pandemic has affected ordering, shipping times and actual costs of materials since the bid was awarded. It was decided that these would not be eligible costs per the contract. John had a discussion with the contractor about this and he voiced his dissatisfaction of this information.

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.

There are approximately a total of 525 lateral 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 65% collection system and the Boiceville Force Main drawings has been laid out and has been submitted to the DEP in Mid-May for review and comments. Lamont Engineers received the comments from the DEP on 10/19/22.

Approximately 83% of the data on occupied properties has been collected. (394 of the 475). Data collection is ongoing and approximately 4-5 or more per week are being obtained.

There will be 35 grinder pump stations proposed for the district and 8 collection system pump stations.

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.

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.

The Town of Olive Board passed resolutions accepting the revisions to the Sewer Use Law as well as adopting the Shokan Sewer District contingent on a public referendum. The referendum vote was held on September 24, 2022 and passed with a vote of 244 in favor of doing the project and 45 against the project. The project is currently moving forward.

Binghamton University has begun their work at the WWTP site and then plan to move throughout the hamlet for all archeological testing.

2. Future Stormwater Program

3. Stormwater Retrofit Program

4. Local Flood Hazard Mitigation

Tim and Jason discussed the new Flood Hazard Mitigation Implementation Protection Contract with the City. It is for \$15 million over 5 years with several changes and added work for staff. It entails a new definition section, Insurance requirements and several other changes. The Board will no longer be able to waive the program rules for any projects unless it has DEP approval through a contract amendment because project categories and eligible costs are defined in the contract. All the details were discussed about the contractor's insurance caps and requirements going forward. For smaller contractors to complete work under this contract that do not have the required 2-4 million insurance they can be reimbursed for these additional expenses. The committee expressed concerns about the amount of additional work needed to be done and the potential negative impacts to property owners and contractors. Tim and Jason explained that the negotiations have been ongoing for roughly a year and the City has stated they have gone as far as they can on easing on certain requirements. The Committee also asked how this would impact the septic contract. Jason told the committee that this was his biggest concern regarding the contract. He explained that these concerns were raised to the City on multiple occasions and the City has assured CWC that they are believe the septic program works well and they have no intention of changing the structure of the septic contract.

A motion was made by Jeff Senterman to accept these changes and move it to the CWC Board of Directors for approving the contract. The motion was seconded by Tina Mole. Motion carried.

5. Other:

III. Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday January 3, 2023

IV. Meeting was adjourned at 9:49 AM