

Seneca County Water District #1
Wednesday, December 27, 2006

Meeting began at 7:35 a.m.

Present: James Gabriel Jack Holley David Terry, Jr.
 Angel Lawrence David Kaiser Dan Duddleston
 David Dresser Joan Teichner

Absent: Ed Barto
 Sarah Ryan
 Terry Potts
 Jeff Trout

Guests: Jim Bromka
 Gary Westfall
 Paul Bringewatt

Approval of Minutes:

November Regular Board Meeting:

Motioned: Joan Teichner
Seconded: David Dresser
Carried Unanimously

Correspondences:

1. Copy of letter from the Village of Waterloo
2. Copy of letter to Glenn Cooke from NYSDEC regarding ethanol facility
3. Copy of the NYSDEC permit regarding the Finger lakes Regional Airport and the Seneca Army Depot
4. Memo from NYSDEC regarding amendment to water quality regulations

Water Maintainer's Report:

There was a water main break at Spring Meadows last week and this is now fixed. The work at building 146 has been completed. Jack will need to meet with the representatives at the jail site to assure the meters are in working condition and that there is no longer any leaks. The county is not sure when the contractor will complete the work and turn the keys over to the county. The district will need to be notified when this happens.

District Counsel Report:

Dave, Jack and Jim attended a meeting with our engineers regarding the status of the ethanol facility. They would like to break ground of March 2007. They would like to have water in 2007 as well. The intention is to open the intakes and install a new line to the new facility. To meet the scheduling of their process, they have agreed to pay the engineering costs of their part of the project. The board needs to consider authorizing the design of that line. Permitting process has been authorized. The engineers will need authorization for the design process.

Jim is recommending we meet with Chuck Bastian from Bernie Donovan's Financial Services with regard to the costs involved with the intakes and the line to feed the new facility. Jim explained our prior involvement with this financial company and the success we have seen by using their expertise. Angel will notify all board members when the meeting is scheduled.

Gary Westfall explained that the Army actually tied into Varick not into Waterloo. The county report is the first that Gary has heard of this report. He also explained that the reserve is for water purposes only and not for the Village of Waterloo to lower their budgets.

David Dresser explained to Waterloo that after they were here the last time, he went to the reports and the books to determine how much of a savings if any it would be to the districts to open the intakes. It is a substantial amount of savings and Waterloo would have to lower the costs substantially in order to make it feasible for the district to even consider. David Dresser really feels that it is wise to have more than one source of water available. He learned that Seneca Falls has recently connected with the Village of Waterloo. However, still reviewing the report substantiates that financially it is wiser for the district to open the existing intakes.

David Kaiser explained to Waterloo that he understands that the Village is looking out for their financial position. However, Dave explained that he has to look out for the residents and the costs that they are bearing.

The Village of Waterloo explained that it is common to have a village supplying several towns and villages with water and not have to be a regional authority.

Financial Report:

We are closing the year and working on opening the books for 2007.

Unfinished Business:

Joan questioned why the district charges so much more than the Town of Varick charges the district.

The engineer for Waterloo was here to discuss the impact the intakes opening would have on their budget. The district is approximately 20% of the Village of Waterloo's sales. The Village would like to work with the district over the winter to determine a lower rate that would work for Waterloo and the district. The engineer wanted to know how far along we are.

Jim Gabriel explained that the permit application has been sent to NYS DEC. However, the district has not been supplied with a copy at this point.

David Kaiser explained that at the time the depot closed, they needed water immediately and obtained this from the Village of Waterloo. Dave explained that the county report showed that a regional system should be established either through a district or a water authority. Dave believes that a regional system would allow the water users from all the towns to have an input.

Resolutions:

Authorize O'Brien & Gere to prepare design for the line to the new facility
Motioned by: David Kaiser
Seconded by: David Terry
Carried Unanimously

Authorize consulting with Bernie Donovan's Office
Motioned by: David Terry
Seconded by: David Dresser
Carried Unanimously

Budget Appropriation Transfers
Motioned by: David Dresser
Seconded by: Joan Teichner
Carried Unanimously

Verification of Payables:

Motioned by: David Dresser

Seconded by: Joan Teichner

Carried Unanimously

The next board meeting will be held at the Romulus Town Hall in Willard on January 24, 2007 @7:00 a.m.

Adjournment: 7:55 a.m.

Motioned by: David Terry

Seconded by: David Dresser

Carried Unanimously