

Stormwater Board Meeting

Tuesday August 16,2022

1:00pm @ Soil & Water Office

Meeting Attendees:

Andy Avery: Chair

Kathy Szerszen

Chris Doane

Tom Whispel

Dick Gunderman: Not Present

Jessica Verrigni: Technician

Nikole Watts: Educator

Jimmie Joe Carl: Engineer

Karen Tillotson: District

Andy Avery Called the meeting to order: 1:01pm

Motion to approve meeting minutes from July 12,2022: Motion by: Chris Seconded by: Tom

District Report:

- Stream Visits
- IMA meeting with district board member, stormwater board members, district manager, stormwater technician and deputy executive. -> This will be discussed in new business

Financial Report:

- Auditor requested more information two weeks ago; the auditor is still working on the audit.
- \$38,700.00 from the county for the educator position was received in August.
 - o This will show on next month financials
- Dick is absent so another board member needs to review and sign the list of bills.
- Manifold on the trailblazer was fixed
- Jeep didn't pass inspection; it will be \$1,500.00 to fix. It will go to valley auto to get fixed. There is money in the budget to fix the jeep.
 - o Motion to get the jeep fixed; 1st Chris 2nd; Kathy
- Jess asked for clarification on the July bank report
 - o It shows that there is \$177,782.83 in the bank, this doesn't include the \$38,700 from the county.
 - o Karen explained that in the meeting we review the month prior bank report.
- Approval of Finances (List of Bills); Approved
 - o Motion by: Tom 2nd by Chris

Engineer Report:

- County DPW:
 - o Working on closing the WQIP grant for sediment basin project.
 - o Finished report that is required, was sent out (August 16,2022)
 - o Compiled reimbursement paperwork and sent that out

- County DPW:
 - o Vargo Road Bridge: Mr. Carl asked Andy if there were any updates. They haven't heard anything as 8/16/22
- SWPPP
 - o City of Elmira
 - Meals on Wheels
 - Judson Street Paving Project
 - Kentworth Trucking
 - o Town of Veteran
 - 4 Seasons Storage
- New Project
 - o Town of Erin
 - Culvert Sizing
 - o Town of Catlin
 - Culvert Sizing
 - o Town of Elmira
 - Drainage study for Underwood
- Andy mentioned that on a week from Monday the council agenda has to approve Labella to do the Fassett Road Stormwater design. This projects effects Town of Elmira and the City of Elmira.
 - o 6 people were on the review committee and the recommendation was LaBella.

Technician Report:

- Construction Sites Active and/ or Winding Down
 - o Village of Horseheads
 - Villa's SFH; No Construction at this time.
 - Horseheads Hotel: Best Western: Inspected 8/3/22
 - Southern Tier Logistics; Inspected 7/25/22
 - o Town of Horseheads
 - Barrington West Lots 54,83&84; Inspected 8/3/22
 - Hunters Run; No construction at this time
 - Allington Well Redamation; Final Stabilization inspected 8/15/22
 - Fairport Ridge: No construction at this time
 - Hickory grove Solar; inspected 7/19/22,8/3/22,8/10/22
 - o City of Elmira
 - Hilliard Warehouse; Temporary shutdown until fall
 - Mark Twain Riverfront Park: Inspected 8/3/22
 - o Chemung County
 - Rte. 13 Connector Road Project; Inspected 7/21/22
 - o Town of Veteran
 - Broz Well Restoration; Final stabilization inspection 8/15/22
 - Hulett Well Restoration; Final Stabilization 8/15/22
 - Lant Well Restoration: Final Stabilization 8/15/22
 - o Town of Big Flats
 - Preferred Landscape; inspected 7/19/22;7/25/22
 - Lot #13 Hibbard Subdivision; inspected 7/21/22

- NEXAMP Solar Project Yawger Road; inspected 7/21/22
 - Stamped fittings
 - Hibbard woodlands subdivision Austin Home: Inspected 8/2/22
 - Penwood Development lot #5; project on hold for 6 months
- WQIP Mapping Grant
 - Town of Elmira: Storm sewer located between church and water streets on private property owned by colony apartments. Worked with Chemung County Sewer district to televise. Couldn't televise due to rock in pipe. Photos verified no structural issues with 36" storm sewer. Town code department found survey with easement to confirm town ownership of the storm sewer.
- Community Rating Systems- 3 communities were just audited and required further stormwater information to receive points. The following was provided:
 - Village of Wellsburg: provided digital SWPPP and Erosion and sediment control plan documentation for the Village of Wellsburg fire dept. project
 - Town of Southport: Provided digital SWPPP and Erosion and Sediment control plan documentation for the Dollar General project on Pennsylvania Ave
 - City Of Elmira: Provided SWPPP and Erosion and Sediment Control Plan Documentation for:
 - Byrne Dairy (Southside)
 - Hilliard Warehouse
 - LECOM offsite parking
 - Six87 apartments (Elmira Apartments)
 - Well Now medical offices
- New York State Erosion and Sediment Control Certificate Program
 - Renewed the practicing institute of Engineering (PIE) credits for review course
- Started course work for the Chesapeake Stormwater network's "Chesapeake urban stormwater professionals" training series/ certification
- EPA Sewer shed mapping
 - Completed mapping for all outfalls that fell into the 2012 urbanized area that had not previously had their sewer shed mapped. Approximately 50 sewer shed completed.
 - Andy asked Jess to share the link to that mapping. She agreed to share that information when she figures out how.
- GIS meeting
 - Jess attended the GIS meeting and is in the process of getting help to get the information on GIS to be linked together.
- Town of Ashland
 - Looked into a fill site on SR 14 that Joe Morey Stormwater officer had questions on whether it was required to have a permit.
- Town of Elmira
 - Roof Runoff calculations for homeowner looking to install rain barrels
- Village of Elmira Heights
 - Don Robie requested I take a look at a drainage complaint between 12th and 13th street that was said to be coming from a county owned landlocked piece of property. Upon

investigation there is no drainage issue. The land locked property is a lower elevation than the property that placed the complaint.

- Town of Horseheads
 - o Met with Greg Larnard regarding Hickory Grove Solar Farm restoration activities. Town has placed them on violation for not following approved plan.
- Village of Horseheads
 - o Reviewed Villa's SWPPP and met with Village regarding remaining lot build out.
- Chemung County
 - o Got paperwork around for Larson Design Group for the Environmental Planning Grant Application for Green Infrastructure. Project is for study on feasibility for green infrastructure in the reduction of stormwater runoff to the College Ave combined sewer overflow.
 - o Drone videos for Chemung County Sewer district videos being created by the county public information department.
- Jess will be on vacation August 22, 2022 to August 26th 2022

Educator Report

- Finished summer programs
 - o 592 Participants
- Fair Week was slow, but passed out 100 bags
- All agenda and approved meeting minutes are posted on website
- Electronic Recycling Event
 - o June Invoice \$2,590.38
 - o June Event 12,520 lbs or electronics collected
 - o \$4,111.00 left in the Account
 - o Working with react again, the new event date is going to be October 24th 2022 to October 28th 2022
- Meeting with Ally from the Sewer Districts
 - o Public Education
- Chesapeake Stormwater professionals training series/ certification
- Strong Kids Safe Kids
 - o Saturday August 27th
 - o Fairgrounds at 10 to 4pm
- Water Quality & Stormwater Coalition Meetings
 - o Wednesday August 17, 2022 at log cabin 9am & 10 am
- Town of Ashland (Chemung Highway Dept)
 - o September 22, 2022 @ Wellsburg Fire Dept 3:00pm
 - o Training video
- Mapping Press with Jess
- Letter to teachers for education visits for the new school year
- Tabled at the East side market river day
- Water Quality Symposium
 - o Helping set up classes
 - 2 education & 1 Ag class
- Helped Mr. Carl with the DPW Sediment Basin

- Farmland protection plan- Chemung County received grant, starting to get the plan underway
- Days Off:
 - o Friday August 19th
 - o Thursday & Friday; September 1st & 2nd
 - o Thursday & Friday September 29th & 30th

Old Business

- GIS Computer-> quote from County IT
 - o Upgrade Computer system; \$1,558.04
 - o Andy suggested that we order 2 screens
 - o Get a quote for two screen and whole system
 - After getting quote, email the board for approval
- SCT Computers
 - o Computer Server
 - The server will need to be updated for more storage. We are running out of storage on the current server. The price to upgrade the server was \$3,200.00 -> \$4,000. 00.

New Business:

- Meals on wheels→ new parking lot in the city, they are looking to plant trees to for green infrastructures, looking to see if the city would/ could help them.
 - o Andy stated that there was no money in the budget for tree planting, but there maybe grant money that is available.
 - o Tree planting works best in October or November with bare root trees but someone has to maintain them
 - o It was pointed out that this project is no where near ready to plant trees, they are just putting out feelers. They were given information on different funding sources.
 - o City would be willing to work with them on what types of trees should be planted.
- Jess posed a question to the board to see if there should be a letter sent to all the towns & Village board reminding them of their budget increase to the stormwater team. Andy agreed that it was a good idea. Jess asked Karen if she wanted to send the letter or if she would like Jessica to complete the task. Karen stated that she wanted to wait to see what is going to happen with the IMA. Jess then asked the board if it was okay if she just sent the letter and the board agreed.
- IMA:
 - o Andy explained that there was a meeting with Stormwater Board Members, himself and Kathy, stormwater team member Jessica, Deputy Executive David Sheen, District Manager Karen Tillotson and District Board member Tom Rhodes. This meeting was set up to get the process of the IMA to move forward.
 - o Andy stated that he hasn't had a chance to meet with Karen as a follow up, and that he has spoken to the county executive office.
 - o Andy said that after the regular meeting, the board would move into executive session to discuss how the group can best move forward. Then he will meet with Karen to go over everything.
 - o District Viewpoints:

- IMA has a bunch of wording that needs to be changed. (ex. Soil and Water employee)
- Currently the district holds the IMA, Karen stated that the district doesn't have to hold the IMA. It can go to a town or the county. If the district doesn't hold the IMA the team would no longer be district staff. She is willing to have the IMA she doesn't want to just cut out the team.
- Karen stated that she knows 4 people at the table are having a problem of moving forward.
- She has heard that some can't get over what has gone on during the transition
- The district is in need to hire staff,
 - AEM
 - Mark Richer Position
 - Todd Jansen Position
 - Andy asked what AEM is, it was explained that it is the Agriculture Environmental Management. Karen explained that the district get roughly \$140,000.00 for the AEM program.
 - Karen is not a certified planner, so they need to hire for that position. In past years the district had a contract with Jerry (Schyluer county soil and water) he was compensated to handle the program for Chemung County.
 - Karen stated that she wants to move forward, but if she has to work with people that don't want to work with her or move forward, then she doesn't need the tension and neither does the stormwater team.
 - Andy stated that the board will discuss some point that were brought up in the executive session, and get an idea on how to move forward.
 - Karen stated that the team would still have the office space in the building, Andy pointed out that office would remain the same due to it being a county building. Karen explained that yes that is true and the building was built with fund from Tom O'Mara.
 - Karen reiterated that she is willing to move forward but she knows that there are people who are not.
 - Andy stated that as in previous conversation with Karen, the board wants to do what's best for the residents in the county, the management of stormwater and for the employees. The goal is to hit all three points.

- Motion to adjourn to executive session @1:30pm Motion by: Tom Seconded By: Chris

Executive Session:

- Meeting was moved to the DPW offices.

Present: Andy, Kathy, Chris and Tom

Reason for executive session:

- Matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotions, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissed or removal of a particular person or corporation.

Motion to adjourn executive session Motion by Kathy Seconded by Chris

Executive session adjourned @ 2:12pm.