

Stormwater Board Meeting
Tuesday, February 8th, 2022 @ 12:30 PM
Presentation from Jessica
Meet/Greet District Board
Business Meeting after Presentation
Soil & Water Conservation District Office

Presentation was very helpful to understand the Stormwater Team. M. Smith will get the Stormwater Team on the agenda for the County Legislature to do a presentation and recommended having A. Avery attend as well.

Present: Stormwater
Andy Avery-Chair
Kathy Szerszen
Chris Doane
T. Whispel Jr.
Jessica Verrigni
Jimmie Joe Carl
Nikole Watts
Karen Tillotson

SWCD-Board
David Boor-Vice Chair
Jim Bush-Treasurer
Mike Smith-Legislator
Brian Hyland -Legislator

Guest: Mark Watts

Andy Avery called the meeting to order @ 2:01 PM.

Motion to approve Minutes: N/A

Finance Report:

- Review January's Treasurer's Report to File to Audit: Stormwater and District received the ARP funds from 2021.
- Approve List of Bills:
 - *T. Whispel Jr. motioned to file the January treasure's report for audit and approve the list of bills. C. Doane seconded. All in favor and carried.*

District Manager:

- Completed the annual reports due to state committee
- Newsletter
- Emergency Action Plans updates-Nikole Watts
- DPW Sediment Basin completed -Todd Jansen/Mark Richer

Engineer's Report: Mr. Jimmie Joe Carl

- Town of Elmira Annual Dam Inspections/Reports/Certification
- Completed DPW Sediment Basin
- Annual newsletter articles-Hoffman Dam Liner Replacement/Roberts Hollow Box Culvert
- Southport Lewis Road -letter to DEC for an emergency permit to replace the culvert
- Reviews
 - Pennsylvania Ave Dollar General wrapping this project up
 - 503 Park Place O & M review
 - Meals on Wheels
 - Golf Course Drainage issue
 - Church of Christ parking lot project
- Compost Facility -assisting with plans to move site from Blostein site to an alternate site on Lake Road, site that was the wastewater treatment facility-this is in a floodplain-looking at concept design and putting out report to address the floodplain -1st step in evaluating the site to see if it is permittable

- Sewer Project- three large diameter sewers going under the Chemung River-required to do mitigation work to compensate for this-working with Chris Yearick from Sewer Dept. -looking to do drainage improvement downstream along the river bank
- Hoffman Dam -certification for liner project
- Town of Erin-Drainage improvement at their Fire Dept. -catch basin

Stormwater Technician: Jessica Verrigni -report handed out

- Construction Sites Active and/or winding down:
 - o Villa's SFH (Village of Horseheads)
 - o Horseheads Hotel-best Western (Village of Horseheads)
 - o Barrington West Lots 54, 83, & 84 (Town of Horseheads)
 - o Hulett Well Reclamation (Town of Veteran)
 - o Lant Well Reclamation (Town of Veteran)
 - o Preferred Landscape (Town of Big Flats)
- WQIP Mapping Grant-
 - o Had to submit an updated Vendor Responsibility Form to NYS DEC to move our no cost time extension forward.
- DRAFT MS4 SPDES General Permit was released January 12th 2022. Comments are due to NYS DEC by March 7th, 2022. There are major changes to the permit. I have been actively sorting through the changes and preparing for meeting on February 9th with our Coalition members.

Stormwater Team Budget-

- Refined the budget options as the Stormwater B.O.D requested and put together a spreadsheet of costs had CPI inflation rates been followed since 2008. Did not get a meeting with the County Executive because unsure of which direction the Board wants to go and the questions, I was getting on why I was trying to meet with him.

Reached out to Village's to find out when they will need updated Stormwater Budget figures for addition into their budgets. They need new figures by MARCH for approval into 2023 budget year,

Had Robert Switala, P.E., former private consultant, put together a ball park figure of what it would cost an MS4 to hire a private consultant to do the Stormwater Program to meet the General Permit. He came back with \$14,000 to \$44,000 depending on the size of the community.

- **Put together a job description for my position and my resume for the SWCD Board per their request January 4th.**
- **Went through annual work to see what work needs to be completed before March 9th.**
 - o Outfalls-173 left to inspect-outfalls are where stormwater only leaves the municipality ROW and discharges to a stream or to a surface water body-these are owned by the communities. Required to be inspected to see if there is pollution and odor or if it is running-there are about 1,600 in Chemung County. Each municipality would have to inspect themselves if there wasn't a Stormwater Team in place.
 - o Post Construction SMPs-37
- Good Housekeeping DPW self-assessments-10 (reminded all responsible parties stating paperwork is due)
- GST BOCES- Worked with Jeff Parker, Steuben SWCD, to instruct the 4 Hour Erosion and Sediment Control Course at the Wildwood Campus (Hornell). Nikole assisted with the paperwork. The 4-Hour Erosion & Sediment course is to educator contractor/those that disturb an acre or more and the responsibility for doing so. More training will be coming out through the new Permit.
- **Town of Big Flats**
 - o Met with the Town to discuss future budgeting and funding of the Stormwater Team
 - o Met with the Town to discuss the 2022 Orth imagery (aerial) fly over and request funding to do the fly over.
- **City of Elmira**
 - o Six67 Apartments- emails and discussions with City and consultants regarding the Notice of Termination and that the project has not yet met all of the conditions of approval outlined in the SWPPP acceptance letter.
 - o Investigated odor complaint on Broadway. This was an IDDE complaint and required investigation with follow up.

- Village of Elmira Heights
 - o The Stormwater Officer asked me to take a look at a proposed project on E. 8th Street and Prescott to see if the parking lot can tie into existing storm sewer drainage. I met Marty Vanderhoff at the location. We determined that the owner will need to install their own collection to a dry well (underground infiltration).
- Town of Horseheads
 - o Met with the Town regarding the Barrington West subdivision issues and how to proceed. Town has decided that they will create a drainage district for that neighborhood instead of trying to obtain easements on private property.
 - o Assisted Town with questions that they had on an old approved subdivision Hylan Terrace.

Stormwater Educator-Nikole Watts

- Fish/Tree forms for District
- Rain Barrels
- Farmland Protection Board-work group to update the Farmland Protection Plan-meet bi-weekly
- Meeting for Farmers at Big Flats Community Center to get pesticide credits, go over succession planning, preservation and explain the new farmland protection plan
- Updated new MS4 contacts
- NYS Envirothon Committee-ask to sit on this committee
- Set up meeting for February 9th MS4 Permit Update
- EAP updates for dams-updated books
- District Newsletter
- Electronic Recycling-80 vouchers
- Parley Coburn 6th grade visit-enviroscape
- Put together job description for board
- Picked up 46-barrels and will go back for additional 30 barrels
- GST Boces interviews with Mark Richer-
- Assisting with MS4 permit reviews
- Assisted with 4-Hr Erosion & Sediment classes
- Last school scheduled -Parley Coburn February 15th & 17th
- Horseheads STEM Program March 24th from 6:30-8:30 for 5th & 6th graders- Discussed using the EmRiver works better during drier months

Old Business:

- o J. Verrigni discussed the budget -to do the high breed budget formula -with updated ranking system. A. Avery stated he would sit down and go over it with J. Verrigni. It will be out to A. Avery by end of the week.

New Business: N/A

Anything to come before the Board:

- o County Route 69 will tentatively close April 4th through the 18th for a full major rehab.
- o Water Street project - work with J. Verrigni.

Thank you to the SWCD Board for meeting with the Stormwater Board-decided to meet quarterly together.

Motion made to adjourn at 2:31 PM

Respectfully Submitted by Karen Tillotson