

Chemung County Stormwater Coalition Board Meeting  
September 13,2022  
2:30pm @ Stormwater Office

Attendees:

Andy Avery- Chair  
Kathy Szerszen  
Tom Whispel  
Chris Doane  
Dick Gunderman  
Karen Tillotson (Soil and Water Conservation District)  
Jessica Verrigni  
Jimmie Joe Carl  
Nikole Watts

Andy Avery called the meeting to order at 2:32 pm

Motion to approve August minutes; Motion by Chris Seconded by Tom. (Minutes approved)

**Finance Report:**

- Review of August financial report for audit
- Approval of list of bills: Motion by Tom; Seconded by Chris.

**Engineer Report:**

- SWPPP Reviews:
  - o Town of Horseheads:
    - Pro Sports – 2<sup>nd</sup> review letter out
    - Solar Farm- 2<sup>nd</sup> letter out
      - 30 Acre site, had to ask for an E&S plan the plans didn't show the basics
        - o Chris stated that he heard that solar are exempt from the permit. Jess stated that they are not exempt, Andy stated they tried to pass a bill stating that they were exempt, but that was never signed.
        - o Jimmie Joe explained that DEC has catered and come up with some sub regulations to omit some requirements.
    - Coca Cola: off of Latta brook. Jimmie joe met with them the end of March beginning of April, and then it went silent for 7 months. They are expanding the parking lot and paving the access road.
  - o Town of Veteran
    - 4 seasons storage- 2<sup>nd</sup> review letter out
  - o City of Elmira
    - Kentworth Trucking; preliminary comments to Fagan
      - This is located near the city yards.
    - Church of Christ Parking lot

- Judson Street project with John McCracken; demolished a house 7 years ago and they put in a gravel parking lot in. With the size of the parking lot and them now wanting to pave it, they no need to comply with the city stormwater regulations.
- WQIP project:
  - Close out the DPW site. Sent Kristine Garrity the financials on how much the project cost and what it went to. Andy asked if he sent her pictures show casing how good the grass has grown. Jimmie Joe says he does have pictures but Nancy rice is the person who will receive the pictures.
- Culvert Sizing:
  - Town of Erin
  - Town of Catlin
- Sewer district meeting:
  - Allie wants some information on the work Mark Watts and Jimmie Joe did with the Chesapeake Bay
- Town of Elmira
  - Underwood Ave drainage projects
- Town of Horseheads;
  - Helping Marty with drainage issue on Turnberry
- Follow up with Carl on Vargo Road Bridge.

#### Technician Report:

- Construction Sites Active and / or winding down:
  - Village of Horseheads
    - Villa's SFH- no construction at this time
    - Horseheads Hotel – Best Western
    - Southern Tier Logistics
  - Town of Horseheads
    - Barrington West Lots 54, 83, & 84
    - Hunter's Run- no construction at this time
    - Allington Well Reclamation- Final Stabilization inspection 8/15/2022
    - Fairport Ridge- no construction at this time
    - Hickory grove Solar- 8/29/2022
  - Town of Veteran
    - Broz Well Reclamation- Final Stabilization inspections 8/15/2022
    - Hulett Well Reclamation- Final Stabilization inspections 8/15/2022
    - Lant Well Reclamation- Final Stabilization inspections 8/15/2022
  - Town of Big Flats:
    - Preferred Landscape- inspected 8/17/22; final stabilization inspections 8/30/22
    - Lot 13 Hibbard Subdivision- Inspected 9/1/22
    - NEXAMP Solar Project Yawger Road- Inspected 9/1/22
    - Stamped fittings- Inspected 8/30/22
    - Hibbard Woodlands Subdivision Austin home- Inspected 9/1/22
  - City of Elmira
    - Hilliard Warehouse- temporary shutdown until this fall

- Mark Twain Riverfront Park- project completed
    - Penwood Development Lot 5: project on hold for 6 months.
  - Chemung County
    - Rte. 13 Connector Road Project
- WQIP Mapping Project
  - No Progress
- Budget
  - Sent letters to Town Supervisors for the MS4's and the City of Elmira reminding them of the new amount for 2023
- Community Rating Systems
  - 2 communities will be audited and require further stormwater information to receive points. The following was provided
    - Village of Horseheads- provided digital SWPPP and Erosion and Sediment Control plan documentation
      - KFC
      - Southern Tier Logistics
      - Villas at Gardner Road
      - Horseheads Hotel (Future Best Western)
    - Town of Horseheads – provided digital SWPPP and Erosion and Sediment Control Plan Documentation for
      - Byrne Dairy Corning Road
      - Hunter's Run
      - Glad Tidings/ Journey Center
      - Hickory Grove Solar
      - Dollar General Old Ithaca Road
- Emailed all MS4's Towns and Woodlawn Cemetery notifying them of the NY Clean Sweep program.
  - This is a free program that travel across NYS so the municipalities can dispose of pesticides and different hazardous material.
- Creating a new "Constructions site Inventory" for each community that meets the new draft permit requirements. Projects will be required to be on this inventory for 5 years even after construction is completed.
- Chesapeake Stormwater Network's "Chesapeake urban Stormwater Professionals" training series/certification sat through the following webinars.
  - Practices to protect and restore urban watersheds
  - Managing for Local Climate Resilience
  - Complying with your MS4 stormwater permit and the Bay TMDL
  - Erosion and Sediment Control
  - Post Construction Stormwater Management
  - Pollution Prevention/ Municipal good Housekeeping
- 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 sewers shed completed.
- Town of Big Flats

- Corning Aviation files- pulled the archives files for the Town to go through
- Town of Horseheads
  - Zoom meeting and onsite meeting between developer, Town and contractors to discuss how to get this project to a point of completion
  - Drone photos for Hickory Solar Project
- Andy asked that Jess if she can get videos of some different projects happening like paving on Old Ithaca Road.

#### Educator Report

- Met with Allie with the Sewer District to help update their website and go over steps for their public education
- Attended Strong Kids Safe Kids
  - Great turn out
- Water sampling for Mr. Carl on Hoffman Dam
- Cusp Training (Continuing to work on that)
- Letter to all teacher for the 2022-2023 school year
  - Already had a great response
  - Updated contracts
- Envirothon plaques came in and given to Matt Bryant
- Electronic recycling event will be held Oct. 24<sup>th</sup> to Oct. 28<sup>th</sup>, registration begins Oct. 11<sup>th</sup>.
- Farmland Protection we received that \$50,000.00 grant for the updating of the plan.
- Taped and fixed the holding point plans that we received from Jay Parmenter
  - Andy would like a digital copy of those plans
- Upcoming Events:
  - Town of Chemung training
  - Big Flats Community Days
  - Alpaca Days open house in Town of horseheads
  - Pumpkin express Town of Horseheads Oct. 8<sup>th</sup>
  - Oktoberfest Village of Elmira Heights Oct. 8<sup>th</sup>
  - Trunk or treat Oct. 29<sup>th</sup> in the Town of Southport
  - Trunk or Treat Oct. 30<sup>th</sup> in the Town of Catlin

#### Soil and Water Conservation District

- No Report

#### Old business:

- Draft MS4 agreement is in the County executive office for review from legal.
- Jess wants to discuss some details
  - Credit card will need to be closed
  - Changes will need to happen
  - Transfer of vehicles & Insurance
  - Cell phones/ I pad
  - The WQIP mapping grant- it is through the district.
  - Somethings, like trainings that Jess handles does have to be affiliated with the districts. If you are not with the district, you can't host the training.
  - Vacation; Karen stated that we already follow the County vacation policy
  - There are a lot of questions that haven't been answered.

- Andy explained that the new agreements need to be approved by legal, the MS4 participants and the county legislatures. Before anything changes.
- The goal is to have this agreement voted on in December and to be finalized by January 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Guaranteed things aren't changing as drastic as they seem.

#### New Business

- Karen stated that the district voted that they would not put \$28,000.00 in budget for Jimmie Joe Salary. If they did need him, they would pay an hourly wage.
- Andy suggested that they discuss what they do plan on using Jimmie Joe for, Karen stated she spoke with DEC and they stated they don't need stamped plans.
- Andy suggested that he send Karen information from NYS education department law, explains that any permanent infrastructure improvement must be stamped by a license engineer. Karen asked if Andy would send her that information.
- Karen stated that if the county needs a license engineer to inspect the dams, in her opinion it shouldn't be the district responsibility to pay \$10,000.00 The district doesn't own the dams and if he is a county employee. The district would still do the maintenance, but Karen is also checking to see if executive moss will have them do that. There used to be a watershed coordinator position that used to send the reports down to the insurance company.
- They eliminated the watershed coordinator position. In the past the district would clean Debry, mow and inspect the dams with NRCS. Jimmie Joe came along on the inspections and expressed to Karen that Mark Watts suggested that the insurance company liked having the license engineer but it wasn't required.
- Jimmie Joe stated that Mark watts told him that the insurance company liked having a P.E. and he couldn't elaborate anymore.
- District doesn't own the dams, the county own five dams and the Town of Elmira owns two.
- Handouts, Nikole priced out some different handouts. She will get prices and email the board out the information.
- Audit was completed, no issues all in order.
- Motion to approve the audit Motion by Andy; Seconded by Chris. Approved
- The accountant can do the audit another year, Karen will get the pricing.
- Tom will not be at the next meeting.

Motion to adjourn the meeting, Motion by Andy Seconded by Tom.

Meeting Adjourned 3:10pm

Respectfully submitted by Nikole Watts