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Chautauqua County Sewer Agency
Meeting Minutes
Stow Senior Center, June 27, 2016 @ 4:00 pm

Attendees: V. Horrigan, P. Chagnon, D. Emhardt, M. Stow, S. Carlson, L. Ortman, T. Walsh, S. Carlson, B. Wilson, D. McCoy, A. Churchill

The meeting was opened at 4:00 pm by Chairman Pierre Chagnon. Sally Carlson introduced Louise Ortman to the group as a new member of the Town of North Harmony's Town Board.

1. The group then discussed the current status of their respective projects:
 - a. The North Chautauqua Lake Sewer District's consultant, AECOM is believed to be on schedule to submit final design drawings to the NYSDEC for its \$2.8 million Long-Term Phosphorous Removal Project in August. O'Brien & Gere is under contract with the NCLSD for grant-related services and expects to submit applications to Empire State Development grant for \$560,000 and to the NYSDEC for a Water Quality Improvement Program for \$1.82 Million. It was hoped that this project would be eligible for an EFC Engineering Planning Grant; however, it was determined the project was not eligible because it was already listed on the IUP.
 - b. Don Emhardt stated that the Town of Chautauqua's project involving Sewer District #1 is also moving forward. The project involves decommissioning the Chautauqua Heights Sewer District WWTP to construct a pumping station and force main to convey flows to the NCLSD for treatment at a total project cost of \$3.2 Million. O'Brien & Gere is under contract with the Town for grant-related services and expects to submit applications to Empire State Development for \$700,000, to the NYSDEC for a Water Quality Improvement Program for \$1.7 Million and to the New York State Department of State for a Local Government Efficiency Program grant of \$300,000.
 - c. Tom Walsh said that the South and Center Chautauqua Lake Sewer Districts project involves extending the existing South District, through the Hamlet of Stow at a total project cost of \$17.3 Million. O'Brien & Gere is under contract to prepare a Map, Plan and Report for the project. Chautauqua

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County has completed the New York State Environment Quality Review process (SEQR) and has concluded that the project will have no adverse environmental impact. O'Brien & Gere is also under contract for grant related services and expects to submit applications to Empire State Development for \$3.5 Million and to the NYSDEC's Water Quality Improvement Program for \$5 Million.

2. Aerial Photography - Brian Wilson said that summer is not a good time to do LIDAR (Light Detection and Ranging); however, there are 2009 orthophoto images available. There has been some development in the project area, but it is not believed to be significant. There is a trade-off between the cost of new LIDAR data and the cost to field edit the 2009 vintage images. Wilson will talk with O'Brien & Gere and seek their recommendation.
3. Update regarding Fiscal Advisor – Pierre Chagnon recommended using Chautauqua County's Fiscal Advisor. County Executive Horrigan said he would initiate the discussion with the County's Director of Finance.
4. Project Funding Options – Vince Horrigan said the County identified the Comedy Center and the North County Water Systems as priority projects due to their commercial and economic development potential. This list can easily be revised after the next round of the CFAs are announced.
5. The group decided that Monday, August 15th best fit everyone's schedule. Dave McCoy will check with John Anderson to confirm the availability of Camp Onyasha for the meeting.
6. Other/General Discussion
 - a. Sally Carlson noted that property owners in Dr. Samir Geleil's subdivision still have septic systems, yet they are paying sewer district fees. Pierre Chagnon suggested that Greg Yaw should look into the situation and decide what to do as we move forward with construction. Tom Walsh agreed that this was a good course of action.
 - b. Alison Churchill asked if property owners in the district expansion area were also interested in municipal water. She noted that public water would spur commercial development. Sally Carlson added that developers have expressed interest in the Stow gravel pit site but were concerned about the lack of municipal water and sewer. Vince Horrigan said he would talk with the Jamestown Board of Public Utilities to gauge their interest in extending drinking water infrastructure into the district expansion area.
 - c. Mark Stow said that Chautauqua County's Department of Health had contacted all of the Bear lake homeowners and about one-third of the

homes had systems that needed remediated. Stow also noted that letters had also been sent to homeowners in the Town of Ellery.

- d. Dave McCoy advised the group that the Chautauqua Lake Rally was scheduled for August 20th at the Casino at Bemus Point. The group agreed that a presentation by O'Brien & Gere on the efforts to sewer the Lake and follow-up question and answer session with representatives from the sewer districts would be a good way to provide information to the stakeholders.