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Chautauqua County Sewer Agency
Meeting Minutes
Camp Onyahsa
5411 E Lake Rd, Dewittville, NY 14728
October 17, 2016 @ 4:00 pm

Attendees: P. Chagnon, V. Horrigan, D. Emhardt, T. Walsh (by telephone), T. Carlson, D. McCoy, J. O'Brien; B. Boria

The meeting was opened at 4:10 pm by Chairman Pierre Chagnon.

1. Project Updates

- a. North Chautauqua Lake Sewer District – Tom Carlson opened by saying the District had signed a contract with OBG, who has sent a tentative schedule to the NYSDEC for completion of design with construction anticipated to begin in October 2017 and completion in October 2018. The District added the cost to install a new standby generator which will increase the overall project cost from \$2.8 million to \$3.0 million. Chagnon inquired about the Districts efforts to reduce inflow and infiltration (I&I). Carlson explained that the NCLSD averages 0.3 mgd, but flows increase to 1.5 mgd in wet weather. Carlson added that most of the Village's collection system is constructed from Vitrified Tile Pipe with numerous leaking joints, but he believes the biggest contributor to I&I is residential sump pumps. Carlson also said that the District performed some smoke testing years ago that helped to identify illegal connections.
- b. Town of Chautauqua Sewer District #1 – Chautauqua Heights – Don Emhardt said the Town hopes to execute a contract with OBG soon. Emhardt also noted that the Town was also willing to bring drinking water to the areas served by the proposed sewer districts. Boria indicated that the Health Department had concerns about shared wells and poor groundwater quality. Vince Horrigan noted that he had spoken with a Regional Economic Development Council member to advocate for potential CFA funding.
- c. South & Center Chautauqua Lake Sewer Districts – Tom Walsh said by telephone that he has the cost for the flyover and hoped to have the work done this spring. Chagnon added that issues with Empire Cheese had been resolved by the new owners. Boria added that the plant could really

use someone local to help them continue to effectively operate the pretreatment facilities.

2. Aerial Photography – An estimated cost of \$6,000 for the aerial photography for the Town of Chautauqua projects and the S&CCLSD extensions was received from Kucera International.
3. Update regarding Fiscal Advisor –No Update
4. Dates and Times for Future Meetings – Chairman Chagnon expressed his desire to forego a November meeting. O’Brien offered to host the next meeting at Camp Onyahsa. The group agreed on December 19th at 4:00 pm for the next meeting.
5. Other/General Discussion
 - a. New York State Pollution Prevention Institute (NYSP2I) Community Grants Program Application - Dave McCoy said that he and Erin Brickley (Alliance) have collaborated on a NYSP2I grant for public education and outreach for the proposed district expansions. McCoy commented on the difficulty of getting commitments for in-kind services from the stakeholders. Chagnon noted that the Chautauqua Watershed Conservancy would probably have made a commitment if there had been more time to evaluate the opportunity. The group discussed the challenges of grantsmanship and O’Brien added that the Gebbie Foundation had sometimes paid for grant writing services for local organizations.
 - b. The group lauded the Chautauqua County Health Department for the good work on the sewer inspections. Their staff has been effective, polite and accommodating to property owners.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10pm