



**Meeting Minutes**  
9:00 AM Monday, March 18, 2019  
City of Dunkirk Water Treatment Facility  
Dunkirk, NY

**Attendees:** Z. Olow, D. McCoy, D. Richmond, J. Panasiewicz, J. Joy, J. Galati, B. Bankoski, B. Boria, M. Bills, L. Earhardt, R. Woodbury, C. Miller

**Tour of the City of Dunkirk Water Treatment Facility:** Randy Woodbury and Bob Lowrie provided at tour of the City of Dunkirk Water Treatment Facility. The facility is an integral component of the Northern Chautauqua County Water System that provides drinking water to approximately 25,000 people.



City of Dunkirk Water Treatment Plant Operator Bob Lowrie describes recent upgrades to the Water Treatment Facility to LEMC members.



**Call to Order:** Chairman Olow called the meeting to order at 9:00 am. Chairman Olow called for a motion to approve the minutes from the March meeting. The motion was made by Bankoski, seconded by Boria and approved unanimously.

**Public Expression:** None

**Chairman's Comments:** Chairman Olow summarized the LEWPA meeting. There was a discussion on placing signs at the Lake Erie watershed boundaries. Chairman Olow also noted that there would be a safe boating course on May 18<sup>th</sup> at the Conservation Club.

**Coordinator's Comments:**

- Dave McCoy said that Chautauqua County 2% Occupancy Tax Grant Program opened on January 1 and that applications will be received until April 1
- Treasurer's Report – The unobligated balance of the LEMC account is currently \$64,542
- Dave McCoy summarized the Washington DC Advocacy Trip and the meetings with Congressman Collins, Reed and Senator Gillibrand as well as meetings with Senator Schumer and his staff.
- McCoy discussed participation in the Dunkirk Observer's Outdoor Show. Sponsorship is \$300 for advertising and table. Chairman Olow called for a motion, the motion was made by Jim Joy, seconded by Martha Bills and approved unanimously.

**Committee Reports:**

- Education Sub-Committee:
  - McCoy said he was working on the contracts for the Yard Waste Management Campaign, Riparian Buffers, Plastics & Microplastics and Household Hazardous Waste Collection/Disposal campaigns
  - McCoy noted that the Pharmaceuticals Disposal, Septic Systems and Stream Process brochures are in progress.



### **Member/Partner Reports:**

- Lake Erie Watershed Protection Alliance (LEWPA) – Joanna Panasiewicz said that water quality sampling will begin in May at 19 locations, some of which will be in Chautauqua County.
- Lake Erie Beaches – Tim Woodbury offered an update on the City of Dunkirk’s efforts to improve public beaches. He said that Point Gratiot has accumulated a lot of driftwood, tires and thrash. He also noted that it becoming very hard to find qualified and dependable lifeguards.
- Chautauqua County Soil & Water Conservation District – Cassie Pinkoski said the District is working on permits for Scott Creek and the Silver Creek Dam. A discussion ensued concerning fish passage at the Dam site.
- Sportfishing – Lance Earhardt distributed the Tournament Schedule for 2019.
- Chautauqua Watershed Conservancy – No report.

### **Old Business:**

- NCC Local Waterfront Revitalization Program – McCoy said the program is currently stalled due to new NYSDOS Project Manager.
- Great Lakes – One Water Initiative – McCoy noted that he was not happy with the focus of the direction of the program and its strong focus on urban areas.
- Planning for the City of Dunkirk Great Lakes Experience Event – The event is scheduled for Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers are needed to staff the LEMC table.
- City of Dunkirk Comprehensive Planning effort – McCoy said the effort is moving along nicely and had recently participated in several community workshops.
- Dunkirk Harbor CAP 107 Feasibility Study – The City has submitted economic data for the USACE Federal Interest Determination.
- Drain Marking Campaign – No Update
- Fish Grinders – Al Schinthius is coordinating with the three harbors in an effort to get volume pricing. Lance Earhardt said that Lake Erie State Park also had fishing access.
- Letter from LEMC to the City of Dunkirk concerning proposed Pier improvements.

### **New Business:**

- There was a discussion on the Lake Erie Watershed Management Plan. Joanna Panasiewicz will present on the Plan at our next meeting.
- Zen Olow said that the topic for the Sport Fishing Essay Contest would be “What can you and your class do to improve fishing”.



**Summary of Actions Taken:**

- Chairman Olow called for a motion to participate in and provide a \$300 sponsorship in the Dunkirk Observer's Outdoor Show. The motion was made by Jim Joy, seconded by Martha Bills and approved unanimously.

**Schedule Next Meeting:**

- May 20th (3rd Monday) would be the next meeting date at the Lake Erie Research and Extension Laboratory in Portland

**Adjourn:** Chairman Olow called for a motion to adjourn. The motion was made by Bob Bankoski and seconded by Bill Boria. The motion was unanimously approved.