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Meeting Minutes

Chautauqua County Sewer Agency
South & Center Chautauqua Lake Sewer District Offices
51 Gifford Ave. Celoron, NY
December 18, 2017 @ 1:00 pm

Attendees: P. Chagnon, S. Carlson, S. Cummings, D. Emhardt, T. Walsh, A. Churchill, J. O'Brian, D. McCoy, B. Boria. By telephone: V. Horrigan, G. Borrello, S. Abdella

The meeting was opened at 1:00 PM by Chairman Pierre Chagnon. The minutes of the September 7th meeting were approved unanimously by the group.

1. Petitions for Public Referenda: Chairman Chagnon said that the 45 day waiting period for petitions to hold a public referendum for the South & Center Chautauqua Lake Sewer District Expansion had ended and no petitions were received. A resolution authorizing the County to expand the district and present the District Formation Report to the Office of the New York State Comptroller would be considered by the Chautauqua County Legislature on Wednesday, December 20th.
2. Outcome of 2017 CFAs
 - a. Don Emhardt said that the Town of Chautauqua received \$1 million from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation's Water Quality Improvement Program (WQIP) for Chautauqua Heights Sewer District Wastewater Treatment Plant Project.
 - b. Emhardt also noted that \$30,000 from the Environmental Facilities Corporation was awarded to the Town of Chautauqua for Chautauqua Heights Sewer District Inflow and Infiltration (I&I) Study.
 - c. Town Walsh stated that the South & Center Chautauqua Lake District received \$5 million from the WQIP; however, the \$3 million request from Empire State Development (ESD) was denied. Vince Horrigan said that the request would have been funded if the Western New York Region Economic Development Council (WNYREDC) had been awarded "Top Performer" status. He added that he had been in contact with our legislative and WNYREDC) representatives to discuss the ESD request and to seek additional funding assistance. Dave McCoy agreed

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to speak with Southern Tier West – Tom Barnes concerning USDOC - Economic Development Administration and Appalachian Regional Commission funding to overcome the funding gap. George Borrello will speak with NEXUS – Steve Dye regarding any potential federal funding.

3. Project Updates

- a. Scott Cummings said the construction of the North Chautauqua Lake Sewer District upgrades began in November. Tom Carlson was retained by O'Brien & Gere to provide inspection services and the E.E. Austin crew was pouring concrete today. Cummings also noted his concern over the cost of service for the 177 district users that were currently being served by the Chautauqua Utility District (CUD) treatment plant. Aside from being “out of district” customers, the cost of service is high due to the CUD treatment plant upgrades. The current agreement for service ends in 2019.
- b. Don Emhardt noted that Town of Chautauqua Sewer District #1/Chautauqua Heights is on schedule to be bid in April/May. The 0% financing and grants will result in user costs of \$856/year. The next District Expansion will likely be to Shorelands, rather than Point Chautauqua, which will be more costly to serve. The recent EFC award for an (I&I) study should recommend ways to reduce the amount of groundwater in the collection system and increase treatment capacity.
- c. Tom Walsh said South & Center Chautauqua Lake Sewer Districts is being challenged by proposed SPDES Permit changes concerning nitrogen removal and dechlorination. Additionally, the NYSDEC wants to study how the plant processes mercury.
- d. Chautauqua Utility District – No report.

4. The next meeting will be on February 12, 2018 @ 1:00 pm at the South & Center Chautauqua Lake Sewer District Offices

5. Other/General Discussion - None