



Sauquoit Creek Basin Intermunicipal Commission

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MEETING MINUTES

September 18, 2018

4:30 PM

Whitestown Town Offices
8539 Clark Mills Road
Whitestown, NY

Present

Dave Glenn, Chair (V. of Whitesboro)
Supervisor Kaleta (T. of Whitestown)
Vincent Malagese (V. of Whitesboro)
Mayor Friedlander (V. of Whitesboro)
Rick Sherman (T. of New Hartford)
Sal Granato (T. of Whitestown)

Chuck Tritten (V. of Whitesboro)
Steve Devan (WP&WQC)
Al Ash (NYS DEC)
Al Swierczek (Citizen-Engineer)
Al Zengarelli (Citizen-Engineer)
Kristin Campbell (HOCCPP)

The meeting was opened at 4:30 pm Chairperson Dave Glenn. The minutes of the August 21, 2018 meeting tabled due to a lack of quorum.

Whitestown Sauquoit Creek Channel and Floodplain Restoration Capital Project

Supervisor Kaleta provided an update on the current status of the flood bench project. Things are moving quickly along. It is anticipated based on receiving permits from NYS DEC and ACOE that the first tow flood benches that are located on Town owned property will be able to go out to bid in October with a construction start date soon after. There will be some type of media event when this is ready to start and the Commission will be kept informed.

Kristin is working with O'Brien and Gere on providing information on behalf of the Town of Whitestown to NYS Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services for FEMA funds for construction and acquisition in relation to parts of the flood bench project. The budgets and other cost/benefit information is being collected. In addition, OBG submitted a \$25,000 grant to the Trees for Tribes Program for funding to get plantings for the Whitestown Flood Plain Restoration Project.

Supervisor Kaleta will be sending a letter to local municipalities to meet about coordinating the use of any shared services for the project when construction starts. Looking for local government to share the use of equipment or employees if possible to do some of the non-technical work like hauling material.

Clean up of Channels at CSX Bridge

The Town, State and County worked to clean the culverts near the CSX tracks and Sauquoit Creek Pump station the area quickly in anticipation of the rain. The Tow of Whitestown worked 10 hours and was able to remove 16 loads of debris and on day 2 the State removed an additional 6 loads of material. The State removed the material from the north side of the tracks but there still needs to be some maintenance done by CSX.

Treasurer's Report

The report was tabled due to a lack of quorum.

Other Business

- The Oneida County Flood Mitigation Grant program committee reviewed applications and twelve were approved by the Board of Legislature at their September meeting. There is a rolling deadline and additional information is being gathered for the submitted applications.
- Chairperson Glenn allowed time for two members of the public to speak about their concerns about flooding. One person was concerned about the lack of maintenance and concerned that there is nobody cleaning the creek.
- Sal G. reported that he is concerned about debris at the Sauquoit and Mohawk River confluence that has created a dam. Supervisor Kaleta offered to speak with the State.

The next meeting date is October 16, 2018 at the Whitestown Town Building located at 8539 Clark Mills Road, Whitesboro.