



Sauquoit Creek Basin Intermunicipal Commission

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MEETING MINUTES

August 15, 2017

4:30 PM

Whitestown Town Offices
8539 Clark Mills Road
Whitestown, NY

Present

Dave Glenn, Chair (Whitesboro)
Shaun Kaleta (Supervisor Whitestown)
Larry Felitto (Yorkville)
James Christian (Supervisor Paris)
Bob Frieland (Whitesboro)
Chuck Tritten (Whitesboro DPW)
James Genovese (OC Exec's Office)
Dan Appler (OC Emergency Services)
Sherry Hierholzer (NYS DOT)

Rich Coriale (NYS DEC)
Peggy Rodriguez (Governor's Office)
Kyle Tritten (Citizen)
Gary Kielar (Citizen)
Bill Haddow (Citizen)
Mike Boehsurt (Citizen Whitesboro)
Vincent Turczyn (Citizen)
Kristin Campbell (HOCCPP)

The meeting was opened at 4:30 pm by Chairperson Dave Glenn. The minutes of the June 20, 2017 meeting were approved on a motion by Supervisor Christian and a second by Larry Felitto.

Discussion of the recent flooding on July 1, 2017

The week after the flooding, Oneida County announced \$2 million to fund long term flood resiliency projects and \$500,000 for emergency flood repairs. Municipalities should put together a list of projects that would not be FEMA covered Think about anything that was not FEMA covered. The Oneida County money will have a 50/50 match that can be in-kind services or other grant money from the State or Federal sources. Kristin will report back when the applications are being accepted.

Project Updates

Paris Box Culverts

Project bids were due on August 8, 2017 and opened at 1:35pm. The following bids were received by four contractors.

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| 1. | Central New York Construction, Inc | \$ 227,920.00 |
| 2. | Marcy Excavating Services, LLC | \$ 260,000.00 |
| 3. | D. H. Smith Co Inc | \$ 372,751.38 |
| 4. | Hubbell, Inc | \$ 515,000.00 |

Al S. spoke to the low bidder, Ben Hanna at Central New York Construction. He has no reservations concerning the scope of the work or his proposal to perform it.

The project as designed will be about \$48k over budget. The SCBIC has \$200k from the Oneida County flood migration funds and DASNY money. Engineering and project cost are over the estimates by \$48k. The Commission needs approximately \$29,000 to cover the expenses. Paris is looking at paying the additional or the scope of the project can be scaled back to closer to the original plan.

Paris Highway Garage

Supervisor Christian reported that the project went out to bid and came in way under budget. DASNY wants a new budget. In addition, the contractor Dirtworks is not satisfied with the materials that were delivered and this will slow down the project,

Whitestown Sauquoit Creek Channel and Floodplain Restoration Capital Project

Kristin submitted an application by Oneida County under the CFA on Friday, July 28 and the Governor announced funding on August 1 for the flood plain bench project portion. See next bullet.

Governor's funding announcement on August 1st.

Governor announced \$2.5million for creation of the flood plain bench as per the conceptual plan done by OB&G in addition to the \$380k for Dunham Park. There will be additional money for \$20k in SCBIC administration, sediment management planning and funds to implement those sediment management plans.

The County CFA application is being reviewed in addition to this money. \$2.5 million was requested from EFC to further the plans of the conceptual design of acquisition, demolition and restoration.

Bleachery Ave Flooding

Oneida County Emergency Management and Oneida County Soil and Water took a look at the Cusworth Property located off Oneida Street in Chadwicks, Town of New Hartford. OC E-911 took photos of the site. There was discussion about the Town of New Harford holding a meeting to discuss the area the next evening at Willowvale Fire Department. Any further discussion will wait until the outcome of what the Town of New Harford will be developing on Grange Hill Road.

Treasurer's Report

Kristin reported the balance in the Commission's bank account is currently \$ **133,328.95**. Upon a motion by Larry Felitto, and second by Supervisor Christian, the SCBIC unanimously approved the treasurer's report.

A check was received for member contribution from the Village of NY Mills for the sum of \$5,210 (2017-18). This will be reflected in the next statement.

Other Business

Discussion of flood efforts

- Member of the public mentioned concern that there was a wall built behind one of the car dealerships on Commercial Drive and fears that it just pushes water down to Whitesboro.
- Bob Frieland asked if anyone had heard back from the Town of New Hartford with regards to membership in the SCBIC. The Village of New Hartford and New York Mills are back as active members leaving only the Town.
- A member of the public expressed concern about a proposed housing project on Henderson Street in Whitestown. They wanted to know who allows this continued development upstream.
- There was a question about how to get fire and ambulance down to flooded areas. This was an insurance question.
- Supervisor Kaleta said there has been great cooperation in working together to address the funding of flooding but need to still fix the 3 constrictors: CSX bridge, Oriskany Street Bridge and the Main Street Bridge.
- James G. said that working together needs to happen to get this done. Citizens need to go to meetings and put pressure on elected officials to change things. Question current land use controls and decision that impact your community.
- Chairperson Glenn read an article from 2010 that was printed in the Utica OD about why Whitestown did not implement the previous Army Corps of Engineer study on Commercial Drive.

Budget

Kristin presented the proposed 2017 Budget. If members approve then bills can be sent out next week. The amounts were updated with new assessment information in 2017. A budget of \$25,000 was approved with a Motion by Larry Felitto, Second by Supervisor Christian.

The next meeting date is September 19, 2017 at the Whitestown Town Building located at 8539 Clark Mills Road, Whitesboro.