

Warren County Board of Supervisors

Committee: **WARREN COUNTY SEWER**

Date: October 23, 2006

**Committee Members Present:**

Supervisors Champagne  
Belden  
Gabriels  
Mason  
Stec

**Others Present:**

William Lamy, Superintendent, DPW/Sewer  
Administrator  
Nicholas Caimano, Budget Officer  
Joan Parsons, Commissioner of  
Administrative & Fiscal Services  
Joan Sady, Clerk of the Board  
Supervisor F. Thomas  
Supervisor O'Connor  
Debra L. Schreiber, Legislative Office  
Specialist

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Mr. Champagne called the meeting to order at 11:45 a.m.

A motion was made by Mr. Belden, seconded by Mr. Stec, and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the August 17, 2006 meeting, subject to correction by the Clerk.

Privilege of the floor was extended to Mr. Lamy, Department of Public Works Superintendent/Sewer Administrator, who distributed copies of his agenda packet to members of the committee, a copy of which is on file with the minutes.

With respect to Item 1 on the Agenda, Mr. Lamy reported revisions to the Intermunicipal Agreement were not required until they were ready to proceed with construction. Mr. Lamy announced that Supervisor Belden and the Town of Hague were the proud owners of a new treatment plant and collection system. Mr. Champagne queried if that was possible when the new extension had not been completed and Mr. Lamy replied only the completed portion had been transferred.

Continuing on with Item 2 under New Business, Mr. Lamy stated at a Hague Town Board meeting on Tuesday, October 17, 2006, a resolution was passed wherein the Town of Hague would become the lead agency in establishing a Sewer District No. 2 extending sewer service to dwellings along Lake George north and south of the existing Sewer District No. 1, requiring no further action by Warren County as far as SEQRA was concerned until they awarded the bid.

Regarding the third item on the Agenda, Mr. Lamy indicated they opened bids last week relative to an upgrade at the Lake George Treatment Plant. He said C.T. Male was currently reviewing the base bid of \$472,000 that included replacing the filter media and influent/effluent piping on their existing trickling filters. However, he apprised, an alternate bid of \$177,834 had been obtained that encompassed covering the trickling filters. He asked the committee to advance a resolution to the full Board for approval of

the construction contract with the following contingencies:

- 1) C.T. Male would furnish a letter of recommendation awarding bid and references on the contractor;
- 2) concurrence from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to award the bid; and
- 3) since the County had now exceeded the availability of funds for Lake George, a cost-sharing agreement with the Village of Lake George would be required stating the Village would fund the difference.

According to his calculations, Mr. Lamy stated Warren County still had \$407,285 allocated to the Lake George Treatment Plant project. He said the Village of Lake George must act on two issues: 1) funding the difference between the base bid and the amount of the grant available; and 2) whether they would like to proceed with the alternate bid. Mr. Lamy stated it was his recollection there was approximately \$300,000 of available grant funds that had not been allocated to any of the three communities and the committee needed to decide how the funds should be disbursed. Mr. Belden asked when a decision had to be made and Mr. Lamy replied at some point the committee must decide how the funds should be allocated in order to receive reimbursement.

In response to Mr. Mason's inquiry relative to the recommendation on the base versus alternate bids, Mr. Lamy suggested the committee advance a resolution awarding the bid based upon the opinion of the engineer, approval of the EPA, and Lake George agreeing to fund any shortfall of the current allocation under the grant.

Motion was made by Mr. Stec and seconded by Mr. Belden authorizing the resolution to upgrade the Lake George treatment plant pending awarding of the bid, EPA approval and execution of an Intermunicipal Agreement.

Mr. Lamy said he was confident EPA would approve the allocation of the grant (\$407,000) but the Village of Lake George had to decide if they were going to fund the balance based upon the Intermunicipal Agreement. Thereafter, he stated, the committee must make a determination upon how the unallocated funds (\$300,000) should be disbursed. In summation, Mr. Lamy said it was his understanding Warren County would fund the entire project but construction would not commence until an Intermunicipal Agreement was executed that necessitated the Village of Lake George reimbursing the County for the portion not covered by the grant. Mr. Belden suggested splitting the \$300,000 between the Town of Hague, Town of Bolton and the Village of Lake George.

Mr. Lamy stated he would like to review the budgets/costs and confirm the unallocated fund balance he previously gave the committee. Mr. Mason commented he would rather make a decision upon receipt of the final figures; however, Mr. Belden stated he needed a definitive answer prior to the Town of Hague bonding the project.

After discussion, Mr. Champagne called the question and the motion was carried unanimously and the necessary resolution was authorized for the next Board meeting. A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.

Motion was made by Mr. Belden and seconded by Mr. Stec to divide the \$300,000 available grant funds equally between the three towns (Town of Hague, Town of Bolton and Village of Lake George).

Mr. Mason queried why the unallocated fund balance had to be split sooner rather than later. Mr. Lamy noted these funds were set aside in a capital project for quite some time and could only be utilized when invoices were submitted for reimbursement.

Mr. Stec apprised the committee the Town of Queensbury had applied for a grant to do a map, plan and report to construct a solid waste collection district in the Rockhurst area. He said there was interest from residents in that part of Queensbury as well as members of the Town Board to set up a neighborhood treatment plant that would require some capital costs. Mr. Stec advised this would be the first solid waste collection district within New York State and while there was no guarantee, there was the possibility of subsequent funding available. He queried whether the committee would like to earmark any of these grant funds towards this treatment plant. Mr. Belden apprised he recently attended a meeting and it was his understanding the State would fund this solid waste project as a pilot program. Before the commencement of any project in the Town of Queensbury, Mr. Lamy advised the SEQRA process would have to be revisited.

After discussion, Mr. Champagne called the question and the motion as outlined above was carried unanimously and the necessary resolution was authorized for the November Board meeting.

Mr. Lamy advised they were submitting bid documents to the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for the additional work required at the Town of Bolton Treatment Plant. He said he expected they would proceed with the bid process sometime this fall.

There being no further business before the Committee, on motion by Mr. Belden and seconded by Mr. Mason, Mr. Champagne adjourned the meeting at 12:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra L. Schreiber , Legislative Office Specialist