

ERIE COUNTY SEWER DISTRICT NO. 6
BOARD OF MANAGERS MEETING
FEBRUARY 11, 2014
LACKAWANNA CITY HALL

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. James Balcarczyk and Mr. James Carr

OTHERS PRESENT: Messrs Steven Canestrari, Joseph Fiegl, Lawrence Krug, & Garry Pecak,
and Ms. Laurie Gier

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Mr. Anthony Collareno

ITEM NO. 1 – CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mr. Balcarczyk opened the meeting at 3:15 p.m.

ITEM NO. 2 – APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (Handout)

Mr. Balcarczyk moved, seconded by Mr. Carr, to approve the minutes from the December 10, 2013 meeting. The motion carried 2-0.

ITEM NO. 3 – ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no items from the public

ITEM NO. 4 – NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business at this time.

ITEM NO. 5 – OLD BUSINESS

- a. Notice of Petition – ISG Lackawanna LLC and Tecumseh Redevelopment Corporation – Bethlehem Steel – Article 78

Mr. Fiegl explained to the Board that he was deposed at the end of December, 2013 by opposing counsel for Tecumseh.

- b. Niagara Winds Power – Summons (Article 78)

Mr. Fiegl informed the Board that the County submitted a counter offer to Niagara Winds. Niagara Winds received the County's counter offer and presented the County with another offer. This offer is presently being analyzed by the County's outside counsel. Mr. Fiegl will keep the Board informed of any further developments in this matter.

ITEM NO. 6 - MISCELLANEOUS / INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- a. Operational Report

Mr. Canestrari reported that with the recent weather events, including rain/snow melt events on December 21, 2013, and January 11, 2014, along with the blizzard of January 7th, staffing levels were adjusted accordingly, and when necessary, with around the clock staffing. He also reiterated that

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Division of Sewerage Management staff are essential personnel and must report during these emergency conditions. District Personnel encountered a motorist who appeared to be disoriented due to the blizzard conditions. The driver was allowed to follow an employee onto Southtowns WasteWater Treatment Plant property, where staff provided the motorist with dry boots and lunch. He remained until the weather had cleared.

Mr. Fiegl expressed his appreciation to the Board for their support in budgeting provisions for these types of events. The Boards have consistently allocated funding for bypass pumps, portable and permanent generators, four wheel drive vehicles, 24/7 access to certain vehicles for key staff, overtime, etc. All these items are critical to make sure that service is maintained under adverse conditions.

b. Pretreatment Report

i. Industrial Wastewater Survey – 3rd Notice (Handout)

Mr. Carr reported that of the 30 Industrial Waste Survey letters, 21 were completed and returned; 6 require follow-up; and 3 were not returned at all. He reported that Division staff will be contacting the noncompliant companies directly.

The Board also discussed an issue with The Chopstick House Restaurant located at 721 Ridge Rd in Lackawanna. They were observed discharging “waste” directly into the storm sewer. Mr. Carr stated that Ms. Surdej, Industrial Wastewater Specialist would be informed for further investigation. This item will be kept on the agenda.

c. Construction Report

i. Contract No. 70 – Notice to Proceed 2014 Work Orders (Handout)

Mr. Carr reported that the work orders for 2014 will be assigned to United Survey in the near future.

d. Payments

There were no payments reported.

e. Local Law No. 4 – Hydraulic Fracturing (Handout)

Local Law Intro No. 4 -2013 banned Hydraulic Fracturing on County owned land and prohibited the storage, disposal, or treatment of natural gas waste and fracturing fluids or solids by any wastewater treatment facility owned or operated by Erie County.

Mr. Fiegl highlighted Section 6 of the Law – which states that all Erie County Sewer Districts develop policies to carry out the requirements of this new law. Mr. Fiegl further explained that the County does not, and has not accepted any of the above mentioned wastes. The Division will, however, be evaluating its Rules and Regulations in the near future to ensure compliance and train its employees about the law, as required.

f. Erie County Botanical Gardens Discharge (Handout)

The Board reviewed a letter dated December 9, 2013 sent to Mr. Fiegl from the Commissioner of Public Works stating that, Trautman Associates, was engaged to change the discharge point for sanitary waste from the Botanical Gardens. The Department of Public Works has presented to the Division a relocation plan for review and approval. The Division has approved the relocation plans and Erie County will need to obtain all the necessary road permits prior to constructing the corrective action.

g. NYSDEC – SSES Revised Work Plan (Handout)

The Board reviewed Mr. Fiegl's NYSDEC letter of December 30, 2013. The correspondence detailed a revised work plan for the I/I analyses and SSES work in the areas tributary to the Lackawanna WWTP.

h. NYWEA Collection System Safety Award (Handout)

The Division was awarded the NYWEA Collection System Safety Award for 2013. This award was presented to Mr. Fiegl at their annual meeting. The award was for the overall safety performance of the Division. The award recognized excellence of the Division of Sewerage Management's programs and specifically decrease of the County's incident rate over the past 10-12 years by approximately 75%.

i. Erie County Utilities Aggregation (Handout)

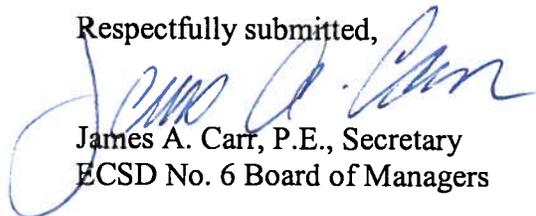
The Board reviewed a letter from the Erie County Commissioner of Public Works, John Lofreddo. Mr. Lofreddo stated that due to the extreme cold weather gripping much of the county, January's electric invoices will likely be 2-3 times higher than normal. Mr. Fiegl reiterated to the Board that the Division budgets conservatively. If the current trend continues, however, a transfer of fund balance might be needed.

Mr. Balcarczyk moved, seconded by Mr. Carr, to receive and file the informational items on the Agenda. The motion carried 2-0.

ITEM NO. 7 – ADJOURNMENT & NEXT MEETING

Mr. Balcarczyk moved, seconded by Mr. Carr, to adjourn the meeting at 3:40 p.m. The motion carried 2-0.

Respectfully submitted,



James A. Carr, P.E., Secretary
ECSD No. 6 Board of Managers

Motion to approve minutes of December 10, 2013

Moved By: Jim Balcarczyk

Seconded By: Jim Carr

Approved/Disapproved: 2-0

Date: 4/8/2014