

**ERIE COUNTY SEWER DISTRICT (ECSD) NO. 8
BOARD OF MANAGERS MEETING
FEBRUARY 11, 2014
AURORA TOWN HALL**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ms. Susan Friess, Mr. Matthew Hoeh, and Mr. Bryan Smith

OTHERS PRESENT: Mr. Steven Canestrari, Mr. Joseph Fiegl, Ms. Laurie Gier, and Mr. Kevin Kaminski

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. Edward Paolini

ITEM NO. 1 – CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Ms. Friess opened the meeting at 9:01 am.

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

On a motion by Mr. Hoeh, seconded by Mr. Smith, the Board voted to approve the minutes from the October 8, 2013 meeting. The motion carried 3-0.

ITEM NO. 3 – ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no items from the public.

ITEM NO. 4 – NEW BUSINESS

- a. Confirmation of Telephone Poll – Construction Inspection Services (Handout)

On a motion by Ms. Friess, seconded by Mr. Smith, the Board voted to confirm the telephone poll conducted on November 25, 2013 regarding professional services associated with construction inspection for the Division of Sewerage Management. The motion carried 3-0.

ITEM NO. 5 – OLD BUSINESS

- a. Olean Road Request for Sewer Service Letter

The Board briefly discussed the potential Olean Road Sewer Extension. Ms. Friess stated that she would follow up on this issue and contact Mr. Fiegl regarding the same.

ITEM NO. 6 - MISCELLANEOUS / INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- a. Payments (none)
- b. Operational Report

Mr. Kaminski gave a brief update on the #1 aeration tank repair. He reported that there have been no issues recently; it has been working well all winter.

Mr. Kaminski also reported that the treatment plant generator is out of service at this time. Sewer district staff are waiting on a part to repair it; a portable generator has been placed at the facility as the backup power source.

Mr. Canestrari reported on recent weather events, particularly rain/snow melt events during the weekends of 12/21/13 and 1/11/14 and the blizzard on 1/7/14. He noted that preparations were made in advance of these events in a proactive manner, including scheduling staff ahead of time to perform work around the clock. He also discussed the designation of sewer district staff as "essential employees" and that the fact that the sewer district locations never close.

Mr. Fiegl discussed the role that the ECSD No. 8 Board plays in the sewer district response in these instances. The Board has been very supportive when it comes to budgeting for portable pumps, portable and permanent generators, four-wheel drive vehicles, 24/7 vehicle authorization for certain staff, overtime, etc. It is items such as those that provide valuable assistance to the Division of Sewerage Management in making sure that we are responsive to our ratepayers and are able to provide service under adverse conditions.

- c. Pretreatment Report

Mr. Fiegl reported that there is a new pediatric dental office in ECSD No. 8, the office has been inspected, and is in compliance.

There was a discussion about pharmaceuticals being flushed down the sewers by doctors and patients. Mr. Smith inquired as to whether the County conducts prescription drop-offs during the year. Mr. Fiegl reported that the County does partner in local pharmaceutical drop-offs with other organizations and he will inform the Board of upcoming events.

- d. Construction Report
 - i. Reed Hill Heights Subdivision (Handout)

Mr. Fiegl reported that the developer has submitted plans and specification sheets for the generator set, fuel tank, and modifications of the landscape in the cul-de-sac, as required prior to issuance of the remaining sewer permits. Mr. Smith reported that the Town would like to see the final plan prior to ECSD No. 8 approval. Mr. Fiegl noted that it would be forwarded to the Town later that day.

ii. Contract 12 – Brooklea and Creekside LPG Replacement

Mr. Fiegl reported that the installations are complete and payment requests will be forthcoming.

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

Mr. Fiegl reported that the Cured-in-Place Pipe Lining work for 2014 will begin in the next few months.

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

A local law was recently passed regarding Hydraulic Fracturing activities on County owned land and the storage, disposal, or treatment of natural gas waste and fracturing wastes at any wastewater treatment facility owned or operated by Erie County. Mr. Fiegl focused on Section 6 – which states that all Erie County Sewer Districts must develop policies to carry out the requirements of this new law. Mr. Fiegl wanted it to be clear that the County has not previously accepted any of the above mentioned wastes. Pursuant to the local law, the Division of Sewerage Management will be evaluating its “Rules and Regulations” in the near future to ensure compliance and Mr. Fiegl will keep the Board apprised.

f. NYWEA Collection System Safety Award (Handout)

The NYWEA Collection System Safety Award for 2013 was presented to Erie County on Thursday, February 6, 2014. Mr. Fiegl stated that one of the main reasons for this award was that the County’s incident rate for the past 10-12 years has decreased by about 75%.

g. Erie County Utilities Aggregation (Handout)

A letter from Erie County Commissioner of Public Works was distributed to the Board. The letter explains that due to the extreme cold weather gripping much of the country, January’s electric invoices will likely be 2-3 times higher than normal. Mr. Fiegl explained to the Board that the Division does budget conservatively, but will have to monitor this closely over the next few months if the trend continues.

h. Buffalo News Article on America’s Infrastructure (Handout)

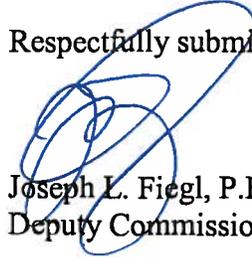
An article that appeared in the Buffalo News on November 10, 2013 was distributed to the Board, highlighting the state of America’s infrastructure. Mr. Fiegl reiterated the need to invest in our assets.

On a motion by Mr. Hoeh, seconded by Mr. Smith, the Board voted to receive and file the informational items on the agenda. The motion carried 3-0.

ITEM NO. 7 – ADJOURNMENT & NEXT MEETING

On a motion by Ms. Friess, seconded by Mr. Hoeh, the meeting was adjourned at 9:24am. The motion carried 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Joseph L. Fiegl, P.E.
Deputy Commissioner

Motion to approve minutes of February 11, 2014.

Moved By: _____

Seconded By: _____

Approved/Disapproved: _____

Date: _____