

## MEETING TRANSCRIPTION AUGUST 10, 2020

**MB – Mayor Barrett; TD – Trustee Donecker; TC – Trustee Crary; TM – Trustee McComb; TR – Trustee Rudes; CO – Crystal O’Brien; ES – Ed Scharpou**

MB: We will call this meeting to order. Let’s stand and say the Pledge of Allegiance.

All: I pledge allegiance to the flag, of the United States of America, and to the Republic, for which it stands, one nation, under God, indivisible, with Liberty and justice for all. We called this meeting to order. Trustee in McComb is not able to make it today but the other trustees are present. Has everyone had an opportunity to look at the regular meeting minutes from the end of July, July 27? No comments? Letty, no comments? May I have a motion to accept the minutes from July 27, 2020?

TD: So moved.

MB: Second?

TR: Second.

MB: Letty. All in favor say “aye”.

All: Aye

MB: Motion carries, great. We will open it up with this time for public comments. Mrs. Smith, if you have a public comment.

RS: Yes, I have a public comment from my husband that he thinks the new truck looks great and was a good choice.

MB: The fire truck or the dump truck?

RS: The dump truck.

MB: Good, thank you. There's no further public comment we will close that and you will ask Ed to give the water sewer report,

ES: OK so the big thing is last meeting I had discussed that POCs, PICs, and SCs were not going to be completed by DOH. I had a meeting with her on Thursday and she says that they have opened the lab thing up and they are trying to get us back on the list. So, there's a good chance we won't have to sample those. I have not called the other labs for quotes. That's that big thing, so I wasn't going to do it until I had to. Operations, we did that seeding over on route 8 from the water main break. We had our DOH inspection. This was suggested before and has been suggested again that we get a chlorine monitoring system and upgrade our controls. I explained to her why we hadn't yet. For one they are very expensive, then two, the ones that I know of need a constant water supply and we don't have a drain down there at the sewer. We only have a vault. So, the vault will shut quite frequently. We're still attempting to find a water service that's supposed to be on Oak Mountain Drive. We have no records, however, the owner of the property said that he'd shown one when he purchased it. As I said there's no records. I don't really have much for water on Oak Mountain Drive because it was previously owned by, do you know who?

TR: Novacels? Then the Village took it over.

ES: Yes. So, I don't have any records of where the water/sewer lines are.

MB: So, is it the property at the very top of Oak Mountain Drive?

ES: No, that one has been resolved. It's the one that's halfway up.

MB: Does he know who showed him?

ES: No, because he said it was ten years ago. They purchased another piece of property and then just never did anything with it. It does have sewer. Both properties up there for sale have sewer. Only one can have water.

MB: So, is there a way to find it?

ES: Well, we're going to go over there tomorrow or the next day with a stake and see what we can find it. It's the only thing we can do at this point. We tried with the metal detector and we also shoveled a little bit and we did not find anything.

TR: Is there no building there?

ES: There's no building there and they did put all new sewer laterals for everything all the lots through there when it was upgraded, when Elm Lake Road was done.

MB: But they're not necessarily in placed near one another?

ES: They try to keep them apart as much as possible. We found a water leak at 106 Elm Lake Road. A few days prior to this I was called to 108 Elm Lake Road for a flooded basement, high water bill. Went over and checked. The meter was fine, but the basement did have clear clean water in it. Come to find out, a few days later 106 Elm Lake Road had a leak, and it was their responsibility and they fixed it the same day.

MB: 108 had the high water bill?

ES: Yes, it's a separate incident. The reason was water in the basement. Our to-do's the new chlorine system, I had Slack Chemical here to do the design for it. We're going to switch back to hypo, **we'll just need two metering belts**, it's a straightforward process. Scheduled a pump test with Layne Christiansen. I have to order the valve for pump #1 and insulate the tank site building and put a new roof on it. There's some metal I just found on the side of the road that we're going to use for the building that's in decent shape so that will work well.

TR: Can I just mention, going back to that situation on Oak Mountain, my thought would be that they probably didn't do water until it was a certain request for water service. I mean they would put in the laterals for sewer, but nothing would come of that because if they didn't get water, they're not going to use the sewer, so I'm assuming the decision was made on an as needed basis the water lines would be installed.

ES: Yes, I honestly think he was told, "You have sewer." but he thought it was water. I don't really know. I'm going to go over and look. The problem is that it was sold as having water already in the property.

TR: Water to it or access to water if needed?

ES: Water on the property. Water on the property. I'm going to look anyway. For wastewater, I'm still waiting for the QAPP to be approved by a woman at DEC but I'm continuing to take samples as I was supposed to. I don't know what's going on with that.

MB: And what's a QAPP?

ES: Quality Assurance Protection Plan. Basically, say I was I got injured, you had the QAPP, you could literally go and take the sample exactly the same way as I take the sample. It's kind of overkill for one sample of river **harness**, which, that's okay, I guess. The inside plants been pumped down we're just waiting on Adirondack Septic to come clean it. He told me he would give me a couple days' notice before they came and that was three weeks ago, so I'm going to be giving him a call to see what's going on. Because we're running out of room down at the plant. The land application site has been tested for pH and just waiting for the results. I did our

own in-lab; however, we can't use that number. I had 6.83, so I think it's going to be fine to apply bio-solids at the end of August beginning of September. I'll schedule with Rodger. I know there is a lot going on with sidewalks and so on and so forth. Concerns with the blowers have been resolved. Last time I told you that they may be broken, and we may need a new motor for one, however I had them come back and it's a slow leak in the gasket in blower #1 in the high amps that were reported in the original report were caused due to valving issues. Basically, the one blower was running when they came that day. He turned it off and goes to turn the other one, but it failed for the first blower not the 2nd blower, so we get high amps because there's a bunch of back pressure. That's a good thing because I'm pretty sure it was \$3000 to replace the motor.

MB: Right, you had given us a high number.

ES: 2826 State Rt 8 had server issue that's been resolved for now. I honestly believe it'll be another problem in the future. It's not from us, it's their lines it was owned, the whole property was owned by one person at one time, but then three camps were connected to one line so that's an issue that we will have to deal with in the future. It wasn't anything on our end with the main or anything which is always the first question that's asked of us. My big thing here is we have two things left is that we need to look at the water and sewer rates, or the service rates, and the upgrade project, contract one has been completed, somewhat. At this time payment to Flyght is being held by **brazell** until an issue is resolved. I asked for continuous flow and we have the same thing that we had before with our flows. Supposedly the system supposed to learn itself over a couple of weeks, and then fix itself. It has not done that. I think I'm on week three now. Basically, what happened is, we were given the wrong panel with the pumps. The panel that we should have, and this is just my opinion, it could be wrong we'll see what happens, the panel that we should have that I would rather have is \$10,000 more. I don't have a problem paying extra money to get what we want but we're not paying for something that we didn't want. Once that's all figured out, I'll let you guys know more in the future.

MB: Do you need me to do anything?

ES: We'll have to be doing a resolution at the next board meeting to release funds that you'll be getting in the bank account **from Brandon** shortly from BFC. Those funds need to be released to **Rozell and then Rozell** pays all their contractors. So, we'll have to do that for the next board meeting. **Brennon** asked me to do that this morning and I didn't think I could get that done before tonight's meeting.

MB: No, if we need to do resolution by the next meeting, we can do that.

ES: That's what I told him; he will have to wait two weeks. He said we can wait two weeks. He should have told us a little sooner. Contract #2 is still the same, August September bid projects start time of the fall I did get actually get to see some drawings that have been made up, preliminary stuff, final details and equipment quotes are being requested by Lamont, for like **Brian Screener** and so on and so forth. Hopefully sooner than later. There were some errors in my report that was originally sent to you, in red, you can see those.

MB: This corrected for the salary and benefits. These are hourly rates. The total for all three of you together add Lenny and Wayne, comes down to \$104 an hour.

ES: Basically, the reason I'm bringing this to the board tonight is because so many property owners are selling right now that I wanted to make sure that we weren't going to be cutting ourselves thin by doing a bunch of water services and sewer services and actually losing money

on them. I mean I'm not trying to make money on it I just want to make sure we're not losing money, which everything came out relatively close. As you can see here, we have road materials and equipment used out the hourly rates and benefits for each employee who's going be there that could change in the future but those are the numbers we will use for now. The current fees are one inch is \$1000, a three-quarter inch is \$1000, a road crossing is \$600. The last time these fees were changed between 2009 and 2011 and prior to that I think it was 1998 and 2000, so every 10 years, I guess? Around that. We're definitely due for a look at this.

MB: The numbers that I had provided for the rate of pay here does not reflect the 2% increase.

ES: I don't think it's going to be enough to make a difference.

MB: Yes, it isn't going to be tha much because will round the numbers.

ES: The biggest thing that I notice is that in 2009 and 2011, a one in service was more than a three-quarter inch service. I actually questioned Crystal about this, they're the same for now and the one-inch service obviously costs more than a three-quarter inch service, so that's one of the reasons I wanted to look at this. As you can see here you have metered all the equipment and time and material needed to do each of these. A three-quarter inch service came up to \$1094.00 which is relatively close to what we have here, however, a one-inch service came out to \$1234.09. So, it's a little off. Then we have a road crossing. The problem with the road crossings there's two options. We can either directional drill under the road, which we can hire out, or what we found recently, was that Indian Lake actually has machine that we can borrow to go under the road. That's a much cheaper option, however, it doesn't always work due to where the sewer piping is, how deep the bedrock is and so on and so forth. Worst case scenario is a road crossing you would need to cut the road backfill cold patch, manpower, the equipment needed, that's all that's listed here. With that it comes out to \$1,155, and right now the road crossing is \$600. Now, if I used it the directional drill boring machine, you're only at \$294.00 for the time needed to do it. I don't really know the best option there.

MB: May I ask a question? If you were if you were going to do the boring machine, the zero dollars I understand that they lend it to us but what determines the ability bore under the road and does that include the amount of time it takes for two of you to go up and get the equipment and bring it back? Because that should be the goal.

ES: No, it doesn't. I will say that in case of Elliott Lane, reason we used that machine is because it was literally just paved. In some cases that may not be an issue so we may not actually have to go that route. I honestly, it's a great machine use, but it's kind of scary to use because you really don't know what you're, I mean, I can have all the paperwork in the world telling me where everything is and there could be that one thing that you just didn't know it was there. You really don't know what you don't see what's going on.

MB: So, your preference is to cut the road and see.

ES: That it would be my preference. I'd like to see what I'm doing. That's not always the best option though, so if we can go the other route then we will. Especially if you are going under state road or something. We would probably hire that out in that case. I will say that Wells has their own rules and regulations in place. Anytime there's a road crossing, the homeowner has to figure it out. They have to hire somebody to come and do the road crossing for them and then they make the connection for them once they are on the other side of the road. That's something we talk about the future.

MB: Yes, personally I think that if we can control that I feel better for us knowing that it's done properly.

ES: They have to hire a company that does this and then directional drills.

MB: Do you have the capacity to do it?

ES: For now, yes. State roads is the problem you know if we actually had to go under state road, which we shouldn't have to in most cases, but all of our side streets and stuff.

MB: I would like to suggest is that based on all these calculations and the amount of time it takes to upgrade our schedules, overtime, is it enough to adjust the three-quarter lines if we adjusted that up to \$1,100? I know that's only what \$7.00. Six or seven dollars. Does that need to be a little bit higher over the next three years before we visit it again?

ES: I would probably go to twelve.

MB: \$1,200? Then for the for the one inch to do that as \$1,400. So that would be \$170.

ES: That sounds good.

MB: Anybody have any thoughts about that?

ES: I didn't wright any of that in.

MB: I did. I'm writing them in as we do this. Does anyone have any thoughts about that?

TD: Basically, this is 2009 the last time this was updated? I would add 20% to every charge. It's a line item.

MB: Twenty percent to the calculated charges we have?

TD: Yes, each line item should be raised by 20%. I mean you're talking 11 years, cost of living increases, you know, if you go up a little bit, I think you had tampering \$5. Yes, you have tamper, \$5. Nobody's going to tamper for \$5.

ES: I couldn't find a number out of the FEMA book.

TD: I know, I understand, but I just think they are way off offline compared to today's rates.

ES: Right. For sure. Even the materials, the meters, the curb stops. Ten years ago, they were less money than they are now. And now everything is brass doesn't have led in it anymore so it's expensive to make.

TD: The dump truck just cost us almost \$60,000, for two hours \$115.00 for two hours on the backhoe would be \$350.00 at least today.

ES: Yeah, I just did the payment numbers and that's the best thing I had. we don't have our own rates.

MB: So, if I do everything 20% of what we what we calculated, the three-quarter inch comes to \$1312 so we just round that to \$1320?

TD: Sure.

MB: And the \$1480 we can round to \$1500? The road crossing, we can round that to \$1400.

TD: I mean, just our manpower, we shouldn't be charging just what it costs us to do the work. There should be some sort of profit in that to cover expenses.

MB: And then, Ed, if there are costs with the boring machine to go up and get it will add that into the cost.

ES: Are we keeping this road crossing, are we going to have two fees for road crossing depending on what we use?

MB: And then it would be adjusted by the actual materials.

ES: So, the hours would be for Lenny and me to get there, and hour to get there and hour to get back.

MB: So, then we would add two hours and the cost for the truck.

TD: Gas.

TC: The backhoe, is that a one-hour charge?

ES: Yes.

MD: Yes, that's what I said it's ridiculous, you're not going to pay \$86 for two hours of backhoe in real life. That's why I'm saying at least 20%.

MB: Oh, so you're saying increase the FEMA costs by 20%?

TD: Everything should be increased by 20%. Those are unrealistic numbers in today's world.

ES: The truck to drive up there is going to be \$25.

MB: So that would be per hour?

ES: Yes.

MB: This comes to \$517 so if we did \$525?

TD: Yes.

MB: Is everyone OK with that?

TD: I certainly am. It should be looked at much sooner than 10 years 11 years.

TC: Yes, I agree.

TD: It really should be looked at every year.

TC: I think it should be part of the budget process.

TD: I agree, Mark.

ES: **The something schedule** is on that sheet as well. That's material manpower but it's relatively straightforward process. We own the machine to do that. That's why I would honestly probably leave that. It's already at \$1000. Sewer fee or sewer tap is \$1000. I don't see any reason to change that.

TC: I have a question to clarify my own ignorance on this, an ad header. A header is a connection to the existing sewer line?

ES: No, that's just part of Jeanette's Excel spreadsheet.

JB: Yes. That is just part of this spreadsheet.

TC: I got it. Okay. I thought it was a technical term.

ES: No, I have lots of those if you want to hear though.

MB: Ed, the road materials and everything are calculating your three quarter and one inch?

ES: No, because that's for road crossing, those materials. Most of the time when we dig a hole for wherever the curbs going to go, we use the same material unless it's horrible, so I didn't add material in there.

MB: So, in this line here, line 14, for road materials, the backhoe, the road saw, the tamper and the dump truck?

ES: Yes.

MB: Those are separate. Alright, so then I will look for a motion to modify the water and sewer fees such that a three-quarter inch line would be increased to \$1,320 dollars, a 1-inch line is increased to \$1500, a road crossing is increased to \$1400 and if we can bore under the road that would be \$525 and leave the sewer tap at \$1000. It will reflect the actual cost of doing these services. May I have a motion to approve that?

TD: Mark.

MB: Mark Donecker. Second?

TC: Mark.

MB: Mark Crary. Any further discussion? Hearing none, all in favor say “aye”.

All: Aye.

MB: Ed, is there anything else?

ES: Nope.

MB: That was a lot of work and you are doing a great job. We really appreciate that. Now I'll have the clerk treasurer's report.

CO: The beach was closed last Monday for quarantine purposes. This concern arose because one of the lifeguards was in contact with someone that tested positive for COVID on personal time. To be safe, we had both lifeguards tested last week and they both came back negative, but since one of the lifeguards came in contact with the person, we still had them quarantine the full 14 days. I talked with them also about when they are returning to college. Both will be returning in the next two weeks, so they are available for or until August 26. It was my hope to keep a couple of lifeguards that would be able to finish out the season this year but with COVID we weren't able to get our third lifeguard fully certified to be able to do that. Therefore, it will be closing on the 26<sup>th</sup>. Sexual harassment and workplace violence training is tomorrow for all Trustees and staff who couldn't make the June meeting. That'll be here at 9:00 AM. There are a couple of people that can't make that meeting tomorrow, so I am going to be coordinating with Kevin Townsend for an additional video conference to do the training at a later date. If anybody needs to, I can have them attend that one as well or instead of tomorrows. I got notification that NYCOM's fall training school is being transferred to a virtual platform this year because of COVID. We haven't received any information on details yet but I'm hoping this all allow Tracy to be able to attend a few seminars. The AUD is almost complete with after talking to a lady with the OSC out of the Glens Falls office she suggests an extension. We hope that we give a pretty easily get that done this year with the new software but because the A, F & G funds share a bank account there are still some adjustments that need to be made between the three accounts. She said this is really odd common when those funds end up sharing a bank account. Finally, the financial report #2 is ready to review for the next couple weeks.

MB: So, the other comment is we have received, Betsy Bain called today and said that there was some report of the geese are just so bad this year there were some complaints that the goose poop was getting high so tomorrow the beach is technically closed, but the lifeguards will be coming to clean it.

CO: Right, Henry will be there to clean up the beach tomorrow, he said that they have been removing the goose poop on a daily basis and they really have been quite a nuisance this year.

MB: So, I'll have to rethink to see whether we can give a goose license again.

CO: **I think that's actually a D season.**

MB: So, may I have a motion to approve the abstract #5?

TR: So moved.

MB: Second?

TD: Mark.

MB: Mark Donecker. All in favor say “aye”?

ALL: Aye

MB: All opposed say no. Motion carries to approve the abstract. Now with the COVID, let me share something. These are our COVID numbers. Hamilton County has provided the data showing the number of positive cases reported over the last 12 weeks. As you'll note overall in

New York State cases to the left you have a gradual increase over the last 12 weeks. When you look at our neighboring counties you can see that there are increases and steeper increases in some counties over others. Herkimer County is high they've added a lot of cases. Within Hamilton County we have 6 new reports from the last 12 weeks. The most recent report was associated with the nursing home case and the situation was well contained. Those have been addressed. The largest number of increases in number of cases during these 12 weeks was observed in Herkimer with 154 new cases 103 new cases in Fulton 66 new cases in Warren 32 in Franklin. When we look at the other information "persons under investigation", there are currently three patients in Hamilton County under quarantine which is down significantly from a few weeks ago. We currently have 160 travelers quarantine, close to 1500 COVID tests have been performed to date and again a total of 10 positive cases. The next COVID testing clinic is at the Hamilton County public health facility in Indian Lake on August 13th this week from 10:00 to 11:00 AM. Our other news is that Governor Cuomo has extended the suspension of in person meetings for open meeting requirements until September 4<sup>th</sup>. So, this meeting and the next meeting will be done via Zoom as well as in person. FEMA Halloween Storm, I think within the next week or so we should get the debris monies back from FEMA. We have two virtual inspections approved to take place within the next two weeks. The FEMA for COVID, I am having a meeting with New York State Emergency Services at Homeland Security so we need a baseline of about \$3,300 in costs that we can attribute to COVID and we should be able to meet that criteria. The next thing I wanted to bring up are streetlights. Knowing that our opportunity with **NYPA** is certainly past, we certainly don't need the increases that they had provided. There is still an opportunity to do something with the Village through National Grid. So, if you look at the attachment that I provided the National Grid **netbook value for the cobra headlights**, if we were to buy them all right now, is \$2,592.60. So, if we wanted to convert them all to LED's that's the cost that National Grid would charge us to put that stuff in. So the existing streetlights, they presently have us down for 108 which is up for question, so the difference in annual electricity delivery charges is \$6122 vs. \$1962 after LED conversion. So, you can look down at the energy supply charges and see that the overall annual savings is about 68%. So that alone seems to be worth it. And then when you look at the annual facility charges and you look at the total charges, the difference is about 23-24%. So, the annual cost savings when everything is said and done is about \$3753. So when you take into consideration the amount of money it would cost to buy the lights, the \$2592, and getting cross savings of \$3700, we would pay that off in 8.3 months. So, it's my suggestion that we go ahead and contact National Grid and have them convert the LED streetlights and make sure that we do have an accurate count because NYPA had our number of streetlights at 106. So, just to make sure that we have the right number of streetlights as well. May I have a motion to proceed with that?

TR: Will National Grid allow us to change the brightness in any certain area.

MB: I understand that we can do that. But we can double check. The motion that I am looking for is just to proceed with going and talking to National Grid, get all the final numbers, get our final number of streetlights and to your point, Letty, to make sure we are able to adjust the



brightness of the lights. I also understand that they will cover portions of the light if they are shining into people's houses, they are able to do that as well.

TR: I make a motion.

MB: Letty makes a motion that I will explore this further and bring back final numbers and details. May I have a second.

TD: Second.

MB: Mark Donecker. All in favor say "aye".

ALL: Aye

MB: Opposed? Ok, so I will take care of that hopefully by next meeting. Verizon small cell tower, there is no update, we are still waiting on the tribal review and approval and the permits are being progressed. We have addressed the mandatory harassment training through Crystal, we have addressed the wastewater fee schedule under new business with Ed. Is there any other new business? Round Table? Anybody have anything to share? I do have one thing. I was informed this morning that someone defaced the bridge that faces the Sacandaga River. The matter was reported to the Hamilton County Sheriff's office. If anyone has any information regarding this matter, they should contact the Sheriff's office directly. And I contacted New York State Department of Transportation to have permission to restore the bridge which was done this morning Any other round table items? So, we will open it up with this time to public comment. Hearing no public comment, we will close that.

TR: I make a motion to adjourn.

MB: Second?

TD: Mark.

MB: Mark Donecker. All in favor say "aye". No? Meeting adjourned. Thank you very much.