

ROCHELLE STORMWATER ADVISORY COMMISSION (SWAC)
MEETING MINUTES – JANUARY 9, 2013

Call to order

Tom Huddleston, Chairman, called to order the regular meeting of the Rochelle Stormwater Advisory Commission at 5:00 p.m. on January 9, 2013 in the City Hall Chambers.

Roll call

Present on roll call: Commission members Pierce, Cawley, Reed, Stonebraker, Huddleston, and Page. Absent: None. Five voting members present; had a quorum. Also present were City Engineer Tesreau and Deputy City Clerk Schermerhorn.

Approval of minutes of June 13, 2012:

Moved by Mr. Stonebraker and seconded by Mr. Reed, "I move the minutes of the June 13, 2012 meeting be approved." Motion passed by voice vote without dissent.

Public Commentary: None

Old Business:

1) **Greater Rochelle base floodplain/elevation study update:**

- IDNR finally completed floodway review of floodplain study December 21, 2012.
- They have indicated to WBK that a few minor revisions need to be done
- WBK will be done with revisions and resubmit by the 1st of February.
- After lengthy conversation with IDNR, Mr. Tesreau told them we would resubmit revisions with the expectation they would turn the review around within a month. Once IDNR concurs with study it will proceed onto FEMA for review.

2) **Stormwater management detention facilities maps:**

- Mr. Tesreau showed a map of existing storm water facilities for private development, existing regional facilities as well as proposed regional facilities.
- The different colors (shaded areas) show the type of existing storm water detention facilities (ie, wet bottom type ponds, dry bottom basins) and proposed regional storage as development occurs.
- A facility being considered is near the Sawicki dealership. However, the plans hinge on the proposed IDOT widening and urbanization project of Rte. 251. These improvements will include upgrades of certain storm water culverts under Rte. 251 near the corner of the Sawicki site.
- Tom Huddleston inquired about funding for a regional stormwater facility near the industrial area north of Wiscold Drive. He will talk to GREDCO to request working together regarding the regional facility north of Wiscold Drive and/or possibly Lake Sule.
- Tesreau indicated the stormwater fund balance is low and there have been other projects identified for use of the funds in the past several years. The fund

revenues are primarily through annexation storm water fees which are the lowest in over 3 years. Many maintenance projects have been completed to improve conveyance in the tributaries through the storm water fund. Other CIP Funds are tight and committed to other priority City infrastructure needs. Some of those CIP funds can't be used for stormwater improvements.

- There might be funds available through FEMA All hazards mitigation plan for regional storm water facility if criteria are met.
- Mr. Cauley indicated the Park district dammed Lake Sule, on the outlet side, for recreational fishing. He would like to ask them to lower it or take the dam out. Suggested it being deeper in middle and shallower around perimeter for fishing. Tesreau will look over the concerns and discuss with Eric Christiansen, park district director, the possibility of the lake being used for water storage. However, the lake would need to be lowered in order to provide the free board for storage above the normal water level. Mr. Huddleston believes it could save a lot of money if we could use an existing facility.

3) **Bridge over Kyte River @ Treatment Plant Road and bank stabilization @ Treatment Plant Road:**

- The existing bridge, which was over 56 years old, was removed. It was badly deteriorated and structurally deficient. This will allow improved flow conveyance in the Kyte River at this location.
- Treatment plant is now accessed by two other roads.
 - Take Lakeview Drive; turn left onto South Ninth Street; follow the signs to the Water Reclamation/Water Department entrance.
 - New Avenue F off of Jack Dame Road. This route is for delivery and semi trucks to the WWTP only.
- Tesreau updated the SWAC on the School Bridge replacement which is currently being designed by Wendler Engineering Services
 - A majority of the project will be funded through City sales tax fund for infrastructure improvements.
 - When the new bridge is complete it will have nearly 30% more effective opening. The bridge will replace the nearly 50 year old triple cell box culvert.
 - Estimated cost for the bridge structure replacement and bank stabilization is about \$575, 000. Adjacent School avenue street improvements and realignment work is additional.

New Business: None.

Announcements/Communications:

- T.H. requested Tesreau to discuss Lake Sule matters with park district and report back at next meeting.
- Next meeting is March 13, 2013 at 5:00 p.m.

Adjourn Meeting: Moved by Mr. Stonebraker and seconded by Mr. Kent, **“I move the meeting be adjourned.”** Motion passed by voice vote without dissent. Meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: *Judy Schermerhorn*
Deputy City Clerk