**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS ADVISORY MEETING**

**October 8, 2024**

MEMBERS Attending: Chairman - Todd Swanson, Troy Winkleman, Jim Simpson, and

 Dennis Lutes

OTHERS: Andrew Thompson, Erin Schuster

MINUTES:  **A motion to approve the minutes to the 10 September meeting was made by Troy Winkleman and seconded by Dennis Lutes. The motion was passed unanimously.**

OLD BUSINESS:

Andrew provided an update of on-going, and past projects, as well as the activities of the Village DPW departments. Regarding the future work at the WPCF, he indicated that the Village has not heard anything since the application was submitted; award news still expected in Nov./Dec. timeframe. The EDA grant application is pending information from the grape processors to identify impact/potential job numbers.

Andrew updated information on Electric Dept. projects. He advised that National Grid did approve the Bourne St. Substation station design. A contract for new transformers will be advertised soon. Andrew noted that advertisement for the circuit switches is out and bid opening is scheduled for the 18th.

Regarding the study for a second primary feeder to the Village, Andrew advised the grant application for the NYSERDA grant was submitted last week. He expected to hear back about an award in a month.

Andrew advised he was still waiting for notice on EFC grant application for projects on the Water System Master Plan, prepared by MRB.

Regarding the foundation wall of the pumphouse in the gorge, Erin indicated a contract for this emergency repair work was awarded to H&K. He indicated that there is about one week of work and is waiting on a schedule from H&K. The need to complete this work prior to cold weather was discussed.

Regarding the manhole replacement project at Growers, Andrew outlined Kingsview’s plans to start about 21 October, use bypass pumping from 22nd through 8 Nov. and perform boring under the RR 11-12 Nov. Complete work between 13-15 Nov. Kingsview will have all materials on site when they start.

The CGR report and recommendations is still a topic Andrew wants to address. We will discuss key recommendations next month.

Regarding the fiber-optic owner/operator issue and the NYS Connect All Grant, Andrew noted there have been two rounds of questions/answers since the application with EntryPoint was submitted.

Regarding the electric rate increase BST completed the request and submission was made. Andrew noted there have been many questions from the PSC and an exit interview is expected next week. He indicated that new rates would start Dec. 1st, if approved.

Regarding the Drinking Water Source Protection Plan, Erin noted the plan prepared by Southern Tier West, Sarah Swinko, was ready to submit to NYSDEC. He noted that the new info identified by Sarah related to watershed regulations and rules, was that the State would no longer enforce them, it would be a local responsibility. This would require some more revisions related to local enforcement.

Regarding the Welch building special use permit, Andrew noted there was still issues to review, and discuss, electrical, parking and access.

Dennis Lutes noted that there was a meeting with Swim NY, related to the grant for the pool rehab.

REVIEW OF DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Public Works – Holt St. water main replacement continues. Leaf pickup.

Electric Dept. – Reconductoring Academy St. from Grove to Hardenburg.

Water Dept. – Operations, lead service line inspections continue, flushing water mains.

Sewer Dept. – Operations.

NEW BUSINESS/OPEN DISCUSSION:

**Troy Winkleman made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Dennis Lutes and unanimously passed.**

The next Advisory Board meeting was scheduled for 12 November 2024 at 6:30.