



MEETING MINUTES
September 19, 2024, 4:30 PM
Oneida County DPW, 5999 Judd Rd., Oriskany, NY 13424

Present

Jamie Bechy (V. of Waterville) *
Chuck Hebbard (T. of Westmoreland) *
Elizabeth Tantillo (V. of Clinton) *
Dave Glenn (T. of Whitestown) *
Chris Burtch (V. of Oriskany) *

Nicole Bourgeois (Oneida County DPW)
Jake Voelker (NYSDOT)
Alyssa Flint (Ramboll)
Jeff Rehler (HOCCPP staff)

*Authorized or alternate voting representative

Chris Burtch opened the meeting at 4:35 pm.

Meeting Minutes

The following meeting minutes were approved unanimously:

- August 2024 (Motion: D. Glenn, Second: E. Tantillo)

FEMA BRIC DTA

J. Rehler discussed an upcoming presentation to be delivered by FEMA consultants CDMSmith. The presentation will cover Cost-Benefit Analysis and data collection to support grant applications, particularly the FEMA BRIC grant. Technological capabilities of meeting venues were discussed to ensure adequate A/V setups for virtual presenters.

Oriskany Creek Watershed Study: Sediment and Debris Management Plan

D. Glenn asked if any Members had received questions from the public. Responses indicated few follow ups from community members regarding the contents of the study. Members discussed the fact that many projects identified were in Kirkland and Clinton, and that Big Cr. And Dean's Cr. need further study. Members also discussed issues with dredging and as a mitigation measure due to impacts it creates elsewhere in the stream bed.

Treasurer's Report

The balance in the Commission's bank account as of August 31, 2024 was \$22,431.96. The Treasurer's Report was unanimously approved following a motion by J. Bechy and second by E. Tantillo.

OCWC unanimously approved payment on an \$8,000.00 Ramboll consultant invoice for the Oriskany Creek Watershed Study. The motion was made by J. Bechy and seconded by E. Tantillo.

Member Reports

Westmoreland – C. Hebbard discussed flooding issues at the school and mentioned the project is in the Town budget but was not included in the Watershed Study.

Oriskany – C. Burtch indicated the Village is applying for a DEC grant, Oneida County Flood Mitigation funds, and a NY Forward grant. The funds will be used to create a handicap-accessible fishing access. D. Glenn mentioned time spent participating in OCWC can often count towards an in-kind services match.

Waterville – J. Bechy indicated the Village is applying for the NY Forward grant. Two bank erosion projects involving stacked rocks were discussed. A property transaction is in the works for the Village to gain access to Big Cr. in a bank erosion problem area. The Village intends to match a Soil & Water grant with Oneida County Flood Mitigation funds to address issues in the Big Cr. problem area.

Other Business

D. Glenn discussed the creation of the MS4 Coalition.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held October 17, 2024 at the Waterville Village Offices at 4:30 pm.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm.