

# Village of Dolgeville Engineer's Monthly Update

September 2023

## Active Projects

### DEC Mohawk River Watershed Grants – Round 5

- Bi-weekly meetings have continued with the Village Consultant (Bergmann).
- Waiting for the final list of homes that will be included in the buyout.
- Survey has been completed by Bergmann and is being coordinated with B&L for their portions of projects which may impact the site.

### NYS DOT Main Street Projects (*no change*)

- Route 29 Bridge Replacement
  - o Bid: Fall 2024
  - o Construction: Spring 2025
- Beaver Brook Bridge Relacement
  - o Bid: April 2024
  - o Construction: Late 2024
- NYS DOT is committed to restoration of the Main Street corridor after the sewer project as funding becomes available to them.

### Beaver Brook Floodplain Study / LOMR

- Waiting on the final review of the proposed LOMR by FEMA which should have been completed in early 2023.
- I have heard that FEMA will be starting the process over, recreating all of the flood mapping for Herkimer County.
- The Upstate New York Flood Mitigation Task Force released an executive summary of their program in July 2023 which included the Village of Dolgeville. See [https://www.canals.ny.gov/news/Executive\\_Summary\\_071723.pdf](https://www.canals.ny.gov/news/Executive_Summary_071723.pdf)

### ACOE East Canada Creek – Erosion and WWTP Protection

- A conference call with ACOE is scheduled for September 28<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM.

### Main Street Sewer Replacement Project (*no change*)

- WIIA Application was submitted on August 11<sup>th</sup>.
- Additional funding for the project could come from FEMA or a subsequent round of STAG.
- Environmental review for current STAG awards is underway.
- A project and funding matrix provided by our consultant has been attached to this update. Construction dates will be pushed out based on funding availability.

### Halloween Flood Event (404 Mitigation Program) DR4472

- Draft construction documents were received from our consultant on August 15<sup>th</sup>. The documents cover both hazardous material abatement and demolition.
- Closing documents for real estate transactions are being prepared.
- Cost and scope information not yet received from Oneida-Herkimer County Solid Waste Authority. I recently sent a follow-up e-mail to Bill Rabbia at OHCSWA for more information.
- Working on a schedule for remediation and demolition to meet the deadlines, below.
- Key dates for the project:
  - o the project must be completed by June 17, 2024.
  - o a property much be demolished, removed, and the site restored within 90 days of the acquisition of the property by the Village.

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## Halloween Flood Event (FEMA)

- The most recent updates from FEMA are below:
  - o I removed the obligated and completed projects from this summary.
  - o PN130884 - Fink Storm Water Drainage System – Attended two meetings from our FEMA and DHSES representatives along with our consultant in the past two weeks. The DDD (Damage Description and Dimensions) was rewritten for the project with the current team and has now been sent to the FEMA CRC (Consolidated Resource Center) for their review.
  - o PN153162 - Management Costs – Pending for the obligation or withdrawal of all the projects to be sent to the CRC.
- B&L (Jason Denno) will be taking over the quarterly reporting for large projects under this disaster so that the quarterly reporting and grant administration is all being coordinated in one place.
- DHSES is requesting that the Village continue to prepare the back-up paperwork required for PN153162 - Management Costs.
- Project completion deadline extension requests were submitted two months ago, however they were not processed by DHSES as staff changed and they weren't carried forward. A new set of time extension request letters are being sent to DHSES by the Village this week.

## Federal BIL Funding (*no change*)

- A meeting was held on September 18<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM with EPA staff, village representatives, and the village consultant.
- The next step is environmental review of the Main Street Sanitary Sewer Project. The village is working to submit the documents required by EPA showing that the project falls under a "categorical exclusion" from the lengthy environmental review process because of the replace-in-kind nature of the project.

## NYS Parks Grant

- A special board meeting was held on September 13<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 AM to award the construction contract for the basketball courts to Central Paving, Inc.

## Village Water Tower and Industrial Park Utilities

- I have been assisting the IDA in grant administration for the project over the past month. We have been seeking an extension of the grants awarded through EFC.

## WWTP Study / Proposed Upgrades for IDA Project (*no change*)

- Met with the IDA and their engineers on July 19<sup>th</sup>. The project is still continuing though has been lagged due to grant funding and the tenant's timeline.

## WTP Spillway Failure

- National Building and Restoration Corp. (NBRC) has nearly completed the work at the WTP and will be backfilling the new spillway wingwalls this week.
- Neal will begin the process of bringing the reservoir back online over the next few days.
- While the reservoir was drained, Neal and I were able to take detailed photos and measurements for the intake structure within the reservoir. The intent is to rebuild this structure over the next year and have it ready to replace the existing structure when the reservoir is drained for cleaning in 2024.

## Logging in Watershed

- Logging on privately-owned land adjacent to village-owned land, both within the village watershed, has created a disruption of the slow sand water filtration process at the WTP due to increased turbidity caused by clay-bearing sediment from the logging activities.
- This issue will be discussed in detail at the special meeting scheduled for September 27<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM.

## EPA Lead and Copper Rule Changes (due October 16, 2024)

- 82 service inspections have been completed to date and 177 are scheduled as of September 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- DPW is doing a great job keeping ahead of Scott, locating and uncovering curb boxes, etc., at the residences prior to Scott's inspection.

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## General

- Brownfields Opportunity Area Project w/ IDA

## DPW Project List

- Repair / replacement of 4 major creek culverts throughout Village
- Vehicle acquisition / replacement planning
- Co-funding sources for Main Street Paving / ADA Compliance Project (NY Forward?)
- DPW Garage Construction Grants (CHIPS can be applied here)
- Greenway Extension Grants (Main Street to Gehring Tricot)
- Beaver Brook and Thresher Brook Floodplain, FEMA
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Drainage Improvements (*on hold*)
- Van Buren Street Erosion / Streambank Protection
- Water Transmission Main Clearing

## WTP / Water Distribution System Project List

- Siding Repairs at Rear of WTP
- Water Transmission Main Mapping (after water service data collection, before access road clearing)
- Preliminary Engineering Report for System {needed for future grant applications}

## WWTP / Collection System Project List

- Phosphorous Removal Limits Changing, 1.0 (EPG)
- Incorporate Video/Condition Assessment Into GIS / HOCCPP System

## ARPA Project List

- Primary Tank Concrete Repairs (completed)
- WTP Instrumentation (completed)
- MH Inspections (completed)
- WTP Disinfection Byproducts (*on hold*)
- WTP Spillway (current)
- **WTP and WWTP Preliminary Engineering Reports (WWTP to be completed by IDA)**
- Miscellaneous Collection System Repairs

## Creeks and Flood Prevention

- East Canada Creek Sediment / Hydraulics; Dam Removal
- Van Buren Street Ice Jam / Flooding; ACOE Design and Permitting



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Good evening!

It's been a busy few weeks with a lot of time spent on the WTP Spillway Project and the issues surrounding increased turbidity at the WTP. The spillway project is coming to a close and it has gone very smoothly – the work quality from NBRC, and the efforts put in by all village staff on keeping the pumps running smoothly, has been excellent.

My monthly update is attached for the meeting on Wednesday night. Please let me know if you have any questions. I'll see you all at the special meeting at 5:00 PM.

Best regards,

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