

MEETING MINUTES June 26, 2025, 4:30 PM

Westmoreland Town Offices 100 Station Rd., Westmoreland, NY 13490

# Present

Jamie Bechy (V. of Waterville) Roger Potenski (T. of Westmoreland) Elizabeth Tantillo (V. of Clinton) Chris Burtch (V. of Oriskany) Larry Stern (V. Waterville) Jake Voelker (NYS DOT) Michael Furner (Assemblywoman Buttenschon) Alyssa Flint (Ramboll) Shaun Gannon (Ramboll) Kristin Campbell (HOCCPP staff)

Jamie Bechy opened the meeting at 4:35 pm.

## **Meeting Minutes**

The December 2024 through May 2025 meeting minutes were tabled due to lack of quorum:

### **Election of Officers**

Tabled due to lack of a quorum

### **Grants**

Kristin reported that the NYS Consolidated Funding Grant period is open and accepting applications until July 31, 2025. Information was passed around on the Water Quality Improvement Program (WQIP) and Non-Agricultural Non-Point Source programs. Shaun G. mentioned the NYS Environmental Facilities Corp has a program called the Green Resiliency Grants that are due on August 15. Members discussed potential projects that they would be applying for in their community.

Kristin discussed the applications submitted in the NYS DEC's Resilient Watershed Grant Program. These included Waterville Bank Stabilization and Flood Plain Restoration, Clinton Utica Street Flood Bench and Valley Road Bank Stabilization in Whitestown. Awards should be announced in late 2025.

### **Treasurer's Report**

The balance in the Commission's bank account was \$29,431.95. Approval was tabled due to lack of quorum.

### Member Reports

Members discussed the impact of the recent storm event and tornadoes that touched down in Kirkland and Westmoreland.

*Oriskany:* The water in the creek was probably within 4 feet of cresting at the Baseball fields from Saturday to Sunday. (June 23-24).

*Clinton:* There was flooding near Franklin Ave, Meadow Street and College Street. The Village noticed a blocked storm sewer that was casing water to flood the streets and when unclogged, the streets cleared. As usual, Kirkland Ave at NYS Rte. 5 was closed due to flooding.

St Mary's Brook on Chenango Ave South caved in front of the Milkhouse Apartments. Ramboll has prepared and submitted an OC Flood Mitigation Grant for the Village of Clinton for emergency repairs.

#### **Other Business**

Kristin shared with members a site plan for a proposed Country Club, bike and horse trails, gym, campground, country club, event center etc. project in the Town of Marshall that is in the Oriskany Creek Watershed. Both the Oriskany and Big Creeks are located on the involved tax parcels. With all the concerns about flooding and bank erosion, members will review and discuss potential impacts to the watershed at the July meeting.

<u>Next Meeting</u> The next meeting will be held July 22, 2025, at the Waterville Village Offices at 4:30 pm. The meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm.