



MEETING MINUTES
October 20, 2026, 4:00 PM

Whitestown Town Offices
8539 Clark Mills Road, Whitestown, NY 13492

Present

Chairperson Chris Burtch (V. of Oriskany)
Roger Potenski (T. of Westmoreland)
Dave Glenn (T. of Whitestown)
Larry Stern (V. of Waterville)
Elizabeth C. Tantillo (V. of Clinton)

Alyssa Flint (Ramboll)
Dan Appler (OC Emergency Services)
Nicole Bourgeois (OC WQ/WPC)
Kristin Campbell (HOCCPP staff)
Hanna Sauberan (HOCCPP staff)

Chairperson Burtch opened the meeting at 3:50 pm.

Meeting Minutes

The May 19, 2026 and September 22, 2026 meeting minutes were approved unanimously following a motion by Larry S. and seconded by Mayor Tantillo.

NYS DEC Mohawk River Basin Coalition – Britt Westergard

Britt Westergard from NYS DEC spoke about the Mohawk River Basin Action Agenda and future grant opportunities. The Action Agenda will be sent out for public notice in the winter of 2026 and will be published in early 2027. There will be another release of the Small Grant Program for projects that can be tied to action-related goals from the Mohawk River Basin Action Agenda. There was a discussion about DEC hosting sessions about emergency stream intervention and what you can and cannot do in a stream after a flooding event. Sessions are currently with Soil and Water Conservation Districts, although members did express interest in this type of training. Britt W. will send information about any available events and/or the ability to host sessions in the future.

Organizational Discussion – Meeting Location

Chairperson Burtch opened the discussion about changing the date and time of the OCWC meetings to the same day as the Sauquoit Creek Basin Intermunicipal Commission meetings. Both groups have similar agenda items and overlapping memberships. HOCCPP staff will send out a survey to MVSC, SCBIC, and OCWC members to determine a suitable meeting time and location for 2027.

2026 Member Contributions

Members discussed the proposed 2026-27 member contributions. The 2026-27 member contributions were approved unanimously, following a motion by Mayor Tantillo and seconded by Roger P.

Treasurer's Report

The balance in the Commission's bank account was \$43,421.51. The Treasurer's Report was approved unanimously, following a motion by Dave G. and seconded by Mayor Tantillo.

Members discussed adding a note about updating member's contact information when invoices are sent out to the municipalities.

Member Reports

Clinton:

The Village of Clinton received a new fire horn and residents asked if it can be used for tornado and flood warnings. There was a discussion on how these warnings go through the Oneida County 911 Dispatch Center. A municipality can contact the county to do Reverse 911, which contacts people based on a specified geographic location.

Other Business

Information was given to members about the NYS EFC Green Resiliency Grant (GRG) Program. Applications are due January 29, 2027. The minimum grant amount is \$1 million, and the maximum amount is \$10 million. The grant may fund up to 90% of eligible project costs, with the remaining percentage being a local match. Because projects eligible for the Resilient Watershed Grant (RWG) cannot apply for GRG funding, Hanna S. will update the project list to identify which projects are eligible to apply for GRG versus RWG funding.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on November 17, 2026, at the Whitestown Town Offices at 4:00 pm. The meeting adjourned at 4:30 pm.