

Sauquoit Creek Basin Intermunicipal Commission

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MEETING MINUTES

January 21, 2025

4:00 PM

Oneida County Dept of Public Works Building
5999 Judd Road
Oriskany, NY

Present

Chairperson Dave Glenn (T. of Whitestown)
Kyle Tritten (V. of Whitesboro)
Stephanie Wurz (City of Utica)
Tom Hughes (V. of New Hartford)
Joseph Morosco (V. of Yorkville)
Sal Granato (T. of Whitestown)

Gina LaMonte (T. of Paris)
Jake Voelker (NYS DOT)
Dan Appller (OC Emergency Services)
Payton Reese (OC SWCD)
Briam Whittaker (Ramboll)
Kristin Campbell (HOCCPP Staff)

The meeting was opened at 4:00 pm by Chairperson Dave Glenn.

- Approval of the June 18, 2024 minutes were approved unanimously, following a motion by Kyle Tritten and second by Tom Hughes.
- Approval of the September 17, 2024 minutes were approved unanimously, following a motion by Kyle Tritten and second by Joseph Morosco.
- Approval of the October 15, 2024 minutes were approved unanimously, following a motion by Stephanie Wurtz and second by Tom Hughes.
- Approval of the November 19, 2024 minutes were approved unanimously, following a motion by Joseph Morosco and second by Kyle Tritten.

Election of Chairperson 2025

Chairperson Dave Glenn announced the group needs to nominate a chairperson for 2025. Kyle T. made a motion to reappoint Dave Glenn as chairperson of the Sauquoit Creek Basin Intermunicipal Commission in 2025, a second by Stephanie W. Motion passed unanimously.

Sauquoit Creek Flood Plain Restoration and Bank Stabilization Program Update

Brian W. gave a brief updated on the project in Whitestown and Whitesboro. The NRCS buyout program in Whitesboro is moving along. The Town of Whitestown sent out purchase offers in late November to homeowners who have signed up to be in in the program. The deadline to accept the Town's offer was December 31, 2024. The process for closure on the homes will be similar to any real estate transfer process with taxes/utilities being paid and exchange of keys for a check. Closings on homes will start in February 2025 with the goal to do 10-20 per month.

The Town has been coordinating with public safety and DPW officials about each closing. Structures will be boarded up to deter vandalism and police and fire agencies are to be notified of recent vacancies.

Clinton Street Bridge

Kristin read off notes send by Nicole B. from OC DPW. They are still reviewing multiple grant opportunities and casting a wide net to look for funding for the bridge project.

Treasurer’s Report

The balance in the Commission’s bank account is \$126,246.87. There were no new bills.

Members reviewed the proposed 2025 budget below that was handed out at the regular October 2024 meeting. The consensus was to keep the \$25,000 annual budget.

Member	Municipal Share	Calculated Share of Budget
Budget amount		\$ 25,000.00
NEW HARTFORD (T)	45.3%	\$ 11,330.00
WHITESTOWN	14.7%	\$ 3,682.50
NEW YORK MILLS	10.4%	\$ 2,595.00
WHITESBORO	5.5%	\$ 1,375.00
NEW HARTFORD (V)	3.1%	\$ 780.00
YORKVILLE	1.7%	\$ 425.00
PARIS	13.9%	\$ 3,485.00
UTICA	5.3%	\$ 602.76
Totals	100%	\$ 24,275.26

Upon a motion by Kyle Tritten to pass the proposed budget and mail invoices to members, with a second by Joseph Morosco the motion passed unanimously. Kristin’s office will prepare and send out invoices.

Member Reports

- In December 2024, Chairperson Glenn met with Jim Lomonaco, a resident from the Hamlet of Cassville in the Town of Paris, to look at the problem with sediment buildup near the bridge on Summit Road over the Sauquoit Creek and a beaver dam near NYS Rte. 8. He saw in person where an island of sediment has been created and a sink hole. All of the issues are located on private property and access to the locations is complicated. Brian W and Dave will take a look together at a later time.

Other Business

Kristn C. reminded members that NYS DEC has updated wetland regulations as of January 1, 2025. Small wetlands of “unusual importance” will be regulated if they meet one of eleven new criteria. In January 2028, the size regulated will be reduced from 12.4 acres to 7.4 acres. The DEC put on a webinar January 15th that explains some of the new regulations and jurisdictional determination and is available to view on their website.

FEMA has announced two new grant opportunities: Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (Bric) Program applications are due to NYS DHSES on February 28, 2025 and

Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) due April 30, 2025. Both announcements can be viewed on NYS Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services webpage <https://www.dhSES.ny.gov/hazard-mitigation> .

The next regular meeting date is **February 18, 2025 at 4:00pm** at the Oneida County DPW directly after the MVSC meeting.