

# YORKVILLE STORM WATER UTILITY COMMISSION

## MEETING MINUTES

March 31, 2014

Chairman Steve Nelson called the meeting of the YSWUC to order at 6:05 p.m. Present were Chairman Nelson, Town Supervisor Sherry Gruhn, Tom Lauber, John Vyvyan, Art Green, Jason Christensen and Shawn Roberts.

Minutes from the March 17, 2014 meeting were approved on a motion by Tom Lauber, seconded by Art Green and carried.

Two invoices from Shawn Roberts in the amount of \$8,764.89 and \$4,553.16 were presented and approved for payment on a motion by Tom Lauber and seconded by Art Green. Motion carried.

Purpose of this meeting is to review progress on the East Branch canal. Shawn is continuing to work and trying to get as much done as possible before the fields being planted make it impossible to get into the areas where the clearing needs to take place.

As has been the situation for most of this project, some of the property owners are making it difficult for Shawn to get the job done. There are owners that continue to make restrictions by marking trees that they do NOT want cut down. That makes it hard for Shawn to get to the area that needs work because there is not enough room for the equipment to get in close enough to clear effectively. Jason will continue to work with the owners to try to get permission for work to continue in the canal.

Areas that still need to be worked on are: South of Braun (both sides of canal), North of Braun Road but South of the railroad tracks, a few areas North of 58th to 55th. Shawn is working on the Kuiper property now and will move to the Skewes and Plantamura properties hopefully later this week. We will have problems with the Lechner property (North of Hwy.C). As the Spring weather approaches, we feel that there will be backups on properties to the south. Because there are some low areas south of Hwy. C, there will more than likely be some flooding where no flooding occurred previously. We feel now would be the time to address Mr. Lechner with a letter advising him of his obligations to keep his portion of the canal cleared so the water can flow with no obstructions. Sherry will contact Attorney Pruitt and see if a letter to Mr. Lechner can be sent advising him of this situation. We will also want to see what we can do as far as being allowed to get to the canal for spraying of new growth. We will want to be able to spray in May or June. This will be an ongoing process that will need to be done yearly for the next 3 to 4 years.

We will continue to monitor this project and will plan to meet again on Tuesday, April 22 at 6:00 p.m.

No other business came before the meeting. The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Art Green, seconded by John Vyvyan at 7:30 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry Gruhn, Secretary