

YORKVILLE STORM WATER UTILITY COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

July 10, 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, Art Green, Robert Root, Jason Christensen and Don North.

Minutes from the April 22, 2014 were approved on motion by Tom Lauber, seconded by Art Green and carried.

The main purpose of this meeting was to determine what should be done since we heard that Shawn Roberts Tree and Landscaping business has gone into receivership. Steve had done some research and contacted the attorney who is holding the receivership. Seems there are multiple LLC's that Shawn has so we need to clarify which one/s are the ones that will affect us. Steve will contact Shawn and find out what the status is of the receivership and also find out if he intends to finish the East Branch project. We currently are holding on to a performance bond and we will find out from our attorney what will happen to this bond if Shawn cannot or will not finish the contract.

Jason contacted Shawn recently and was told that Shawn did intend to spray the new cutting that he did this year. (Hwy A south to where he stopped cutting.) Jason understood that this would be done in the next few weeks.

Don North was in attendance to see about spraying the first year of the contact cutting. That would be from 2 Mile Road south to just south of Hwy. A. He would need to access both sides of the canal as he will spray from a tractor at the top of the canal down both can only cover one side at a time.

We put together a letter to send to landowners who have property in the first cutting areas. This letter will inform them that we will be doing the first of an annual spraying to prevent regrowth of the brush. Motion to send letter and agreeing to hire Don North on a time and material basis for the spraying of the first cutting on the East Branch canal was made by Tom Lauber, seconded by Art Green and carried.

Don North requires \$120.00/hour and \$100.00/gallon of the spray. He will drop off proof of insurance and his license # to the town office.

There are still issues with the DNR. The last time Jason met with personnel from the DNR there were concerns that we were not following the permit. The DNR is not happy about the clear cutting that has been done and that we worked too long into the spring and the land had thawed out. We may need to have a change made to the permit prior to continuing the project this fall/winter. It was suggested that we have another meeting with the DNR and have all commission members there as well as Jason and Shawn (if he is still the contractor). Jason will contact the DNR to make sure we have no problems with spraying and also to check to see if any revisions are required.

Steve will contact Shawn Roberts, and then Tim Pruitt to make sure we are in compliance with everything. A lot depends on the issue with the receivership and whether Shawn can fulfill his contract.

Tom visited Alvin Schattner to see if he remembers any details regarding the East Branch construction. This is what Tom found out.....

As a follow-up to our meeting last night, I met with Alvin Shattner this morning. Last night I mistakenly referred to him as Alvin Fritchen, he lives across from the old Fritchen school. Mr Shattner is 90 years old and was born in the house that he currently lives in.

I asked him what he knew about the canal's history. He said he could remember his father telling him how years ago he paid to help clean out the canal. They have two field tiles running into the canal. He also remembered the water district associated with the canal was disbanded and the canal was subsequently neglected. He was glad we were doing the current project but was concerned with regrowth. I indicated to him that we would be doing our annual spaying in the next couple of months. Unfortunately he did not have any knowledge on when the canal was dug nor any details about it.

Last night I also mentioned returning World War I soldiers being hired to work on the canal. I now remember Alvin's daughter Linda indicated they were hired to lay tile not dig the canal.

No other business came before the meeting. We will not schedule another meeting at this time. The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Art Green, seconded by Robert Root at 7:35 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry Gruhn, Secretary