

ERIE COUNTY SEWER DISTRICT NO 1 (ECSD NO. 1)  
BOARD OF MANAGERS MEETING MINUTES  
FRIDAY, APRIL 11, 2025  
WEST SENECA COMMUNITY CENTER

MEMBERS' PRESENT: Mr. Gary Dickson, Mr. Brian Nowak, Mr. Patrick Bowen and Mr. Matt Salah

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ms. Susan Kims

OTHERS PRESENT: Mr. Joseph Fiegl, Ms. Sally Mertz, Ms. Beth Pfalzer, Ms. Barbara Piazza (9:52), and Mr. William Strzeszynski

ITEM NO. 1 – CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

Mr. Dickson called the meeting to order at 9:33 am.

ITEM NO. 2 – APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 11, 2024, MEETING MINUTES

On a motion by Mr. Dickson, seconded by Mr. Bowen, the Board voted to approve the minutes of October 14, 2024, meeting. The motion carried 4-0.

ITEM NO. 3 – ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

Ms. Barbara Piazza, the Chief Ethics Officer from the Erie County Board of Ethics, provided the Board with a brief presentation on the purpose and importance of professional ethics.

ITEM NO. 4 – OLD BUSINESS

a. Order on Consent

Mr. Fiegl advised the Board that the Division of Sewerage Management (DSM) submitted its wet weather operation plan to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) near the end of January. The next step is to submit an Inflow and Infiltration (I&I) study. The study commenced in 2021 and should be submitted later this year after further guidance from the NYSDEC. This study will set up a prioritized plan of action for sewer system evaluation work.

ITEM NO. 5 – NEW BUSINESS

a. I/I Approval for enforcement Hearing (Handout)

The Board was provided with a handout of property owners who have not complied with house inspection. The DSM recommends these properties be referred to an Enforcement Hearing. Mr. Dickson moved, seconded by Mr. Bowen, to move forward with an Enforcement Hearing. The motion carried 4 -0.

*Handout*

ITEM NO. 6 – MISCELLANEOUS & INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

a. Operational Report (September-February)

Mr. Strzeszynski updated the Board with the operational report. Sewer district staff continued cleaning and televising the sewers in the neighborhoods previously smoke tested, tributary to Como Park Boulevard, Rowley Road and Cayuga Creek Road. An additional 11,000 lineal feet (LF) of sewer lines were completed. Annual manhole inspections were performed on a portion of the district trunkline sewers from Seneca Creek Road extending west to Mineral Springs at Brian Lane. Additionally, the District #1 trunkline root intrusion locations are being re-assessed and remedied. Moving forward, Mr. Strzeszynski informed the Board members that a long-term approach to the removal of these known obstructions would be put into practice. Facility maintenance staff completed the Preventative Maintenance inspections of the VFD's and transformers at the Industrial Park and Cayuga Road pumping stations. An upgraded telemetry unit was installed at the Forest Stream pumping station. Work has been scheduled for the week of 4/21 to have permanent power run to the alarm manhole on Empire Drive, which will allow the County to more accurately modulate the flows associated with the Cayuga pumping station and District #1 Overflow Retention Facility (ORF). New ORF Contact Chamber Mixers have been ordered and will be installed upon arrival. Lastly, the new 12-inch and 30-inch flow meters for the Industrial Park pumping station have also been ordered and similarly will be installed upon arrival.

Mr. Dickson inquired about the New American Industrial Park expansion (Upstate Farms Milk). Mr. Salah advised that the DSM has been working with Upstate's engineers to identify options to support the added capacity.

b. Construction Status Report

Mr. Salah updated the Board with construction since the last meeting.

Contract 95 (CIPPL Term Contract) (USI/Kenyon Pipeline)- the DSM is awaiting United Survey's schedule for WO 6U which includes 359 linear feet of 8-inch diameter VTP lining on North Seine Drive in the Town of Cheektowaga and 370 linear feet of 8-inch diameter ACP on Empire Drive in the Town of West Seneca. Coordination with Rosina's is anticipated for the lining work on Empire Drive. Lining is anticipated to occur in spring or summer 2025. WO 9K was issued to Kenyon Pipeline and includes 16,563 linear feet of 8-inch and 10-inch diameter VTP sewerlines on various streets in the Town of Cheektowaga primarily in the French Road area (including Eileen Ct, Lois Dr, Dee Ter, Maria Ln, Nancy Pl, Marrano Parkway, E Cavalier Drive, W Cavalier Drive, N. Transit Hill Rd, S. Prince Dr (backlot), & French Road). Four sewerlines on Borden Road between Castlewood Drive and Bory Drive were also issued as priorities for CIPP lining ahead of the EC DPW Road reconstruction project in this area.

Contract 96 (Multi-District) - Sanitary Sewer Open Cut Repair Term Contract (Contractors – CATCO, Visone Construction) – the DSM is awaiting a schedule from CATCO for Work Order 4, which consists of a sanitary sewer spot repair on Seneca Creek Road in front of House #1300 to remove a partial obstruction in the line that is preventing pipeline rehabilitation. It is anticipated that this work will be completed in spring or summer 2025.

Coordination Projects - Borden Road reconstruction (EC DPW project – Phase 2, CATCO). The DPW's project commenced in summer 2024 and is currently in winter shutdown. Due to conflicts identified with the storm design and ECSD No. 1's existing sanitary sewerlines, the DSM has been

coordinating with EC DPW and their engineer to evaluate potential sanitary sewer replacement scopes to address the conflict.

c. Payments (Handout)

Mr. Salah reviewed the payments made to Greenman-Pederson, Inc., WM Schutt Associates, Catco and Visone Construction.

d. Septic Rebate Resident Postcard (Handout)

The board reviewed a postcard sent to residences within an Erie County Sewer District that utilizes an on-site septic system for their wastewater discharge. This postcard informs residents of an opportunity for a rebate, if their septage is hauled and discharged into an Erie County Treatment Plant and the sewer taxes are fully paid.

On a motion by Mr. Dickson moved, seconded by Mr. Bowen, to receive and file the miscellaneous and informational items on the agenda. The motion carried 4-0.

ITEM NO. 7 – ADJOURNMENT & NEXT MEETING

On a motion by Mr. Dickson, seconded by Mr. Nowak, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 9:59 am. The motion carried 4-0.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 13, 2025, at 9:30 am at the Cheektowaga Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,



Matt Salah, P.E., Secretary  
ECSD No.1 Board of Managers

MS:bp

Motion to Approve the April 11, 2025, Meeting Minutes

Moved by: MR. BOWEN  
Seconded by: MR. SALAH  
App./Disapp.: 4/0  
Date: 6/17/2025  
Signed: M. Salah