

Village of Tannersville

Date

March 13, 2018

Time

6:00 PM

Location  
Hall

Tannersville Village

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**Present:**

Lee McGunnigle, Mayor  
Gregory Landers, Trustee  
David Kashman, Trustee  
Brian Walsh, Trustee

**Type of meeting:** Regular Board Meeting

Robin Dumont, Village Clerk-  
Treasurer

**Also Present:**

Michelle Yost, GCSWCD  
Mark Carabetta, Malone &  
McBroom

***Minutes:***

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The Mayor opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustee Kashman made a motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Trustee Landers seconded. 4 in favor, Motion carried.

Mayor stated to enter the highway report into minutes:

**Highway Report**

Cleaned streets and sidewalks as needed (plowed and sanded)

Flushed Hydrants following plant shutdown and line disturbance

Cut brush and trees back

Pushed back snow banks

Cleared hydrants

Equipment repairs

Haul and stockpile sand

Submitted budget requests to clerk

## **Tannersville Local Flood Analysis:**

The Mayor turned the floor over to Mark Carabetta from Malone & McBroom and Michelle Yost from Greene County Soil & Water to present the Village's Local Flood Analysis.

### Summary of Recommendations:

#### LFA RECOMMENDATIONS

- Relocation of Village Highway Garage out of the SFHA
- Critical Facility
- Substantially Damaged in Previous Floods
- Water Quality Benefits

#### LFA RECOMMENDATIONS

##### Bridges

##### Main Street Bridge over Saw Mill Creek:

- When bridge is scheduled for replacement, it is recommended that a full hydraulic assessment be conducted to ensure that the replacement bridge is adequately sized.
- Inspect for sediment aggradation at least every 1-2 years and also immediately following flood events.
- When any removal of sediment at the bridge is necessary, a methodology should be developed to maintain the proper channel dimensions and slope.
- Acquire necessary permits
- Channel assessment and, if necessary, bank stabilization upstream to reduce channel instability and input of woody debris

#### LFA RECOMMENDATIONS

##### Bridges

##### Railroad Avenue Bridge and Gooseberry Creek Bridges:

- When these bridge are scheduled for replacement, it is recommended that a full hydraulic assessment be conducted to ensure that openings are adequately sized and that the new bridge spans the channel and floodplain.

##### Any New Pedestrian Bridges:

- Perform hydraulic analysis to ensure that structure doesn't contribute to flooding.
- Bridge should pass 100-year storm with a margin of safety.
- Bridge abutments should not encroach upon FEMA regulatory floodway.
- Bridge should span floodplain as well as channel.

#### LFA RECOMMENDATIONS

##### Road Closures

##### Railroad Avenue Bridge over Sawmill Creek:

- Flooding of roadways during flood events has been reported at several locations.

- It is recommended that risks associated with the flooding of roadways be reduced by temporarily closing floodprone roads during flooding events.
- This requires effective signage, road closure barriers, and consideration of alternative routes.

#### Road Protection Measures

Field inspection indicates that Railroad Avenue is at risk due to erosion and bank failure

- Recommend engineering analysis of embankment and implementation of bank stabilization measures

#### LFA RECOMMENDATIONS

##### Floodplain Enhancement

- A range of floodplain enhancement scenarios were evaluated along Sawmill Creek.
- These did not result in significant reductions in flooding and are not recommended.

##### Storage in Rip Van Winkle Lake

- This did not result in significant reduction in flooding and is not recommended.

#### LFA RECOMMENDATIONS

##### Structure within FEMA Floodway

- Several structures, some occupied and some abandoned, were identified that are located within the floodway. The following recommendations are offered:
- Decisions about relocations should be made on a case-by-case basis, depending on the location and elevation of each structure and past history of flood damage.
- Where there is owner interest and programmatic funding available, move existing structures out of the floodway.
- Elevation of structure in the floodway is not advisable but may be considered on a case-by-case basis as property owners approach the Tannersville FAC/Council about mitigation options.
- Disallow any new development in the floodway.

#### LFA RECOMMENDATIONS

##### Floodprone Structures within the SFHA

Village should provide residents with information on a range of options for individual property protection, including:

- Voluntary buy-outs/relocation of frequently-flooded homes/businesses
- Individual floodproofing measures (i.e. elevating structures), unless located in FEMA floodway
- Elevation of electrical panels, appliances, fuel tanks, etc.
- Anchoring of fuel tanks

#### LFA RECOMMENDATIONS

Procedural Recommendations:

- Develop flood mapping along Allen Brook using detailed engineering methods.
- Gather and file flood-related lost revenue information as provided by businesses.
- Record and compile municipal, county, and state costs related to cleanup and recovery.
- During and after future floods, record high water marks throughout the village. Track and record flood damage over time for anchor businesses and critical facilities.

LFA RECOMMENDATIONS

Funding Sources

- Stream Management Implementation Program (SMIP)
- NYC Funded Flood Buyout Program
- Catskill Watershed Corporation Programs
- Emergency Watershed Protection Program
- FEMA Programs

The Mayor thanked Mark and Michelle for their presentation. The Mayor confirmed with Michelle that the Village has met public outreach required and that no further public hearing is required.

The Mayor made a motion to adopt resolution 2018-3:

**RESOLUTION TO ADOPT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR  
VILLAGE OF TANNERSVILLE LOCAL FLOOD ANALYSIS**

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Tannersville (the Village) is subject to flooding that can damage property, close businesses, disrupt traffic, and present a public health and safety hazard; and

**WHEREAS**, funding support from Schoharie Watershed Stream Management Implementation Program (SMIP) was obtained to prepare a local flood analysis (LFA) and mitigation plan for the Village; and

**WHEREAS**, The Village of Tannersville formed a Flood Advisory Committee to assist in the development of the LFA and implementation of plan recommendations; and

**WHEREAS**, several Federal programs require that the Village has an adopted flood mitigation plan to qualify for their benefits; and

**WHEREAS**; The Village of Tannersville's Local Flood Analysis sets forth recommendations to reduce flood hazards in the Village through cooperative local, city, state, and federal cooperation; and

**WHEREAS**, a Full Environmental Assessment Form ("EAF") dated March 13, 2018 has been prepared on behalf of the Village Board in connection with a proposed adoption of the Local Flood Analysis (the "action"); and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to 6 NYCRR § 617.4(b)(1) of the regulations of the State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”) the adoption of the Village’s Local Flood Analysis is a Type I SEQRA action; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 13, 2018, the Village of Tannersville classified the action as a Type I action and authorized the Mayor to sign page 13 of the EAF; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village Board has reviewed the EAF provided and all available information concerning the potential impacts of the proposed project and found that it has sufficient information on which to base a determination of significance; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village Board has considered the criteria contained in 6 NYCRR 617.7 and thoroughly analyzed all identified relevant areas of environmental concern; and

**WHEREAS**; The Village of Tannersville is willing to adopt the Local Flood Analysis; and

**WHEREAS**; The Village of Tannersville will serve as the Lead Agency for the purpose of completing the SEQRA requirements for adoption of the LFA,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that for the reasons set forth in Parts 1 and 2 of the EAF and the attached Notice of Determination of Significance, the Village Board hereby adopts a negative declaration, finding that the project as proposed will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts and that a Draft Environmental Impact Statement will not be prepared.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Village Board hereby adopts the Local Flood Analysis prepared by Milone and MacBroom, Inc. dated February 2018.

**BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED**, that the Village Board hereby directs the Village Clerk to send a Notice of Publication Form noting the significance to the Environmental Notice Bulletin for publication and to make all other required filings.

Trustee Landers seconded. 4 in favor, motion carried.

Michelle stated that now that the Village adopted this resolution, they will be eligible for funding through agencies such as CWC, DEP, FEMA, Hazard Mitigation Grants, etc. The Top recommendation is to move the DPW garage out of flood plain. Homes in floodway case by case basis. Possible buyout opportunity. Elevation of structure. We will also be able to have improved flood plain mapping.

The Mayor asked where we go first for funding for highway garage. Michelle stated that we could apply for feasibility funding unless agreement can be made with town. The First stage would be a shared services agreement with town. Michelle stated that if there was any question with town wanting to do this or not, then the Village should do a feasibility study.

The Mayor thanked Michelle for her assistance with this project.

#### **Jill Falchi – Capital District Planning Commission**

The Mayor turned the floor over to Jill Falchi Contractor to NYSERDA outreach programs. She stated that there are over 300 municipalities in program. There is open enrollment. She presented the board with information regarding the Clean Energy Communities Program and the board stated that they would look into meeting 4 of the High Impact actions in order to apply for grant funding.

The Mayor stated that the Village has already been approached in regards to the electric car charging stations, and stated that the Building Inspector would be sent to have the Energy Code enforcement training.

Trustee Kashman stated he would reach out again to Central Hudson in regards to the status of the changeover of the street lights to LED.

Jill stated she would get together with the Village Clerk and go over in more detail the funding applications for grants.

The Mayor thanked Jill for her presentation and stated the Village looked forward to being a greener community.

#### **Draft Sewer Use Law**

The Mayor stated that in the boards packets is a copy of the Town of Hunter Sewer Use Law. The DEP is requesting that the Village update their law to be consistent with the Town. A copy has been forwarded to the Village attorney to tailor it to the Village. Please send any comments to the clerk and she will forward to the Village attorney.

#### **Water Status Report – Joe Myers, System Operator**

##### **Low Pressure Event, 3/3/2018:**

We experienced a "Low-Tower" event at the end of the storm on 3/3/2018. The plant on-off relay failed when power transferred back to the filter plant.

The device (BIF pressure transducer) that interrupts tower level and signals this relay has been problematic for a while and will be addressed during the facility upgrade. We have ordered two more control relays to have as part of the spare parts inventory.

The low tower event allowed directional flow changes out in the distribution system, especially when the Rip-Well was placed on-line. The brown water impact was wide spread because we are nearing the Spring Flush and sediment build up was/is high. Any time there is a directional flow change in the distribution, the sediment is swirled into solution and impacts the users as an "Aesthetic Nuisance". The brown water is mostly caused from iron sediment that accumulates over time.

A boil water notice was issued at the request of the NYSDOH to safeguard users from potential microbiological contamination that can exist during low pressure conditions. Please note, disinfection was maintained through the event and our microbiological results are attached.

### **Filter Upgrade Status:**

#1 filter has been refurbished and placed back into service. This filter needs to perform for 30 days before contractors can begin work on the #2 filter.

Contractors are tentatively scheduled for next week to begin the work on #2.

### **Water Plant Door's Update – Jason Preisner, Lamont Engineers**

As far as the doors go, I have discussed with Evergreen. They have already ordered the doors, and in order to make it up to the Village for the delay to Filter #1, they will absorb the cost of the "expensive" double door and wall repair that was proposed to be replaced. This reduces the total Door cost (change order) from \$15,201 to \$10,450. This is a **VERY** good deal for 4 metal doors, 2 of them being double doors, and quite a bit of Labor (hassle) to replace the doors. I highly recommend that the Village do the CO for this figure. This figure really is a no-brainer and the doors will be done.

I have not been able to get quotes for the Furnace and Smoke pipe. I will talk to Wes about possibly helping with this.

### **Vouchers, Abstracts, Reports**

Trustee Landers made a motion to approve the vouchers, abstracts and reports. Trustee Kashman seconded. 4 in favor, motion carried.

### **Camp**

The Board reviewed the summary prepared by Trustee Kashman in the packets, were in favor of doing a joint camp with the Village of Hunter, if they were in favor as well. Mayor asked the clerk to get the cost of camp per child last year.

### **Privilege of the Floor**

Carly Miller from the Catskill Daily Mail introduced herself to the Board and stated that there are a lot of nice things going on in Tannersville.

Trustee Landers made a motion to adjourn, Trustee Kashman seconded. 4 in favor, motion carried.