

***Public Hearing
Stormwater Annual Report
May 7, 2009***

The Public Hearing on the Stormwater Annual Report was called to order by the Chair at 1:45 P.M. All Legislative Members were present.

There were seven people in attendance.

The Clerk read the legal notice as published in the official newspapers.

Josh Brown of the Planning Department spoke. “A small portion of Tioga County, which includes only a three-mile stretch of Pennsylvania Avenue, begins on Route 434 and it goes down to Rhodes Road over in Apalachin, has been designated as an MS4 under NYS DEC’s Phase II Stormwater regulations. As such, Tioga County must comply with the following six minimum measures that make up the County’s Stormwater Management Plan and it is covered under the new SPDES Permit GP 0-08-002 which was effective May 1, 2008.

“The minimum measures are public education and outreach, public participation and involvement, illicit discharge detection and elimination, construction site runoff control, post construction runoff control, and municipal good housekeeping.

“Because we are in an MS4 the County is required to file to the NYS DEC an annual report by June 1st to report the progress of the Stormwater Management Plan including an annual municipal compliance certification. The main difference this year from the previous years is that we only had to report on Tioga County’s activities. This year DEC changed the form and we are going to be submitting for on behalf of 15 municipalities or MS4 jurisdictions, so that is the difference this year.

“I just want to briefly go over some of the highlights specific to Tioga County, which is way we are having this hearing. The Tioga County Soil & Water in conjunction with NYS DEC held a training on contractor erosion and sediment control for 100 millennium contractors. Additionally the Tioga County Soil & Water Conservation District did the same training to local contractors and engineers which had 59 attendees.

“Soil & Water Conservation District conducted three phase II Stormwater Program Overview trainings this past year. The Broome-Tioga Stormwater Coalition which we are a part of is maintaining the website and this past year we had 740 website hits.

“In 2008 Soil & Water Conservation District Manager, Wendy Walsh, she had reviewed three Stormwater pollution prevention plans and conducted 12 site inspections based on DEC and municipal requests. In 2008 a stream cleanup event was held for 63 participants. There was 1.5 tons of trash cleaned.

“Tioga County’s 2008 Household Hazardous Waste Program collected 7.1 tons of household hazardous waste, nearly 5.9 tons of electronics in addition to 11.1 tons of used motor oil and 123.1 tons of used tires.

“The Tioga County Highway personnel routinely and visually inspects all catchment basins and no contaminants were detected during the reporting year. Tioga County’s Public Health Engineer is continuing to update the County Sanitary Code and will be incorporating the State recommended illicit discharge detection and elimination regulations.

“The Tioga County Soil & Water Conservation District purchased a watershed model and with that model we have reached out to the Owego School District where 80 school students participated and learned about the effects of stormwater, and it was also taken to the Farm Days at the Mall where 500 visitors participated in the event.

“The Water for Life education materials, we had a total of 800 placemats distributed to two restaurants in the MS4 area, one was for example the Blue Dolphin, and teacher education packets were also delivered. Finally, Tioga County Solid Waste completed year one of the used tire and scrap metal collection program. Four municipalities signed the contract to participate in that program and the result was the collection of 13,000 tires and an estimated 3 tons of scrap metal. That program will continue this year, which will be year two for that program.”

There being no further comments, the hearing was adjourned at 1:51 P.M.