

***Public Hearing
Stormwater Annual Report
May 4, 2006***

The Public Hearing on the Stormwater Annual Report was called to order by the Chair at 1:32 P.M. Eight Legislative Members were present, Legislator Oberbeck being absent.

There were 4 people in attendance.

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

Elaine Jardine, Planning Director, spoke. “You have in front of you highlights of the year three annual report. This is year three of the year five New York State SPDES permit for stormwater pollution. I won’t read the highlights one by one. You have them in front of you, but we did make good progress on the goals that are required of the stormwater pollution program. This year we held our annual stream cleanup in 2005, household hazardous waste program, collected monumental amounts of garbage and pesticides in those annual events. Held various trainings for municipal officials, Code Enforcement Officers, and the storm drains on Pennsylvania Avenue were stenciled with no dumping by our Highway Department, and Tioga County entered into an intermunicipal agreement with the Town of Owego to purchase a sweeper vac which was funded by DEC, a grant they received from DEC. They are now working that equipment and the Town of Owego is maintaining the County storm sewer system. The intermunicipal agreement pertains only to Pennsylvania Avenue down to Rhodes Road.

“We have completed some activities in the year four reporting year because, as you can see, the reporting year is kind of strange from March 10th to March 9th every year. We have already held training on best management practices for highway maintenance and road construction. In April we talked with the Code Enforcement Officers again regarding stormwater requirements for construction permits and then we still have things that we need to accomplish this year, like creating a logo for the Broome-Tioga stormwater coalition which we entered into that a couple of years ago. The Town of Owego and Tioga County are going to apply for a subsequent grant to DEC for a street flusher that will work in conjunction with the sweeper vac to really clean out our storm drains and storm sewer system. We still have some GIS mapping to do along the portion of Pennsylvania Avenue that is not serviced by storm sewer infrastructure that is simply ditches and culvert pipes.

“Broome County Planning and Tioga County Planning have preliminarily talked about applying for SMSI grant which is shared municipal service incentive award program to hire a person that would review the stormwater pollution prevention plans for new construction as well as construction site inspector. This is a required program element of the stormwater program in general. That is not in place yet. Those are the things that we have done during year three and will be doing during year four.”

Legislator Harrington spoke. “I would just like to say thank you to Elaine for all the hard work that she has to do for something that may not seem very significant and requires the cooperation of the full Legislature, but Elaine has to do a lot of work to get to this point, and we spend thirty seconds looking at it. It is something she has to do so we appreciate her work.”

Legislator Huttleston made a motion to adjourn at 1:36 P.M., seconded by Legislator Weston and carried.