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LISWIC Minutes July 24, 2015

1. Roll Call

The following is a list of attendees for the July 24, 2015 meeting:

Charles Strome, Chair	City of New Rochelle
Sarah Bledsoe	Village of Rye Brook
Milagros Lecuona	City of White Plains
Lorraine Walsh	Village of Larchmont
Cassandra Carroll	Village of Pelham
Dan Sarnoff	Village of Mamaroneck
Stephen V. Altieri	Town of Mamaroneck
Nancy Seligson	Town of Mamaroneck
Justin Datino	Village of Larchmont
Elizabeth Paul	LISWIC Coordinator
Michael Amodeo	Town/Village of Harrison
Robert Yamuder	Village of Pelham
Maryalice Barnett	Village of Pelham Manor
Frank Balbi	Village of Scarsdale
Christian Miller	City of Rye
Steve Pappalardo	Village of Scarsdale
Ryan Coyne	City of Rye
Linda Whitehead	Village of Mamaroneck
Benedict Salanitro	Village of Scarsdale
Marcus Serraro	City of Rye
Eleanor Militana	City of Rye
Hernane De Almeida	Village of Mamaroneck
Christopher D. Steers	Village of Port Chester

2. Approval of Minutes – September 12, 2014

The Minutes of the September 12, 2014 meeting were approved as submitted.

3. Westchester County Proposed Sanitary Sewer IMA

a. Report/Background from Municipalities with Overflow Retention Facilities

Charles Strome provided some background on the Westchester County Sanitary Sewers Infiltration and Inflow (I/I) issue. In 2012, Westchester County released the results of their Sanitary Sewer Flow Monitoring Study conducted within the 11 municipalities located within the Blind Brook, Mamaroneck, New Rochelle and Port Chester Sewer

Districts. The study results indicated that all 11 municipalities have excessive flows into the sanitary sewer system and are in violation of the County Sewer Act. Excessive I/I is defined as flows greater than 150 gallons per capita over a 24 hour period. The County, under a consent order from the NYSDEC is now requiring communities to eliminate I/I beginning with the communities in the New Rochelle Sewer District: Pelham Manor, Larchmont, the Town of Mamaroneck and the City of New Rochelle who currently operate certain overflow retention facilities. If sources of I/I are not identified and eliminated by the deadline, these municipalities must shut down their overflow retention facilities.

Over the past year and a half, the four communities have been working with – Westchester County and NYSDEC to negotiate an acceptable intermunicipal agreement (The IMA was finalized and agreed to by the municipalities and the County is desirous of using this IMA as a model for other seven municipalities. A copy of the IMA will be emailed to everyone. Going forward, we now need to determine what work has to be done to comply with the mandate and how the work will be funded.

b. Review of Draft County IMA

Steve Pappalardo distributed a copy of a draft County IMA for the other seven municipalities to consider. It was red-lined by Scarsdale with some suggested changes and each point was reviewed and discussed.

c. Sanitary Sewer Evaluation Study – Joint Effort or Separate

The four municipalities are jointly preparing an RFP for an engineering firm to conduct a Sewer System Evaluation Study (SSES) that will identify the work necessary to comply with the County IMA. The other municipalities should consider joining in the project now or banding together when their IMA is signed. They are: Port Chester, Rye Brook, Harrison, White Plains, City of Rye and Scarsdale. Mamaroneck Village is negotiating a separate IMA with Westchester County based on their Notice of Consent with NYSDEC.

d. Implementation/Funding Strategy for Capital Improvements to Sanitary Sewer Collection Systems

Working together as a group may benefit with applying and receiving funding from the State in accordance with their Clean Water Act Grant. The cost of implementing the repairs will be in the millions. Further discussion ensued regarding conducting the sewer studies, implementing the identified improvements and paying for all the work on a district wide basis, similar to the project methodology utilized in 2002 for the same I/I issue. A meeting of the smaller group of seven municipalities will be held in August with the County DEF to further pursue these initiatives and discuss the draft IMA.

4. New Business

No new business to discuss

5. Set Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held on Friday, September 25, 2015 at 8:30 am on the first floor of the Mamaroneck Town Center in Conference Room C.