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Village of Dolgeville Engineer's Monthly Update

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Active Projects

Center Park Rehabilitation – EPF Parks Grant #EPF-182340 & NY Forward

- Construction drawings and specifications have been finalized for bidding and are currently under review by the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation (OPRHP) and the Department of State (DOS). The project team anticipates issuing the project for public bid prior to January 1, 2026, pending agency approvals.
- All prior comments have been addressed in the bid set, including my comments from a review this past month such as: updates to drawing title blocks, clarification of the accessible route, inclusion of tree protection measures, and designation of a laydown/staging area. Ventilation and fire protection design have been reviewed with Saratoga Associates; ventilation is provided where necessary, and sprinklers are not anticipated to be required under current building code classification (A-3 use), though final confirmation from code enforcement is pending.
- Revised bid manual documentation was received from OPRHP on November 7, and Saratoga Associates is coordinating integration of the latest prevailing wage, advertisement language, and required contractor registration guidance per Labor Law Section 220-i. OPRHP confirmed MWBE documentation is not required for the Parks grant component; however, DOS MWBE requirements remain in place and will be included.
- All EPF-funded base bid elements remain part of the construction scope (pavilion, splash pad, site lighting, terraced seating, parking, and improvements), with invoicing expected to apply EPF funds first, followed by DOS NY Forward. Alternate items such as the kitchen (Alternate 2) will be supported under the NY Forward grant only.
- A pre-bid walkthrough is tentatively planned following bid advertisement, and all stakeholders will be notified once dates are confirmed – including DOS and OPRHP staff.

Main Street Sewer Replacement Project

- Significant construction progress occurred over the past month. Installation of the sewer main and lateral connections on North Main Street has been completed. Final restoration efforts, including roadway box-out and curb installation, have advanced steadily, with paving now the primary focus.
- Work Change Directive #4 was authorized by the Village to cover time and materials (T&M) for paving labor and equipment. NYSDOT is supplying the asphalt materials. The paving schedule is being assessed daily based on weather and surface temperature, with current indications showing favorable subgrade and compaction conditions. Barring significant precipitation, paving is expected to be completed by the end of next week.
- Immediately following paving, sidewalk and curb installation will resume with JJP, allowing restoration work to continue without delay.
- The next Zoom progress meeting is scheduled for November 24, with the following in-person meeting planned for December 10.

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Water Meter Replacement Project – GIGP Grant

- Progress continues on the Village's planning and coordination efforts related to the Green Innovation Grant Program (GIGP) Water Meter Project. A project strategy meeting was held on October 16 with Village staff and Syracuse University's Environmental Finance Center to review implementation logistics, budgeting, and procurement pathways. Key items discussed included in-kind match opportunities, curb box rehabilitation needs, installation challenges, and the required documentation for submittals.
- On October 22, an inquiry email was sent to Mark Howard at EFC to clarify several pre-contract and procurement-related issues. These included:
 - Eligibility of in-kind services performed prior to contract execution (e.g., curb box repairs, internal engineering and administrative time),
 - The potential for sole-source procurement of Neptune meters and installation through Ti-Sales (given the Village's existing standardization and prior installations),
 - Requirements for M/WBE, SDVOB, and EEO compliance, and
 - Recommended contingency levels for budget and schedule submissions.

No response has yet been received from EFC, and follow-up is planned.

- Meanwhile, Village staff have begun compiling a list of known defective curb boxes, as these may need to be addressed ahead of meter installation (but we need to clarify when we can start this work as we may need to wait until the grant agreement is signed so that the work can be considered "in-kind" services and the Village would get credit towards the project). Coordination with DPW for repairs will be critical, as proper valve operation is necessary for many residential installations. Field data collection on installation types is also underway to better define bid items and cost estimates.
- A draft project schedule and budget will be developed once EFC provides feedback.

IDA Water Storage Tank Project

- The Village Board adopted Resolution #153-2025 on October 20, 2025, formally declaring its intent to serve as Lead Agency under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) for the Manheim Business Park Water Storage Tank Project. This action initiates a coordinated environmental review process for the proposed 500,000-gallon water storage tank and associated waterline improvements, which are intended to enhance the Village's public water supply infrastructure.
- The project remains in the final design phase. A 90% design review was completed on October 9 with Wright-Pierce and Village stakeholders. Following the Board's action on the 20th, Wright-Pierce began coordinating with involved agencies and circulating the Lead Agency coordination letter, Full Environmental Assessment Form (EAF), and supporting documentation in accordance with SEQRA regulations.

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- The New York State Department of Health (DOH) has confirmed receipt of the September submission and is currently reviewing the plans and specifications. DOH has indicated that any significant design changes will require resubmission, including an updated geotechnical report and possibly an amended Preliminary Engineering Report.
- As of early November, Wright-Pierce has followed up with DOH multiple times to expedite the review process. Pending feedback from the DOH, the next steps include preparation of a resolution for a negative declaration, targeted for presentation at the next Village Board meeting.

Wastewater Compliance – Gehring Tricot

- In early November, the Village received a formal acknowledgment letter from NYSDEC Region 6 regarding the color pass-through events associated with Gehring Tricot Corporation's industrial discharge. The letter summarized observations made between October 9 and 16, 2025, including the visible discharge plume from the Village's WWTP outfall into East Canada Creek and the timeline of Gehring's operations and sampling results.
- The issue remains ongoing, and coordination continues with Amy Mowers and CT Male Associates to investigate the source and identify appropriate corrective actions.

WTP and WWTP Deed Research

- This month, I also assisted the Village with deed research related to the Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) and Water Treatment Plant (WTP) properties. The effort focused on verifying current property boundaries, easements, and historical transfers.
