

Village of Dolgeville Engineer's Monthly Update

December 2025

Active Projects

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

- Saratoga Associates continues to work through required revisions to the bid documents following comments from both OPRHP and DOS. Updates this month have focused on replacing outdated OPRHP forms, integrating NY Forward MWBE and SDVOB requirements, and addressing alignment and accessibility questions raised during the State's pre-bid review. OPRHP has indicated that the project manual cannot be accepted until the corrections are completed.
- The Village has secured the building permit ahead of the 2026 code changes, preserving the current design / features of the pavilion without requiring additional design changes. Once agency reviews are finalized and approvals granted, the project will proceed to advertisement. The timeline for bidding remains dependent on the completion of this review.
- Design refinements are still under discussion regarding the multi-use path along Helmer Avenue. A phased option is being evaluated, with a 5-foot walk segment proposed initially to maintain sidewalk connectivity, while preserving flexibility for a future 10-foot path if roadway narrowing proves feasible. Input is being gathered from DPW and emergency services before advancing revised drawings to DOS and OPRHP.
- Updated specifications continue to reflect all required EPF base bid elements, including the pavilion, splash pad, seating, lighting, and walkways. Alternate 2 (kitchen/restroom facility) remains an additive alternate, pending available NY Forward funding.

Main Street Sewer Replacement Project

- Over the past month, significant milestones have been reached. Sewer main and lateral installation on North Main Street has been completed. Full-depth roadway restoration south of the Route 29 bridge was also completed, and temporary box-out and millings were placed on remaining areas for temporary (winter) stabilization. The Village provided the millings used for temporary cover. Asphalt paving was completed under favorable (but difficult) conditions, and grading improvements have already had a noticeable impact on drainage performance.
- As part of closeout procedures, CCTV video submitted by the contractor was reviewed by B&L, and several areas of concern were noted, including signs of joint leakage and pipe sag. Affected segments will require cleaning and re-inspection. Additional CCTV is also required for the stretch between Stewart's and the Jablonski building, which was not included in the initial video. B&L has requested a response and corrective plan from the contractor, along with scheduling of mandrel testing.
- Change order reviews are ongoing. Several proposals including elevation adjustments, lateral installations in the lined section, and water main modifications are still under engineering and administrative review. Additional quantities and T&M costs have been submitted for evaluation.
- Coordination with NYSDOT is ongoing, particularly regarding stormwater infrastructure ownership, future surface restoration, and ensuring compatibility with upcoming Route 29 improvements. National Grid and the Village coordinated electric service restoration for the Center Park area to support the December holiday event.

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- The next progress meeting is scheduled for December 10 (changed to a zoom meeting, rather than in-person). Following that, the next formal construction coordination meeting is expected ahead of the planned April 1, 2026, construction restart.

Water Meter Replacement Project – GIGP Grant

- Preliminary coordination is ongoing for the water meter replacement project funded under the Green Innovation Grant Program (GIGP).
- Project will fully transition the Village to Neptune automated meter reading (AMR) technology, consistent with existing pilot installations.
- Ti-Sales, Neptune's regional distributor, has provided support for procurement, installation, and cloud-based integration, and is the intended supplier for the full rollout.
- On October 22, the Village submitted a detailed request to EFC seeking:
 1. Confirmation of in-kind eligibility for pre-contract labor and DPW curb box work.
 2. Guidance on procurement structure, including sole-source justification and separation of supply vs. installation.
 3. Applicable M/WBE, SDVOB, and EEO goals and documentation requirements.
 4. Clarification on contingency assumptions for the budget and schedule forms.
- A follow-up email was issued December 5, reiterating readiness to proceed and offering to coordinate via phone.
- As of this update, no response has been received from EFC, and further progress is pending agency direction.

IDA Water Storage Tank Project

- The coordinated SEQR review process has been completed. The Village anticipates adopting a negative declaration once final SHPO documentation is received.
- SHPO required the project to be resubmitted for secondary review. That review is now complete, and SHPO has indicated a "no impact" determination is forthcoming via letter. As of this update, the letter has not yet been issued, but is expected shortly.
- Design is substantially complete. 90% drawings have been finalized, with only minor revisions pending.
- NYSDOH has not yet responded to the agency review submission transmitted in early September. December marks the fourth consecutive month without formal comments. The project team has followed up repeatedly with no indication of when feedback will be issued.

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- Further progress including finalization of the bid set and scheduling remains on hold pending DOH comments. Wright-Pierce has advised that bidding this winter would be preferable to spring, but timeline adjustments cannot occur until DOH review is complete.

DOH Roadside Spring – Water Distribution System

- On November 25, the Village received formal correspondence from the NYS Department of Health (Herkimer District Office) regarding a roadside spring located along NYS Route 29 on Village-owned property in Fulton County.
- DOH classified the spring as a public health liability due to unmonitored access and lack of treatment. Despite an existing “Not Approved for Public Consumption” sign, DOH has directed the Village to:
 1. Remove the overflow pipe that extends beyond the protective fencing.
 2. Post “No Trespassing” signs on the property.
 3. Notify the appropriate law enforcement agency of the posting.
- These directives are being treated as compliance matters, not recommendations, due to potential exposure to contaminants including bacteria, viruses, and chemicals. DOH provided supplemental materials emphasizing the health risks associated with untreated springs.
- On December 1, I conducted a site visit and had follow-up coordination with Neal Winkler to discuss our next steps and timing.
