

Village of Dolgeville Engineer's Monthly Update

May 2026

Active Projects

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

- Following contract execution, the project moved into active construction with Saratoga Associates, Wm. J. Keller & Sons, J&A Electrical Construction, A. Treffeisen and Sons, LLC, and the Village.
- The first full construction progress meeting with the complete project team is scheduled for May 20 at 1:00 PM at Village Hall.
- Construction activity began on site, including clearing and preparation work near the eastern embankment and coordination for the pavilion / building work.
- I have been completing SWPPP inspections for this project two days per week transmitting them to Saratoga Associates.
- The Village coordinated with Saratoga Associates and Wm. J. Keller & Sons regarding special inspections, material testing, and construction observation needs during active site work. The Village has set up a contract with Atlantic Testing to conduct any third-party testing required.

Main Street Sewer Replacement Project (Construction Progress / Contract Administration)

- Carver continued sewer installation work on South Main Street, including work between Slawson Street and Faville Avenue.
- Progress meetings continued with the Village, Barton & Loguidice, Carver, NYSDOT, NYSDEC, EFC, and project inspection staff to review work progress, traffic coordination, documentation, and upcoming construction activities.
- NYSDOT provided written clarification that South Main Street trench restoration is expected to follow the contract plans, including additional concrete sawcuts where undermined slab areas remain.
- Barton & Loguidice continued coordination with NYSDOT and Carver on road restoration recommendations, including review of field conditions, trench width, concrete slab limits, and potential restoration cost impacts. This will remain a primary coordination item as the Village works with NYSDOT to address trench restoration requirements, subgrade conditions, and overall project cost considerations.
- Carver's two-week lookahead was circulated for the May 12 progress meeting to support coordination of upcoming work and traffic control.
- Contract administration continued on pay application review, allowance authorizations, change order items, updated schedules, and documentation needed for agency and funding compliance.
- Ongoing coordination remains focused on balancing continued sewer installation with acceptable roadway restoration, field documentation, and timely communication among the Village, Barton & Loguidice, Carver, and NYSDOT.

Fink Creek Storm Drainage System Project – FEMA Project No. 4472DR-NY [130884]

- Barton & Loguidice began coordinating the final design kickoff meeting and subconsultant agreements for survey, geotechnical, and related field work needed to advance design.
- The Village and Barton & Loguidice discussed whether to wait for formal FEMA expanded-scope approval before proceeding further with design activities. A decision to either pause or continue with this work in the meantime will need to be discussed by the Village Board.

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- Barton & Loguidice recommended keeping the project moving at a limited level while FEMA review continues, so that field work, permitting, and construction bid preparation remain aligned with the project schedule.
- Current coordination is focused on completing field investigations this summer and beginning the permitting process with the applicable regulatory agencies.
- The project schedule continues to assume that, if the current extension request is approved, the Village would have until December 2027 to complete the project before relying on any broader disaster deadline extension.

Dolgeville BioChar / Dolgeville Organics – SEQR and Planning Board Review

- Coordination this month focused on Planning Board process, lead agency review, public hearing sequencing, and the applicant's remaining site plan materials.
- The applicant identified several remaining items for review, including SWPPP, wetlands delineation and DEC validation, updated survey information, updated site plan drawings, utility connection details, and water capacity review for fire suppression.
- Discussion continued regarding the need for coordinated review with potentially interested agencies and review of public and agency comments before any SEQR determination.
- The Village continued evaluating consultant and legal support options for the Planning Board review, including the use of escrow funding for applicant-related professional review costs.
- No Village action is required outside the Planning Board review process at this time.

Water Meter Replacement Project – GIGP Grant

- Following the April budget and checklist review, the Village continued assembling documentation needed for the GIGP water meter project submission.
- EFC checklist items were reviewed with Village staff, including SEQR documentation, SHPO coordination, NEPA-related forms, MWBE materials, and other pre-agreement requirements.
- The Village continued working toward the June 30 submission deadline for required Section 1 checklist materials.
- Coordination continued with Ti-SALES regarding Neptune meter documentation, including AIS / BABA compliance information and updated quote materials.
- The Village reviewed federal funding compliance items, including Single Audit requirements, AIS / BABA applicability, and whether any waiver or standardization documentation may be needed.
- The project remains in the grant documentation and pre-agreement coordination stage, with no construction or meter installation work authorized at this time (expected in Fall 2026).

IDA Water Storage Tank Project (Manheim Business Park)

- Wright-Pierce continued coordination with NYSDOH, EFC, the Herkimer County IDA, and the Village regarding agency review and funding administration for the Manheim Business Park water storage tank project.
- A revised DOH-348 form was prepared to reflect the Village as the owner of the public water system for NYSDOH review purposes.
- Coordination continued on how to distinguish the Village's ownership of the public water system from the IDA's anticipated role in contract administration and project funding administration.
- The project team continued discussing how EFC reimbursement, WIIA funding, IDA-administered contracts, and other project funding sources will be handled as the project advances.

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- Wright-Pierce requested a status update from NYSDOH on the pending review so the Village and IDA can continue working toward final funding coordination and eventual bidding.
- Additional coordination among the Village, IDA, Wright-Pierce, NYSDOH, EFC, and ESD remains needed before the project advances to bidding.

Water / Sewer Rate Study Support

- The Village continued participation in the Syracuse University Environmental Finance Center water and sewer rate study cohort.
- This month's session focused on rate structure options, customer impacts, and how different approaches may affect revenue stability, affordability, conservation, and customer classes.
- Dolgeville-specific "break-out session" discussions focused on reviewing available system, budget, billing, and customer information needed for the rate analysis.
- The Village continued reviewing rate study materials in connection with upcoming water meter implementation, sewer project financing, capital needs, reserve planning, and long-term utility sustainability.
- The rate study remains informational and planning-focused at this stage, with no rate structure changes proposed for Village Board action this month.

NYSDOT Quarterly Coordination / Route 29 Bridge / Beaver Creek Culvert / Thriving Communities

- The quarterly coordination meeting with NYSDOT was held at Village Hall on April 21, 2026, with discussion focused on active and upcoming DOT-related projects in the Village.
- NYSDOT provided an update on regional staffing, including the transition of the former Regional Director to a new statewide traffic safety role and the current acting regional leadership structure.
- The Route 29 Bridge Replacement project remains scheduled for a January 2027 letting, with NYSDOT continuing real estate coordination and property owner outreach.
- Discussion continued on property acquisition, appraisal work, access needs, and coordination items associated with the Route 29 Bridge Replacement project.
- NYSDOT provided an update on the Thriving Communities grant, including the approved State-Local Agreement for reimbursement of one year of grant administration costs.
- The Village was advised of an upcoming Thriving Communities forum / workshop for awarded communities in June.
