Village of Dolgeville Engineer's Monthly Update

October 2026

Active Projects

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

- Construction coordination continued with Saratoga Associates, Wm. J. Keller & Sons, and the mechanical, plumbing, and electrical contractors as pavilion roofing, enclosure work, utilities, and site improvements advanced.
- The splash-pad concrete surface is complete. Remaining coordination includes the water-meter assemblies, backflow protection, electrical readiness, startup testing, and the operating and winterization walkthrough before turnover.
- Following earlier winterization discussions, updated mechanical and electrical drawings were issued October 6, with further clarification October 9. These updates address motorized ventilation dampers, coordinated exhaust-fan circuits, freezing-temperature-rated sensors, cellular monitoring, and winter/summer switching.
- Revised paver elevations were issued October 1 to coordinate the pavilion entrance, adjacent grades, and drainage away from the building. Remaining sidewalk, curb, parking-area, planting, and restoration work continues to be coordinated with building construction.
- I continued weekly SWPPP inspections and provided reports and updated erosion-control sketches to Saratoga Associates for review and contractor distribution. Vegetation establishment and areas affected by remaining utility work continue to be monitored.
- The project team reviewed the sequencing of restroom and mechanical-room finishes, equipment installation, and startup work. Completion and punch-list activities will depend on coordination among the remaining trades; final turnover has not yet occurred.
- Village staff continued reviewing pay applications, certified payrolls, change items, and NY Forward reporting. DOS confirmed the first interim payment of $681,279.87, and staff coordinated the associated contract-system reporting.
- An optional $2,900 proposal for metal edging along the pavilion drip edge was presented for Village consideration.

Main Street Sewer Replacement Project

- North Helmer Avenue mainline installation advanced to the Green Street connection, with lateral work following behind. Galvanized water services encountered during excavation are being replaced from the main to the curb stop, with service-material information retained for the Village inventory.
- North Main Street turf establishment improved following the September seeding effort. The project team is moving toward retainage release and closeout of the FEMA-funded portion; final record drawings and supporting documentation remain part of that process.
- South Main Street, Baker Street, and Elm Street remain in restoration and punch-list work, including topsoil behind completed curbs and remaining pavement restoration.
- Barton & Loguidice reviewed CCTV inspections and outstanding submittals by sewer segment. Follow-up items include clarification of observed pipe conditions, completion of manhole work, and cleanup of selected lateral penetrations before acceptance.
- "Flushable" wipe accumulation was observed in newly installed sewer sections. Village staff arranged a public reminder in late September encouraging residents to dispose of wipes in the trash to support reliable operation of the collection system.
- The updated construction schedule was provided to EFC in late September and anticipates completion around Thanksgiving or the end of November. Remaining rock excavation, restoration, traffic arrangements, and any necessary permit extension are being monitored as work advances.

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- Contract administration continued on quantities, pay applications, change proposals, inspection records, and closeout documentation. Village staff submitted the EPA semiannual progress report October 13, ahead of the October 30 due date.

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

- Following prior financing discussions, Barton & Loguidice began evaluating construction phasing in relation to Village borrowing capacity, reimbursement timing, permitting, and the current project deadline.
- On October 6, the project team requested earlier clarification from DHSES regarding the possibility of extending the project beyond December 2027. DHSES advised that an extension is not presently assured; the existing deadline remains the basis for planning.
- Village staff and DHSES also discussed access to obligated funding and potential progress payments for eligible management costs. Available funding and reimbursement arrangements remain under review.
- Potential prioritization of upstream work near Center Park and the fire station is being evaluated. Any phased or reduced scope must be coordinated with DHSES and FEMA before the Village relies on reimbursement for that approach.
- The Village discussed coordination with NYSDOT concerning the Main Street culvert work and future roadway paving. The team will need to clarify excavation limits and sequencing as a feasible project approach is developed.

Route 29 Bridge Replacement and Water Main Betterment

- Village representatives met with NYSDOT and Barton & Loguidice to review bridge utility arrangements, the proposed bridge-mounted water main, sanitary connections, cost estimates, and financing requirements.
- The Board approved proceeding with the water-main betterment using a $600,000 planning amount. Final Village costs will depend on the bid results and applicable NYSDOT charges; the planning amount is not a final construction price.
- At the October quarterly meeting, NYSDOT indicated payment could be coordinated within ten days after the January 21, 2027 letting, with final confirmation still to follow. Village staff continue coordinating financing around that requirement.
- Material estimates were also developed for possible Dolge Avenue water-main looping. This additional work was not included in the $600,000 bridge betterment amount and remains a separate planning item, potentially coordinated with future (sewer) force-main work.
- Future funding opportunities were discussed with Barton & Loguidice. No grant award has been identified for the betterment, and current financing planning does not assume grant reimbursement.

NYSDOT Main Street Roadway Improvements

- At the quarterly coordination meeting, NYSDOT reported that its roadway project is planned for a February 25, 2027 letting. Work includes paving, drainage-structure repairs, curb and accessible-ramp improvements, sidewalk extensions, and lighting coordination.
- NYSDOT is allowing construction sequencing over more than one season to accommodate procurement and contractor availability. The timing of final paving will be determined through the awarded contract and construction schedule.
- Near-term roadway patching was discussed for areas remaining outside the sewer contractor's restoration work. Coordination continues to align sewer restoration, roadway maintenance, and the upcoming State project.

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Water Meter Improvements / GIGP Grant Review

- The completed Supplemental Engineering Report and Response to Agency Comments was submitted to EFC and DOH September 24. EFC acknowledged receipt that day. The submission includes technical, financial, legal, mapping, inventory, product, and implementation documentation.
- On October 7, EFC's new project engineer, Ian Goller, advised that he had no further technical comments. EFC requested a signed Engineering Report Certification before report approval.
- EFC also identified the Technical Force Account Certification needed before disbursement for technical force-account work. This certification will not hold up report approval, but must be addressed as part of project administration.
- Coordination with Village staff and HOCCPP refined the supporting service inventory and mapping. Differences between billing records and the lead-service-line inventory were reviewed, with field reconciliation anticipated as meter installation proceeds.
- EFC notified the Village of an upcoming change in AMI meter waiver requirements affecting procurement after December 19, 2026. Product compliance and purchasing timing will need to be coordinated before orders are finalized.
- Technical review progress does not constitute authorization to begin installation. The project remains subject to report approval, the State agreement, and completion of applicable administrative requirements.

IDA Water Storage Tank Project – Manheim Business Park

- Village staff reviewed the existing agency-review correspondence and DOH comment letter with the Mayor in October to support continued coordination of the outstanding project requirements.
- In response to an EFC utilization-plan inquiry, the IDA advised October 13 that the project has not been bid and that construction administration and observation services have not yet been selected. The IDA requested clarification of any additional documentation needed at this stage.

Local Bridge Preliminary Engineering Opportunities

- Reviewed HOCTC's Local Bridge Preliminary Engineering Program, which offers $3 million in regional funding for preliminary bridge engineering studies ahead of the next NYSDOT Bridge NY solicitation.
- Discussed the Beaver Brook approach structure and Howard Street Extension bridge as potential candidates, with ownership and program eligibility to be confirmed.
- Applications are due December 15, 2026, at 4 p.m., with engineering awards scheduled for January 29, 2027. The Village will review the application requirements and scoring criteria before determining which projects to submit.

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