

**FMC MIDDLEPORT  
COMMUNITY ADVISORY PANEL  
MEETING SUMMARY**

4-1-09

Community Members Present: Dan Dodge, Dee Collins, Paul Collins, Dick Owen, Sandie Owen, Dick Westcott, Bryan Wollenberg

FMC Representatives Present: Andy Twarowski, Glen Wilson, Bob Wojcik, Debbie Overkamp (AMEC Geomatrix)

Facilitator: Ann Howard

Deb Overkamp opened the meeting at 6:00. The agenda of this meeting included: review of CAP newsletter, update on new member recruitment, FMC Home Value Assurance presentation, Plant update, community update, and set June meeting agenda.

**INTRODUCTION OF NEW PLANT MANAGER**

Andy Twarowski was introduced as the new FMC Middleport Plant manager. Andy officially started on March 30 and has been working closely with Glen Wilson over the last two weeks. Andy has been with FMC for over 30 years and is a native of Baltimore, MD.

**CAP NEWSLETTER REVIEW**

Copies of the draft newsletter were distributed and reviewed. Comments and changes were noted. Members should contact Debra by Friday with any additional changes.

**NEW MEMBER RECRUITMENT UPDATE**

A status report was given by CAP members. Dick Owen will obtain Barden Home contact information from April Strong. Bob Wojcik suggested soliciting someone from Rhinehart's. Dan Dodge indicated that his daughter and her fiancé will consider joining at a later date and they may have friends who might be interested. Glen Wilson was unable to attend the Roy-Hart Professional Business Association meeting and will follow-up. Debra Overkamp will contact the Facklams. Members discussed asking Mike Fisher, Building and Grounds Supervisor at Roy-Hart and decided to wait until the fall. Members are to send any prospects to Debra before June.

**PLANT UPDATE**

Employee Update - new employees Alan Ulicny, Barry Downes, and Rolland Rhodes. Dana Thompson now is the Strategic Sourcing Manager and works from home. Andy recognized Glen for all of his hard work and for basically working two jobs for the last 8 months.

As of the April CAP meeting, the plant had 22 safe workdays since the last recorded incident. Andy reported a fork lift driver had sustained a hand injury which required corrective surgery. Another employee suffered an eye injury and required medical attention and antibiotics. Safety Day was held March 19th which included an annual refresher course on the proper use and maintenance of a respirator and gathered workers thoughts on how to improve safety. Andy will provide key safety action items for at the June 3rd Meeting.

Project Activities -FMC is looking to install a raw materials tank farm (e.g. corn oil; A200, a mild solvent). This would allow the plant to buy the materials in bulk at a significant cost savings. In addition, FMC is looking to replacing the lighting system and refrigeration system (energy utilization improvement project). The Plant will be receiving a \$6000 rebate from NYSERTA for their air compressor replacement project. Andy is working on a 10-20% reduction in energy costs over the next year.

Right now the plant is in peak season. The plant is nearing storage capacity and is working with their distributor to free up space.

#### COMMUNITY UPDATE

Dan Dodge reported that the \$89,500 NY Main Street Grant is moving forward and applications are being reviewed. The next step is to have estimates on the work completed and the community can expect to see work take place this summer.

Dan also reported on the pavilion project at Margaret Droman Park and only one permit is needed from the NYS Thruway Authority. Construction will begin this year and will include four new boat tie- ups, electric and water hook-ups, and the pavilion.

Dan reported on Round 3 of the NYS Restore NY grant program. The Village submitted its letter of intent for this round. It allows municipalities to get money for building demolition and can be retroactive. This could help the Village with the costs associated with the demolition of the Jackson Building this past year.

Lastly, the soil from the tank removal on Fire Department property will finally be moved from the Village this summer. The property where the soil will be bioremediated still needs to have the brush cleared to allow for a larger treatment area. The process should take 14-18 months.

Dee Collins reported on the 150th Village Anniversary Celebration.

She reported 172 memorial bricks have been sold, well above expectations. March 28th kicked off the celebration and was attended by many VIPs. There will be a picnic on May 24, Brick Dedication on May 25, and a street dance with live band in July. May 2nd is the Community Yard Sale.

#### NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Middleport FMC CAP will be held on June 3, 2009. The agenda will include a presentation by the Niagara County Emergency Management Coordinator, plant update, and report on safety action items at the plant. A plant tour will be at 7 PM. Please invite others who may be interested.\*