

Mr. Collins stated last week, Gary Drake from the State Regional Office came to the Office and after discussion, he said he cannot guarantee that Mr. Collins is going to get 100% equalization rate. Mr. Collins said one of the problems is he hasn't really said that his equalization rate will be thus – you won't know what it is until after the reval and after the Board of Assessment Review meets, and then the State will establish an equalization rate. He told Mr. Collins that it was close, but he was a little concerned. Mr. Collins spoke with Mr. Drake's Supervisor this morning who was more enthused as to where he was as far as the equalization rate goes, and she said the same thing – she cannot guarantee that we would be at 100%. She modified the equalization rate compared to what Gary had last week and it looks favorable, but they will not say it would be 100% equalization rate.

Mr. Collins said after thinking this over, he had the option of pulling the plug on the reval and filing a State equalization rate claim which is very lengthy, and the chances of getting it done in time are not good. After talking with a Regional Manager from Batavia, she was much more encouraging. What this means is he wants to go forward and finish the reval. By Thursday, they will be able to get a file to the County and Impact Notices can be sent out. He noted it's going to take a little more time as he stopped the reval last week.

Mr. Collins stated the Town has not had a revaluation since 2007; the equalization rate for 2014 was 88%, and last year it was 83%. He gave the Board a packet which contains information as to why it is important to have a 100% equalization rate. After further explanation of the equalization rate, Mr. Collins said he intends to go forward and complete the reval as is. There is no guarantee that it will get to 100%, but, based on information he has now, he is hopeful it will happen. Discussion followed as Mr. Collins answered questions from the Board.

Water/Sewer Projects: Mr. Lazzaro stated John Condino and Peter Baker from Barton & Loguidice are here to give the Board an overview of the Town of Seneca Falls water and sewer projects that they are working on.

Mr. Condino stated there are a number of issues and projects in the water and sewer area that will soon come to fruition this year. The Board agreed to go ahead with the two water tower projects. The Van Renssalaer water tank will be completely rehabbed inside and out from a coating standpoint, and the Auburn Road water tank will be painted on the outside and completely rehabbed on the inside. These are projects that are at least 20 years plus in the making. The Auburn Road tank project will hopefully start about May 1st, and the VanRenssalaer tank project will start about July 1st. Mr. Condino stated through that period, one or the other tank will be out of service. The Town is working cooperatively with the Village of Waterloo to open the interconnection – there is one interconnection now, and they are hoping to have two. Mr. Condino stated there are three projects within the Town that affects the sewer system, and there is a project that the County is undertaking on Route 318 that will end up benefitting the Town also.

Mr. Baker gave an overview of the various sewer projects they are working on. He noted that there are two key pieces of infrastructure – the Wastewater Treatment Plant and the Sanitary Sewer Collection System. He gave a brief description of the workings of each.

Mr. Baker explained the Route 414 Sanitary Sewer Upgrade project. As part of the del Lago development, the Town has entered into an agreement to accept the wastewater flows to the Treatment Plant from the Casino. With that, there will be some upgrades required in order to increase the conveyance along that corridor. Those upgrades will provide additional excess capacity, allowing for additional development along that corridor. Mr. Condino mentioned that the Casino is paying for those upgrades on that project.

Mr. Baker referred to the Kingdom Road Pump Station which currently receives a lot of sanitary flow from along Route 414 and sections of Route 5 & 20 to the Town line of Waterloo. That Station, given the development they are talking about, is going to need additional upgrades.

Mr. Baker said the final project is the Sanitary Sewer Infiltration/Inflow Improvements. In 2013, B&L did a pretty extensive study of manhole inspections, sewer inspections, camera lines, smoke testing, and looked at responses of precipitation to pump rates. They made some recommendations, and that project will address the infiltration into the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Mr. Baker gave a lengthy explanation of each of the projects.

Mr. Baker stated two other projects are regional projects which will bring increased flow into the Treatment Plant and increased revenue. There are a couple smaller treatment plants along Route 318 that the DEC would like to have those flows go elsewhere, and the Town of Seneca Falls has a pretty robust Treatment Plant currently underutilized and under capacity – it can handle a lot more flow. He mentioned that they are working with Seneca County who is planning to install new sanitary sewers along the Route 318 corridor from Route 414 in the western portion of Tyre to Waterloo Premium Outlets in Junius. The Town of Seneca Falls Treatment Plant is a more cost effective way to treat that wastewater, and the side benefit to that is by installing sanitary sewer, it will allow a lot of economic development within that corridor. Mr. Baker stated this project is currently in the planning stage with the County and DEC, and they anticipate breaking ground in 2017.

Mr. DeLelys asked if the new Byrne Dairy approached them for sewer; Mr. Condino replied yes, they have. Mr. Baker added the Town of Tyre operates a sewer district, and there is capacity within the current infrastructure to allow those flows – there is an existing sewer on Route 414 which they will tap into at that location.

Mrs. Lutz asked if everything that was presented has been approved and is going to happen. Mr. Condino replied nothing has been approved from a project standpoint because it still has to go through the DEC, but they are in the planning and approval process. Mrs. Sarratori asked about the time line. Mr. Condino replied the timeline on the Route 414 upgrades is the design is with the DEC and approval is expected in about 30 days - the project will be going in the ground this summer, and operational by the end of the year. They are hoping that the Kingdom Road Sewer project will be designed and ready to go out to bid next year, and behind that will be the Collection System and Stormwater project.

Mrs. Lutz referred to equalization tank, and asked if that is only used in an emergency; Mr. Condino replied yes. Mrs. Lutz asked how many times was it necessary to use that. Mr. Condino replied it was a used tank purchased by the former Village and put in in the mid 80's – it is only used when necessary. Mr. Tullo mentioned that it was used twice this year – they cut the use down. Mr. Condino added the objective is once the collection system and storm sewer improvements are done, there will be less need for such a large tank, so they will know how better to size it and replace it. Brief discussion followed.

Being there was no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the Meeting by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Dave DeLelys. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 naves.

Meeting adjourned at 4:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

NICALETTA J. GREER
Town Clerk

SENECA FALLS TOWN BOARD PUBLIC HEARING & MEETING APRIL 5, 2016

The Seneca Falls Town Board held a Public Hearing and regular monthly Meeting on Tuesday, April 5, 2016 in the Town Hall Meeting Room, 81 W. Bayard Street.

Present were Supervisor Gregory Lazzaro; Councilpersons Mary Sarratori, David DeLelys, Annette Lutz and Vittorio Porretta. Also present were Patrick Morrell, Attorney for the Town; James Spina, Commissioner of Parks and Recreation; Dean Zettlemoyer, Zoning Officer; Stuart Peenstra, Police Chief; James Peterson, Highway Superintendent; Don Collins, Assessor; Joseph Tullo, Water/Sewer Chief Operator; John Condino of Barton & Loguidice and a Member of the local media.

Public Hearing – Proposed Local Law #1 – 2016 Increasing the Salary of Highway Superintendent: Mr. Lazzaro opened the Public Hearing at 6:35 P.M. Mrs. Lutz asked how long has this person been in this position; Mr. Morrell replied January 1st. Mrs. Lutz asked what the justification was. Mr. Lazzaro replied he is taking on more responsibilities, and has been a long-term Member of that Department. Mr. Peterson said he will be helping the Water Department install waterlines on Black Brook Road and County House Road, and will be tearing a house down if the Board approves it. He also mentioned that he has been with the Highway Department for 29 years. Mr. Morrell added knowing that the prior Highway Superintendent was not going to run again, the salary was adjusted down prior to Election and advertised as such. The salary is \$7,000 more than advertised prior to Election. The Election produced Mr. Peterson, and the Board felt it has somebody who is knowledgeable, experienced and capable of taking on these additional responsibilities. Mr. Morrell noted that this local law is subject to permissive referendum. Brief discussion followed.

Since there were no further comments, a motion was made to close the Public Hearing at 6:40 P.M. by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Dave DeLelys. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 naves.

A motion was made to adopt Local Law #1 – 2016, a local law to increase the 2016 salary of the Highway Superintendent of the Town of Seneca Falls by \$7,000 by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Dave DeLelys. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes 0 naves.

