Town of Seneca Falls

AGENDA

Town Supervisor
Michael J. Ferrara

Council Members
Steve Churchill
Dawn Dyson
Kaitlyn Laskoski
Frank Sinicropi

Town Supervisor Ferrara and the members of the Town Board would like to welcome you to Town Hall for this monthly business meeting. If you have come to speak during the meeting, please approach the podium when recognized by the Town Supervisor, state your name and address for the record and speak directly into the microphone. The Board is pleased to hear relevant comments that pertain to Town government, however, a 3-5 minute limit is set to allow for all of the meeting's business to be conducted. Also, please remember to silence your phones. Requests for accommodations for individuals with disabilities may be made with advanced notice of at least three work days prior to the meeting by calling (315) 568-8013, Option 1, or e-mailing ngreer@senecafalls.com. Thank you for your interest in Town Government.

PUBLIC HEARINGS & MEETING
NOVEMBER 8, 2023

1. PUBLIC HEARING – Proposed Local Law -Tax Exemption for Volunteer Firefighters & Ambulance Workers.
2. PUBLIC HEARING – 2024 Preliminary Budget

3. REGULAR MEETING
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     - a. Paul Kelsey – SMI and Taxes
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   - B. Budget Workshop – October 11, 2023
   - C. Budget Workshop – October 19, 2023

5. COMMUNICATIONS

6. OLD BUSINESS
   - A. Sale of Town Property

7. NEW BUSINESS
   - A. Approval of Special Events
   - B. Proposed Local Law – Tax Exemption for Volunteer Firefighters & Ambulance Workers
   - C. 2024 Preliminary Budget
   - D. SEQR & Lead Agency Intent – DRI Community Center Skate Park/Kayak Access
   - E. Highway Resolution – Replace Motor Equipment Operator Light
   - F. Highway Resolution – Emergency Repair of Plow Truck

G. Resolution – Remove Utility Poles that Have Been Replaced
H. Resolution – Project Management Contract for Water Meter Replacement Project
I. Resolution – Vacation Leave Credit Holdover Limit of Five Working Days
J. Resolution – Proposed Local Law – Override Tax Levy Limit
K. Resolution – Approve Contract with Police Command Unit
L. Resolution – Townwide Cash Collection Process Policy
M. P&R Resolution – Surplus Dock and Dock Ramp
N. Any Other New Business
O. Water/Sewer/Pool Credits
P. Executive Session

8. PAYMENT OF BILLS

9. SPECIAL ORDER OF THE DAY

TOWN OF SENECA FALLS

November 8, 2023

RESOLUTION TO REMOVE UTILITY POLES THAT HAVE BEEN REPLACED IN THE TOWN OF SENECA FALLS

WHEREAS, NYSGE has been replacing poles in the Town of Seneca Falls; and

WHEREAS, as NYSGE has been placing the replacement pole next to the old existing pole; and

WHEREAS, NYSEG owns both poles and other companies are using the old pole for their lines and various equipment with no drop dead date to move their lines and equipment; and

WHEREAS, NYSEG owns both poles and other companies are using the old pole for their lines and various equipment with no drop dead date to move their lines and equipment; and

WHEREAS this look in neighborhoods around Town looks poorly

WHEREAS the Town is requesting that the NYSEG give these companies renting space on the old pole a date in the late spring to remove their lines and equipment to the new pole and someone remove the old pole and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the NYSEG and the public service commission and the state assembly person and state senator in an effort to move this along

Motioned by _____ Seconded by _____

TOWN BOARD	AYES	NAYES
Councilman Churchill		
Councilwoman Dyson		
Councilwoman Laskoski		
Councilman Sinicropi		
Supervisor Ferrara		
Carried and Adopted		

TOWN OF SENECA FALLS

November 8, 2023

Fixed Price Project Management Contract for Water Meter Replacement Project

WHEREAS, The Town of Seneca Falls is engaged in project to replace more than 4000 water meters and transmission radios; and

WHEREAS, The Town Board approved the contract to utilize MRB Group to provide project management services; and

WHEREAS, The current project is based on a time and material cost basis which creates variability and therefor excess risk the Town financially; and

WHEREAS, the MRB Group is offering to move to a fixed price contract to complete the Water Meter Replacement project for a cost of $38,000. This expense would be reimbursable by the grant received by the Town to complete the project;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The Seneca Falls Town Board herby approves proposal by MRB group to perform the services specified in the attached proposal for professional services required to complete the water meter replacement project.

Motioned by _____ Seconded by _____

TOWN BOARD	AYES	NAYES
Councilman Churchill		
Councilwoman Dyson		
Councilwoman Laskoski		
Councilman Sinicropi		
Supervisor Ferrara		
Carried and Adopted		

TOWN OF SENECA FALLS

November 9, 2023

Vacation leave credit holdover limit of 5 working days

WHEREAS, The Town of Seneca Falls grants employees paid vacation leave; and

WHEREAS, The Town Board has the sole authority to determine policies pertaining to the granting and use of paid vacation leave; and

WHEREAS, The Employee Handbook for the Town of Seneca Falls defines the, accrual, use, and accumulation of paid leave; and

WHEREAS, the current policy creates unnecessary steps for employees to accumulate vacation at the end of the calendar year;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The Seneca Falls Town Board herby approves edits to the Employee Handbook as described below to automate the process of allowing employees to carry over no more than 5 workdays of unused vacation leave.

Current Handbook Language:

> **Accumulation** – An employee **may not** accumulate P/T paid leave credits. Any leave credits remaining unused at the end of the last business day of the calendar year shall be cancelled unless authorized by the Town Supervisor, and shall be limited to five working days.

Proposed Handbook Language:

> **Accumulation** – An employee **may not** accumulate P/T paid leave credits. Up to five working days of unused leave credits remaining at the end of the last business day of the calendar year shall be added to the employee's allotment for the next calendar year.

Motioned by _____ Seconded by _____

TOWN BOARD	AYES	NAYES
Councilman Churchill		
Councilwoman Dyson		
Councilwoman Laskoski		
Councilman Sinicropi		
Supervisor Ferrara		
Carried and Adopted		

TOWN OF SENECA FALLS

November 8, 2023

RESOLUTION INTRODUCING PROPOSED LOCAL LAW AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLIC HEARING

WHEREAS, THE town of Seneca Falls Town Board believes it would be advantageous to the Town to override the tax levy limit imposed by General Municipal Law section 3-c; and

WHEREAS, subdivision 5 of General Municipal Law section 3-c expressly authorizes the Town Board to override the tax cap by the adoption of a local law approved by vote of sixty percent (60%) of the Town Board; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, tjat proposed Local Law # -2023 entitled "A Local Law to Override the Tax Levy Limit Established in General Municipal Law 3-C" be the same is hereby introduced before the Town Board of the Town of Seneca Falls, New York; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of the aforesaid proposed local law have been presented to each member of the Town Board; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board will hold a public hearing on said proposed Local Law at the Town Municipal Building , 130 Ovid Street, Seneca Falls, New York at 6:00 PM on XXX

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk will publish or cause to be published a notice of said hearing in the official newspaper of the towns at least five (5) days prior thereto; and

Upon adoption of the foregoing provision the Clerk distribute copiue of the aforesaid Local Law to each member of the Town Board

Motioned by _____ Seconded by _____

TOWN BOARD	AYES	NAYES
Councilman Churchill		
Councilwoman Dyson		
Councilwoman Laskoski		
Councilman Sinicropi		
Supervisor Ferrara		
Carried and Adopted		

TOWN OF SENECA FALLS

DATE: November 8, 2023

THE TOWN BOARD OF SENECA FALLS APPROVES A NEW THREE-YEAR CONTRACT WITH THE COMMAND UNIT

☒ Budgeted Item

WHEREAS, the current Command Union contract expires on December 31, 2023 and;

WHEREAS, the Public Safety Committee and the Union met at various times to negotiatiate a new contract and;

WHEREAS, the two parties agreed to a 3% raise in 2024 for the Chief and the Lieutenant and also agreed that they will get the same percentage as the Seneca Falls PBA for 2025 and 2026 and;

WHEREAS, the parties agreed to add Juneteenth as a new holiday and;

WHEREAS, the parties agreed that the Chief and Lieutenant will contribute 11% towards their health insurance and;

WHEREAS, the union will not be required to take the Cooper Standard physical test however, employees who choose to take the test and successfully pass the Cooper Test each calendar year will receive a lump sum payment of $500.00. The test must be taken during non-working hours and will not be compensated for time spent taking the test and;

WHEREAS, the Chief and the Lieutenant will continue to be allowed to accumulate sick leave up to 90 days to be used as 8-hour days. However, the benefit cashed at retirement shall be calculated in hours, with the maximum benefit of 720 hours. At the option of the employee, the amount owed pursuant to this section (7.4.2) may be designated to be held by the employer and used to offset health insurance premiums for the retired employee, and now,

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of Seneca Falls approves a three-year contract (2024, 2025, 2026) with the Command Union.

Motioned by _____ Seconded by _____

TOWN BOARD	AYES	NAYES
Councilman Churchill		
Councilwoman Dyson		
Councilwoman Laskoski		
Councilman Sinicropi		
Supervisor Ferrara		
Carried and Adopted		

TOWN OF SENECA FALLS

November 9, 2023

Adoption of Town wide Cash Collection Process policy

WHEREAS, The Town of Seneca Falls has multiple offices that accept payments in cash and check forms for services; and

WHEREAS, The New York State Comptroller's office has recommended that the Town of Seneca Falls adopt a formal policy for managing these collections; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The Seneca Falls Town Board herby adopts the following procedure as its formal cash collection process.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to ensure internal controls and to provide guidance to ensure the accountability and safeguarding of the Town's cash. Department heads and managers of units that collect Town funds remain primarily responsible for ensuring that adequate control procedures have been put in place and maintained to secure collections. This policy has been established to provide a framework for guidance and coordination in this area and for establishing minimum control standards relative to cash handling.

SCOPE

This policy applies to all employees or representatives collecting funds on behalf of the Town.

DEFINITIONS

Cash - For purposes of this policy cash is defined to include coin, currency, checks, money orders, credit and debit cards, and electronic funds transfers (ACH and Wires).

Cash Collection Point - A cash collection point is defined as a department, event, or other entity, which collects cash. Only those departments or units that can demonstrate the ability to establish appropriate control procedures and comply with prescribed cash handling guidelines will be approved as Cash Collection Points.

Internal Controls - Internal controls generally comprise the methods and measures adopted by the Town Board to safeguard its assets, check the accuracy and reliability of its accounting data, promote operational efficiency, and encourage adherence to prescribed managerial policies. For purposes of this policy, the emphasis on controls will generally be related to the methods and practices necessary to ensure the safeguarding of the Town's cash collections. The establishment of internal controls for cash collections is necessary to prevent mishandling of funds and to safeguard against loss. Strong internal controls are also designed to protect employees by defining responsibilities in the cash handling process.

POLICY/PROCEDURE

It is recognized that no single control model effectively or efficiently fits the needs of all cash collection areas. However, there are certain standard control procedures that are expected to be in place, unless there is a demonstrated and justifiable reason, approved in advance by the Town Board, for not doing so. In such cases, there would be an expectation that alternative or compensating control procedures be put in place. The standard control procedures generally expected to be established at each Cash Collection Point are as follows:

1. For collections received in person, funds should be receipted at the initial point of collection and all customers should be provided a pre-numbered receipt.

2. Unused pre-numbered receipt forms should be adequately secured and accounted for. The individual receiving the cash and issuing the individual receipt forms should sign for the pre-numbered receipt forms that he or she has been assigned to use.

3. If unused pre-numbered receipt forms are no longer needed, they should be voided or destroyed in the presence of a representative from the Clerk's Office.

4. Supervisory personnel should approve voided receipts or transactions. All copies of the voided receipt form should be retained.

5. Cash handling duties should be assigned so that collections, deposit preparation, and reconciliations are assigned to different employees.

6. Different employees should not work simultaneously out of the same cash drawer and whenever funds are transferred among employees, the responsibility should be fixed through some receipting mechanism.

7. Deposits should generally be made daily. No collections should be held more than five business days, regardless of amount, before being deposited.

8. Cash collections should be adequately secured at all times. Cash drawers should be locked when a cashier must be away from his or her workstation

9. Persons with assigned cash handling responsibilities should be provided clear written departmental procedures regarding their responsibilities for the handling and control of cash collections.

10. Personal loans or the cashing of personal checks from cash collections is prohibited.

11. Responsible individuals within Departments or units functioning as a Cash Collection Point who fail to abide by this policy may be subject to disciplinary action. Any significant changes within a Cash Collection Point relating to personnel duties (i.e. transfer of duties or assignments, retirements or terminations, an extended leave of absence) or procedures should be brought to the attention of the Town Supervisor.

Motioned by _____ Seconded by _____

TOWN BOARD	AYES	NAYES
Councilman Churchill		
Councilwoman Dyson		
Councilwoman Laskoski		
Councilman Sinicropi		
Supervisor Ferrara		
Carried and Adopted		

Parks & Recreation Department

TOWN OF SENECA FALLS

October 31, 2023

Surplus Dock and Dock Ramp

☐ Budgeted Item

WHEREAS, the Town of Seneca Falls has removed the floating dock and ramp from VanCleef Lake as deemed unsafe; and

WHEREAS, The Town of Seneca Falls will no longer use the dock and ramp; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The Seneca Falls Town Board surplus the dock and ramp through Auction International.

Motioned by _____ Seconded by _____

TOWN BOARD	AYES	NAYES
Councilman Churchill		
Councilwoman Dyson		
Councilwoman Laskoski		
Councilman Sinicropi		
Supervisor Ferrara		
Carried and Adopted		

TOWN OF SENECA FALLS

DATE: November 13, 2023

Office of the Superintendent of Highways
TOWN OF SENECA FALLS

187 Ovid Street
Seneca Falls, New York 13148

Highway Superintendent: Jeremy Wendt
Phone: 315 568-6288 Fax: 315-568-8680
Email: tsfhwy@verizon.net

Budgeted Item
DA5130.42

WHEREAS, the Highway Department needs to repair a plow truck that was discovered when the department was getting prepared for snow plowing.

WHEREAS, this will be an emergency procurement because the truck cannot be moved without the potential of further damage.

WHEREAS, the high-pressure turbo and low-pressure turbo need to be repaired on the truck. The estimate from Marro's Empire Trucking for the repairs is $8495.67, and

RESOLVED, that the Seneca Falls Town Board does authorize the emergency repairs for $8495.67.

Office of the Superintendent of Highways
TOWN OF SENECA FALLS

187 Ovid Street
Seneca Falls, New York 13148

Highway Superintendent: Jeremy Wendt
Phone: 315 568-6288 Fax: 315-568-8680
Email: tsfhwy@verizon.net

10/31/2023

RESOLUTION: To Replace Motor Equipment Light Operator

WHEREAS, the highway department would like to hire a Motor Equipment Operator Light, to replace the one that left.

WHEREAS, The highway department will use this person to perform all the duties of a motor equipment operator Light. This Gentlemen has worked in grounds maintenance in the past and will make a good fit in our department. This will make for an easy transition.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Seneca Falls Town Board does hereby authorize the hiring of Richard Mellini, as a Motor Equipment Operator Light starting at $21.00 an hour

TOWN OF SENECA FALLS

DATE: November 8, 2023

THE TOWN BOARD OF SENECA FALLS APPROVES THE TOWN SUPERVISOR TO SIGN AGREEMENTS WITH BARTON & LOGUIDICE

☒ Budgeted Item

WHEREAS, Barton & Loguidice has provided design costs for WWTP Back-Up Generator, WWTP Chemical Storage Room Improvements, WWTP Dewatering Improvements, Fall Street Pump Station Improvements, WTP Sedimentation Equipment, WTP Low Lift Pump Replacement and King and George Roads Water Line Project and;

WHEREAS, the total fees for all of the project designs listed above would be $21,000.00 and;

WHEREAS, starting the design work as early as possible would enhance the possibility that the projects would be completed in the next 12-14 months and now;

RESOLVED, the Town Board of Seneca Falls approves for the Town Supervisor to sign the design agreements with Barton & Loguidice for $21,000.00

Motioned by _____ Seconded by _____

TOWN BOARD	AYES	NAYES
Councilman Churchill		
Councilwoman Dyson		
Councilwoman Laskoski		
Councilman Sinicropi		
Supervisor Ferrara		
Carried and Adopted		

Resolution Introducing Proposed Local Law
And Providing for Public Hearing

WHEREAS Section 466-a of the New York State Real Property Tax Law provides for a limited exemption from Real Property Taxes for Volunteer Firefighters and Ambulance Workers;

WHEREAS Section 466-a requires that a local law be adopted by each municipality that wishes to authorize the exemption;

WHEREAS the Town Board of the Town of Seneca Falls would like to provide this exemption as allowed by New York State Law to its residents that are qualifying Volunteer Firefighters and Ambulance Workers;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that proposed Local Law No. __ of the year 2023 entitled "A local law to amend Chapter 266 of the Code of the Town of Seneca Falls to Authorize a Real Property Tax Exemption for Volunteer Firefighters and Volunteer Ambulance Workers Pursuant to Real Property Tax Law Section 466-a" be and the same is hereby introduced before the Town Board of the Town of Seneca Falls, New York; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of the aforesaid proposed local law be laid upon the desks of each member of the Town Board; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Board will hold a public hearing on said proposed Local Law at the Seneca Falls Town Offices, 130 Ovid Street, Seneca Falls, New York at 6:00 p.m. on November 8, 2023; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Clerk publish or cause to be published a notice of said public hearing in the official newspaper of the town at least five (5) days prior thereto.

Upon adoption of the foregoing provision, the Clerk distributed copies of the aforesaid Local Law to each member of the Town Board.

McKinney's Consolidated Laws of New York Annotated
Real Property Tax Law (Refs & Annos)
Chapter 50-a. Of the Consolidated Laws
Article 4. Exemptions
Title 2. Private Property

McKinney's RPTL § 466-a

§ 466-a. Volunteer firefighters and volunteer ambulance workers

Effective: December 9, 2022
Currentness

<[As added by L.2022, c. 670, § 1. See, also, § 466-a as added by another act.]>

1. Real property owned by an enrolled member of an incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department or incorporated voluntary ambulance service or such enrolled member and spouse residing in any county shall be exempt from taxation to the extent of up to ten percent of the assessed value of such property for city, village, town, part town, special district, school district, fire district or county purposes, exclusive of special assessments, provided that the governing body of a city, village, town, school district, fire district or county, after a public hearing, adopts a local law, ordinance or resolution providing therefor.

2. Such exemption shall not be granted to an enrolled member of an incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department or incorporated voluntary ambulance service residing in such county unless:

(a) the applicant resides in the city, town or village which is served by such incorporated volunteer fire company or fire department or incorporated voluntary ambulance service;

(b) the property is the primary residence of the applicant;

(c) the property is used exclusively for residential purposes; provided however, that in the event any portion of such property is not used exclusively for the applicant's residence but is used for other purposes, such portion shall be subject to taxation and the remaining portion only shall be entitled to the exemption provided by this section; and

(d) the applicant has been certified by the authority having jurisdiction for the incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department, or voluntary ambulance service as an enrolled member of such incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department, or voluntary ambulance service, as determined by the governing body of a city, village, town, school district, fire district or county; provided, however, that such governing body shall establish a minimum service requirement for each applicant between two years of service and five years of service. It shall be the duty and responsibility of the governing body of each municipality, school district and/or fire district which adopts a local law, ordinance or resolution pursuant to this section to determine the procedure for certification.

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7. No applicant who is a volunteer firefighter or volunteer ambulance worker who by reason of such status is receiving any benefit under the provisions of this article on the effective date of this section shall suffer any diminution of such benefit because of the provisions of this section.

8. Any city, village, town, school district, fire district or county that currently, through local law, ordinance or resolution, provides an exemption from taxation for an enrolled member of an incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department or incorporated voluntary ambulance service, such enrolled member and spouse, or an un-remarried spouse shall be authorized to continue to provide such exemption, provided however, such city, village, town, school district, fire district or county shall adopt a local law, ordinance or resolution to conform to the provisions of this section no later than three years after the effective date of this section.

9. Notice to affected municipalities. On or before December thirty-first, two thousand twenty-two, it shall be the duty of the commissioner or her or his designees to notify or cause to be notified, in a manner prescribed by the commissioner, the chief executive officer of each and any municipality in which former sections four hundred sixty-six-a, four hundred sixty-six-b, four hundred sixty-six-c, four hundred sixty-six-d, four hundred sixty-six-f, four hundred sixty-six-g, four hundred sixty-six-h, four hundred sixty-six-i, four hundred sixty-six-j, and four hundred sixty-six-k of the real property tax law apply, of the provisions of the chapter of the laws of two thousand twenty-two that added this section.

Credits

(Added L.2022, c. 670, § 1, eff. Dec. 9, 2022.)

McKinney's R. P. T. L. § 466-a, NY RP TAX § 466-a

Current through L.2023, chapters 1 to 480. Some statute sections may be more current, see credits for details.

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ORDER AFTER PUBLIC HEARING AUTHORIZING INCREASE AND IMPROVEMENT OF FACILITIES OF THE TOWN OF SENECA FALLS WATER TREATMENT PLANT UNDER TOWN LAW §202-B

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Seneca Falls, New York (the "Town") previously requested Barton & Loguidice Engineers, P.C., engineers duly licensed by the State of New York, to prepare a map, plan and estimate of cost for the improvement of facilities of the Town of Seneca Falls Water Treatment Plant that services the Town of Seneca Falls Water Distribution System (consisting of the Seneca Falls Improvement Water Districts No. 1 & No. 2; the Former Village of Seneca Falls District and the Former Village of Seneca Falls Permissive Service Area) in and for the Town, consisting of the replacement and rehabilitation of existing components at the Town's water treatment plant, and cleaning of the existing intake pipe, and the acquisition of original furnishings, equipment, machinery or apparatus, including related site work, paving, restoration and repairs incidental thereto; and

WHEREAS, said map, plan and estimate of cost are on file in the office of the Town Clerk for public inspection and the estimated maximum cost of such improvement is Twenty-Four Million, One Hundred and Ninety Thousand, Nine Hundred Dollars ($24,190,900.00); and

WHEREAS, said project had been determined to be a Type II action under the regulations of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation promulgated pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act, and the Town Board, acting as Lead Agency at a special meeting held on September 6, 2022, after due deliberation determined that the Project qualifies as a Type II action under 6 NYCRR Part 617.5(c)(2): "rehabilitation, or reconstruction of a structure or facility, in kind, on the same site, including upgrading buildings to meet building or fire codes, unless such action meets or exceeds any of the thresholds in section 617.4 of this Part"; and

WHEREAS, The Town Board adopted an order calling a public hearing thereon and caused a notice of such hearing to be published and posted in the manner provided in section 193 of the Town Law, stating that the Town Board would meet to hear all persons interested in the subject matter at the Town of Seneca Falls Offices, 130 Ovid Street, Seneca Falls, NY on the 6th day of September, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.; and

WHEREAS a public hearing was held at the time and place aforesaid in the manner described at which time all persons interested in the subject matter were given an opportunity to be heard; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has become aware of grant and funding opportunities through the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation, including the Clean Water State Revolving Fund program (the "CWSRF Program"), New York State Water Infrastructure

Improvement Act program (the "WIIA Program") and other State and Federal financing programs (including clean water); and

WHEREAS, the Town desires to apply for and participate in funding opportunities to the maximum extent possible; and

NOW THEREFORE, upon the evidence given at the public hearing described herein, it is hereby determined as follows:

1. The notice of the public hearing described in the preambles hereof was posted and published as required by law and is in all respects satisfactory;
2. The construction of the improvements hereinabove described is in the public interest;
3. The cost of such improvements shall be apportioned among the districts noted above pursuant to Town Law §202-b(4);
4. Barton & Loguidice Engineers , P.C., are hereby directed to prepare definite plans and specifications and to make careful estimate of the expense of the aforesaid improvements and to make necessary preparation for the solicitation of competitive bids and to prepare a proposed contract for the execution of such work;
5. The Town Supervisor is hereby authorized to submit an application on behalf of the Town for grant funding under the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation's applicable grant programs relative to the Project, including but not limited to the CWSRF Program and WIIA Program, and to execute any agreements, instruments or other documents in connection with the Town's acceptance of any such grants and/or the funding thereof.
6. The Town Supervisor may authorize any required local match required with respect to financing or grants awarded to the Town for the Project through the use of in-kind services, without further approval of this Town Board; and
7. The Town Supervisor is hereby designated as the Authorized Representative of the Town for all aspects of the Project including all application and District financing purposes.
8. The Town Clerk is hereby directed to record a certified copy of this order in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Seneca and the Office of the New York State Comptroller within ten days pursuant to Town Law §195;

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF SENECA FALLS, NEW YORK

This Order shall take effect immediately.

Date: September 6, 2022
Seneca Falls, New York

RESOLUTION NO. _____

Proposed Action: Town of Seneca Falls Water Treatment Plant Improvements

RESOLUTION DECLARING THAT THE PROPOSED ACTION QUALIFIES AS A TYPE II ACTION AND IS NOT SUBJECT TO FURTHER REVIEW UNDER THE STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW ACT

WHEREAS, the Town of Seneca Falls (Town) is proposing the Town of Seneca Falls Water Treatment Plant Improvements Project (Project), located in the Town of Fayette, Seneca County, New York; and

WHEREAS, many components of the Town's water treatment plant are aging and in need of upgrades to extend their useful design life, and a significant portion of the Town's water intake pipe in Cayuga Lake is clogged with mussels and debris; and

WHEREAS, the Project involves the replacement and rehabilitation of existing components at the Town's water treatment plant, and cleaning of the existing intake pipe; and

WHEREAS, the Project is classified as a "Type II Action" as defined by the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) in 6 NYCRR Part 617.5;

WHEREAS, the Project qualifies as a Type II action under 6 NYCRR Part 617.5(c)(2): "rehabilitation, or reconstruction of a structure or facility, in kind, on the same site, including upgrading buildings to meet building or fire codes, unless such action meets or exceeds any of the thresholds in section 617.4 of this Part"; and

WHEREAS, the Project does not meet or exceed any of the thresholds established in section 617.4; and

WHEREAS, actions defined in 617.5(c) are not subject to environmental review under the SEQRA;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED AND DETERMINED, that the proposed Project qualifies as a Type II action under SEQRA; and it is further

RESOLVED, that no further environmental review under SEQRA is required for the Project.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote, and upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Dated: _____

I hereby certify that this resolution was adopted on _____ and is recorded in the Meeting Minutes of the Town of Seneca Falls.

_____
Town Clerk

A Local Law To Amend Chapter 266 Of The Code Of The Town Of Seneca Falls To Authorize A Real Property Tax Exemption For Volunteer Firefighters And Volunteer Ambulance Worders Pursuant To Real Property Tax Law Section 466-A

Be it enacted by the Town of Seneca Falls, as follows:

Section 1. Purpose and Intent

It is the intent and purpose of this Local Law to update and amend Chapter 266 of the Code of the Town of Seneca Falls, to add Article VII Volunteer Firefighter and Ambulance Workers Exemption to grant a partial real property tax exemption to qualifying volunteer firefighters, volunteer ambulance workers, and their qualifying spouses, residing in the Town of Seneca Falls, County of Seneca, State of New York, as authorized by New York State Real Property Tax Law section 466-a.

Section 2. Add Section 266-18. Exemption Granted.

A. Any qualified member who has been certified by the authority having jurisdiction (hereinafter the "AHJ") for the incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department or volunteer ambulance service as an enrolled member of such incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department or volunteer ambulance service for a period of at least 2 years shall be entitled to a 10% reduction in the taxable value of their real property for Town real property tax purposes subject to the following requirements of section 466-a:
   1) The applicant resides in the Town of Seneca Falls, which is served by the incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department or volunteer ambulance service;
   2) The real property is the primary residence of the applicant;
   3) The property is used exclusively for residential purposes; provided however, that in the event any portion of such property is not used exclusively for the applicant's residence but is used for other purposes, such portion shall be subject to taxation and the remaining portion only shall be entitled to the exemption provided by this section; and
   4) The applicant submits a certification from the AHJ stating that they have been an enrolled member of the incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department or volunteer ambulance service for at least 2 years prior to submitting an application for this tax exemption.

B. Any member who has achieved over 20 years of accumulated service shall be considered a life member and the exemption shall continue for the remainder of their life if the real property serves as their primary residence.