

**Town of Sennett Board Meeting Minutes
June 18, 2019**

Minutes of the Town of Sennett Town Board Meeting held on Tuesday June 18, 2019 at the Town of Sennett Office Building at 7:00 PM.

Members Present: Peter Adams, Supervisor
 Jerrold Eades, Councilman
 Edward Rizzo, Councilman
 James Jeffers, Councilman
 Richard Gagliardi, Councilman
 Kristopher LaPointe, Highway Superintendent
 Richard Andino, Town Attorney
 Penelope Dennis, Town Clerk

The meeting is opened with the pledge to the flag. The minutes of the May 21st and the June 11th meeting, with a minor correction to the June 11th meeting are approved on a motion made by Councilman Eades, seconded by Supervisor Adams, 5 ayes 0 nays, carried.

The financial report for YTD compared to the budget are good, the average is 34.6% for the total budget. Some districts/accounts are lower, but overall the numbers are good. The Bookkeeper has been working with Insero (the firm that recently completed the town audit) to complete the AUD (which the town received an extension on the filing date). It should be completed within the week.

Old Business: The Supervisor reports that he has signed some of the necessary paperwork with LaBella for the grant. He also met with Paul Chatfield this afternoon, the engineer with the MRB Group, and also signed some necessary paperwork.

Attorney Andino explains the need to amend the original SEQRA for the proposed WD#3 Project. Some reasons: the removal of a waterline installation on Chestnut Ridge Road and the addition of a new water rank after the demolition of the existing water tank. Attorney Andino also reviews the amended SEQRA with the Board. The following resolution is done.

**TOWN OF SENNETT TOWN BOARD
AMENDED SEQRA DETERMINATION AND NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

At a Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Sennett, Cayuga County, New York, held at the Town of Sennett Town Hall, located at 6931 Cherry Street Road, Auburn, New York on June 18, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by the Supervisor, and upon roll being called, there were:

PRESENT: Peter Adams, Supervisor; Richard Gagliardi, Councilman; Jerrold Eades, Councilman; Edward Rizzo, Councilman and James Jeffers, Councilman.

**IN THE MATTER OF
THE CONSTRUCTION OF
WATER IMPROVEMENTS FOR WATER DISTRICT NO. 3
IN THE TOWN OF SENNETT
COUNTY OF CAYUGA, STATE OF NEW YORK**

PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 12 OF THE TOWN LAW

Supervisor Adams moved and Councilman Jeffers seconded the following resolution.

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Sennett previously considered the construction of public water supply improvements within the currently existing Water District No. 3 service area and the establishment of Water District No. 1, Ext. No. 1. (the "Project"), which consisted of the demolition of an existing water storage tank and installation of approximately 30,850 linear feet of 8-inch and 12-inch waterline along portions of Jericho Road (County Rd 15A), Grant Avenue (NYS Route 5), Depot Road (County Road 87B) Healy Road, County House Rd (County Road 85), Mutton Hill Road, Chestnut Ridge Road (County Road 84), and Gates Road; and

WHEREAS, on April 18, 2017, the Town Board declared itself Lead Agency under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) with respect to the environmental review of the Project and determined the Project to be a Type I action as portions of the Project are located within a Cayuga County Agricultural District; and

WHEREAS, on June 20, 2017 the Town Board issued a Negative Declaration for the Project after preparing a Full Environmental Assessment Form, reviewing the potential environmental impacts of the Project and finding no significant adverse impact on the environment as a result of the Project; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board previously determined to revise the Project scope to remove the installation of waterline along Chestnut Ridge Rd and to include the construction of a new 300,000-gallon elevated steel water storage tank to replace the existing water storage tank to be demolished; and

WHEREAS, the Project scope thereafter and currently consists of water improvements within Water District No. 3 including the demolition of an existing water tank to be replaced by a 300,000-gallon elevated steel water storage tank and the installation of approximately 20,100 linear feet of 8-inch and 12-inch waterline along portions of Jericho Road (County Rd 15A), Grant Avenue (NYS Route 5), Depot Road (County Road 87B), Healy Road, County House Rd (County Road 85), and Mutton Hill Road; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board then reevaluated the updated Project in order to analyze those environmental resources potentially affected by the passage of time and to update and confirm the SEQRA findings based on the change in the Project scope; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board reviewed and considered the environmental record relative to the revised Project and on June 19, 2018 adopted an Amended SEQRA Determination and Negative Declaration under SEQRA for the Project, as revised; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board sought public sources of financing for the Project and was awarded a grant from the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation ("NYSEFC"); and

WHEREAS, NYSEFC advised the Town to re-adopt its Negative Declaration and to further provide advance notice of the revised Project scope to the involved and interested agencies prior to re-adopting its Negative Declaration; and

WHEREAS, additional advance notice of the revised Project scope was provided to the involved and interested agencies by correspondence dated June 5, 2019, from Lucia Woo, LaBella Associates, DPC, on behalf of the Town of Sennett.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board hereby declares that, based on the environmental record which has been prepared, studied and reviewed, the Project, as amended, will not result in any large and important environmental impacts and therefore, will not have a significant adverse effect on the environment; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Board hereby re-adopts and confirms its Amended Negative Declaration under SEQRA for purposes of the updated 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:

Peter Adams	Supervisor	Voted	Yes
Richard Gagliardi	Councilman	Voted	Yes
Jerrold Eades	Councilman	Voted	Yes
James Jeffers	Councilman	Voted	Yes
Edward Rizzo	Councilman	Voted	Yes

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

SCHEDULE "A"

Background & Updated Project Scope

In 2017, the Town of Sennett, acting as the Lead Agency, performed SEQR review of public water supply improvements within the proposed Water District No. 3 and Water District No. 6 Extension No. 1 service areas (see attached Full Environmental Assessment Form). The originally proposed improvements for Water District No. 3 consisted of:

- demolition of the currently decommissioned 250,000-gallon water storage tank; and
- installation of approximately 20,100 linear feet of 8-inch and 12-inch waterline along portions of Jericho Road (County Rd 15A), Grant Avenue (NYS Route 5), Depot Road (County Road 87B), Healy Road, County House Rd (County Road 85), and Mutton Hill Road.

The Town of Sennett found no significant adverse environmental impact from the proposed improvements and issued a Negative Declaration for both water projects on June 20, 2017 (see attached resolution).

Since then, the Water District No. 6 Extension No. 1 project has been postponed to a future project, and the Water District No. 3 project scope has been updated to include:

- installation of a new 300,000-gallon elevated steel water storage tank to replace the existing tank to be demolished

The updated Water District No. 3 project will improve fire flow throughout the proposed service area and provide additional storage capacity for emergencies and fire protection. It will supply Sennett Water District No. 1 with water in the event of water supply interruption from the City of Auburn and provide additional water storage for the Village of Weedsport.

Additionally, the construction of the new water storage tank and 12" diameter water main along Grant Avenue and Jericho Road will allow the future interconnection with the Town of Brutus Water System (see attached USGS location map).

To undertake the proposed improvements, the Town of Sennett will seek funding from NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation and U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development.

Updated SEQR Findings

In accordance with State Environmental Quality Review Act, LaBella Associates evaluated the updated project scope and found no significant adverse impact to the environment. The SEQR findings on potential environmental impacts due to the new scope item – a new water tank installation – are detailed below.

Impact on Land

The updated project involves the replacement of an existing water storage tank on existing lawn area (Parcel ID: 95.00-1-65). Excavation will not be extensive and will mostly occur within the existing water storage tank footprint. The tank replacement will contribute no more than 0.3 acres of additional ground disturbance to the original project scope. Disturbed areas will be restored to their original condition, and no significant impacts on the surrounding land will occur.

Standard construction practices will be used to minimize ground disturbance, erosion, and drainage problems that may result during and after construction until ground cover is established. The Town of Sennett will require the contractor to implement erosion control measures as outlined in the "New York Standards and Specifications for Erosion and Sediment Controls" to minimize the impact of the excavation and backfill activities and to avoid sedimentation. The Town will also restore any drainage or tile lines disturbed as a result of the construction project to existing conditions as closely as possible.

Impact on Plants and Animals

The updated project remains in compliance with the State and Federal Endangered Species Acts. No significant impacts to endangered or threatened species are anticipated due to the continued lack of their presence in the project area. LaBella confirmed that there has been no change in endangered or threatened species information for the project area using NYSDEC Environmental Resource Mapper and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) IPaC

tool on June 5, 2018 (see attached Rare Plants and Animals map, USFWS species list, and NYSDEC EAF Mapper Summary).

As in 2017, USFWS again identifies the Northern Long-Eared Bat as a potential species of concern. But the project area is still located outside of any areas of rare plants and rare animals and significant natural communities according to the NYSDEC Environmental Resource Mapper. This reveals that NY Natural Heritage does not know of any hibernaculum or roosting trees within the vicinity of the project area. No significant impact to the Northern Long-eared Bat is therefore anticipated as a result of this updated project.

Impact on Agricultural Resources

The water tank replacement site is located in a Cayuga County Agricultural District No. 5 (see attached Agricultural District map and NYSDEC EAF Mapper Summary). However, the site is not in active agricultural use and encompasses only 0.3 acres. To minimize potential impacts to agricultural resources, the Town filed a Notice of Intent (NOI) with the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets, in accordance with the provisions of Article 25 AA, Section 305.4 of the State Agriculture & Markets Law. On March 15, 2019, the Department of Agriculture and Markets issued a No Adverse Effect determination with the condition of lateral restriction resolution, which the Town adopted for the project area on March 19, 2019. The Department of Agriculture and Markets deemed the project compliant with Section 305.4 process on April 3, 2019. As a result, no large or significant agricultural impacts will occur.

Impact on Historic and Archeological Resources

New York State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) issued a No Effect determination for the updated project scope on June 8, 2018. As such, no significant adverse impacts to historic and archeological resources will occur, and compliance will be achieved with Section 14.09 of the NYS Historic Preservation Act and Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

New Business: The Park Phase 3 buildout will tentatively by August 16th or 17th, definite date later. The Supervisor has been working with the Engineers and LaBella signing various needed permits/paperwork for the WD#3 Project. Councilman Gagliardi is working on the newsletter, it is coming along. Also, new RFPs will be done for the parking lot at the Park.

Department Reports: The Highway Superintendent reports that the department has been doing monthly brush pickup, ditching on Mandy Rue with a new pipe installed, mowed roadsides, mowed the cemetery, the park and the town barn lawns, ditched on Town Hall, Center Street, Taylor and Beech Roads, installed

pipe and a new driveway on Calemad Drive, installed a new drainage ditch and pipe on County Line Road, had various truck repairs done, new tires for some vehicles, and mulch delivery was completed. The Cat excavator was delivered to try out. Dumpster Days generated 25 ton of junk and 5 ton of metal. The Water and Sewer Department report was read by the Supervisor: Monthly water operation reports were done, monthly water samples were done, we did 46 dig tickets in the last month, Annual Water Quality Report was advertised, post cards were sent out to WD#3 customers and WD#7 customers were sent letters, CH4 has finished the water line installation but still have a few things to finish, paving end of driveway, power turned on to hot box and a screen at RPZ overflow, both pumps were pulled and unclogged of towels at Butera Drive sewer pump station on 6/6 & 6/13. Letters will be sent out to all properties explaining what is happening and a list of items not to be flushed or put down the drain. Route 5 sewer pump station had the backup battery for the auto dialer replaced, two floats replaced, both starters were replaced due to constant overloads and tripping breakers, our new spare pump was installed and the one with a seal failure was removed to be fixed. Gas line is installed for the generator, NYSEG needs to install new gas meter and pressure test the line before startup. Met with Scott Mattison from MRB group to go over details in the field for the water line replacement in WD#3. Cut grass as needed at water tank and water pump station, Van was inspected and tires rotated, have been marking and repairing curb stops, repaired a yard that had been dug up last year for a water service. Judge Timian reports \$3,773.00 for May. Judge Riley reports \$6,765.50 for May. The Town Clerk reports \$5,988.50 for May. The Court Clerk's report is reviewed by the board. The CEOs report is reviewed by the board. The Duke Co, ABC and AllStorage projects are progressing.

The Public to be Heard is opened on a motion made by Councilman Eades, seconded by Councilman Jeffers, 5 ayes 0 nays, carried. Ron Dennis, Cherry Street Road asks if the town has heard anything further on the Vitale mine modification? Supervisor Adams updates all – a letter was sent by the town on behalf of the Wise's regarding their concerns – but nothing has been received back yet, The Public to be Heard is closed on a motion made by Jeffers, seconded by Councilman Eades, 5 ayes 0 nays, carried.

The abstract in the amount of \$169,726.72 is approved for payment on a motion made by Councilman Jeffers, seconded by Councilman Gagliardi. Roll Call vote: Supervisor Adams yes, Councilman Eades yes, Councilman Gagliardi yes, Councilman Rizzo yes and Councilman Jeffers yes, carried.

The meeting is adjourned on a motion made by Councilman Gagliardi, seconded by Councilman Jeffers, 5 ayes 0 nays, carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Penelope Dennis, Town Clerk
Town of Sennett