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**Subject:** Sennett WD #3  
**Attachments:** Sennett WD #3 Public Information Mtg. Questions & Comments 2023-01-12.pdf  
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Hi All

In preparation for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Public Information Meeting this evening I am attaching a Summary of the Questions and Comments and FACTS that I have developed.

A couple of key points to make:

- 1. NYS DOH and EFC have provided an email summarizing their position and approval of using the \$1,781,400 WIIA Grant for the Water Main Improvements ONLY as follows:**  
*After discussion, Cayuga County Health Department and NYSDOH still strongly support the construction of the new water storage tank, but the attached memo addressed our concerns and showed that the project is beneficial to the community, even without the tank. NYSDOH and NYSEFC have no issues with the community receiving the WIIA grant if the storage tank is removed from the project scope. Please provide a PE stamped copy of the memo for our records, as it includes technical project information. Additionally, for your information, the installation of the water storage tank would be ineligible for funding in future WIIA grant rounds, since the water storage tank was part of the scope awarded to this project. Project scope that was previously awarded a WIIA grant is ineligible for future WIIA rounds. To reiterate, NYSDOH still supports the installation of the tank, but will allow it to be removed from the project scope. Let me know if you have any additional questions.*
- 2. NYS DOH Follow up:** I did get a follow up phone call today from David Phillips from the DOH re-affirming the above position regarding the Project. He indicated that if the Town decides to turn in the WIIA Grant altogether that they would need a letter from the Town Board. He stated that *"if the town turns back in the WIIA grant, they could apply for a project in the future, but the Town would then be competing with other communities and other projects for funds, and that in the future a water main project WITHOUT water storage would likely score LOWER and be less competitive"*.
- 3. USDA RD Loans:** According to Brenda Smith from USDA RD indicated *"that it was her understanding that the original loan cannot be de-obligated to keep the subsequent loan. I can reach out to my National Office to confirm but we have always been told that it must go original loan then subsequent loan closings"*. If that is the case, the original \$1,187,000 loan @ 3.375% would be used and the balance of the funds needed would come from the \$1,800,000 loan @ 1.75%. She is going to check with the USDA RD National Office to get confirmation or the possibility of using the 1.75% loan in lieu of the 3.375% loan.

4. **Cost Impact to the Existing Customers for the Water Main Improvements in WD #3:** The Debt Service Tax Rate for the property owners in WD #3 will be **\$1.1917/\$1,000 TAV**. For a \$100,000 home, the annual debt service payment will be approximately **\$119.17 per year**. A home with a TAV of \$145,000 would be approximately \$172.80.
5. **Cost Impact to the Existing Customers for the Water Main Improvements in WD #1:** The Debt Service Tax Rate for the property owners in WD #1 will be **\$0.2612/\$1,000 TAV**. For a \$100,000 home, the annual debt service payment will be approximately **\$26.12 per year**. A home with a TAV of \$145,000 would be approximately \$37.88.
6. **Moving Forward:** The Town Board needs to determine what action to take. If the Town eliminates the WST and decides to move forward with the Water Main portion of the Project ONLY, all areas of water main will need to be included in the project to achieve the necessary fire flow and provide the additional supply of water along Mutton Hill Road, County House Road and Healey Road.

I will be on the Public Information Meeting at 5:30 pm.

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Kate,

This is the email response from the NYS DOH along with the December 29, 2022 letter I wrote requesting re-allocation of funds for the Water Main portion only. I have also attached the January 12, 2023 summary of questions and answers. This information can be included in the Town's website.

Paul

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Good morning Paul,

After discussion, Cayuga County Health Department and NYSDOH still strongly support the construction of the new water storage tank, but the attached memo addressed our concerns and showed that the project is beneficial to the community, even without the tank. NYSDOH and NYSEFC have no issues with the community receiving the WIIA grant if the storage tank is removed from the project scope. Please provide a PE stamped copy of the memo for our records, as it includes technical project information. Additionally, for your information, the installation of the water storage tank would be ineligible for funding in future WIIA grant rounds, since the water storage tank was part of the scope awarded to this project. Project scope that was previously awarded a WIIA grant is ineligible for future WIIA rounds. To reiterate,



NYSDOH still supports the installation of the tank, but will allow it to be removed from the project scope. Let me know if you have any additional questions.

Thank you,

Will

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Hi Will and all from EFC and DOH,

The Town of Sennett has held two public information meetings regarding this project over the past month and will be holding a final public information meeting this Thursday January 12, 2023. The question keeps coming up regarding their request to consider utilizing the WIIA grant funds for the water main improvements only. The cost impact to the residents is significant and the Town Board needs to have all facts to properly consider the direction to take regarding the Project.

Your earliest review of this matter and direction regarding the grant funding would be appreciated.

We will await your response.

Thank You

Paul

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**Subject:** Sennett WD #3

**Importance:** High

Hi all

Attached is the request for the EFC and DOH to review an option that the Town of Sennett would like to consider regarding removal of the Water Storage Tank from the Project and the re-use of the WIIA Grant for the water main portion only. The Town Board is holding meetings with the property owners on January 3 and January 12, 2023 to review the project and the budget and need input from EFC and DOH regarding this option and the financial impact. The Town Board needs your review and input to make a rational decision regarding the options to consider moving forward.

Please note that the water main portion of the project is "shovel ready" and all permits and approvals have been granted along with the necessary easements.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to me if you have any questions.

Regards

Paul

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December 29, 2022

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**Re: Town of Sennett Water District No. 3 Request for Re-Allocation of WIIA Grant Funds  
MRB Group No. 1906.18002.000**

Dear Will:

On behalf of the Town of Sennett, we are hereby requesting the NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC) and the NYS Department of Health (DOH) consider allowing the removal of the 200,000-gallon water storage tank (WST) from the Sennett Water District No. 3 Project, and that the \$1,781,400 Water Infrastructure Improvement Act (WIIA) Grant be re-allocated for construction of the Water Main Improvements only. ***The Town of Sennett Board requests your review of this matter as they consider their options to proceed with the Project or a portion of the Project. No decisions or action will be made by the Town Board until they receive a clear direction from EFC and DOH regarding this matter.***

**Background & History of Project:**

In 2018-2019 the Town of Sennett obtained a WIIA Grant and USDA RD Loan for the construction of the WST and Watermains with a **Total Project Cost Estimate of \$2,969,000**. Over the course of the past 3+ years, we have completed the design and received all permits and approvals for the Project. The Town and their attorney obtained the necessary temporary and permanent easements from property owners.

In 2021 the Town applied for an additional USDA RD loan of \$1,800,000 bringing the **Total Project Cost Estimate up to \$4,994,000**.

On November 10, 2022 the Water Main Contract and the WST Contract were bid and the updated **Total Updated Project Cost estimate is now \$6,581,000**.

**Project delays & costs have increased due to several factors:**

- Easements and Property Acquisition has been difficult and drawn out (3-years).
- Covid-19 delays in agency reviews and responsiveness.
- Supply chain delivery delays have required longer construction completion dates.
- Material and labor prices more than doubled in some cases.
- Supply chain delays in delivery of materials & difficult bidding environment.

**Total Project Costs (As bid with WST and Water Mains, including soft costs)**

• Water Storage Tank	=	\$ 3,261,065
• Mutton Hill, County House & Healy Water Mains	=	\$ 1,830,261
• Depot Road Water Main	=	\$ 597,516
• Grant Avenue & Jericho Road Water Main	=	\$ 892,158
<b>Total Estimated Project Cost (WST &amp; WM)</b>	<b>=</b>	<b>\$ 6,581,000</b>

**Total Project Costs (As bid without WST and Water Mains ONLY, including soft costs)**

• Water Storage Tank (Soft Costs Only)	=	\$ 427,065
• Mutton Hill, County House & Healy Water Mains	=	\$ 1,830,261
• Depot Road Water Main	=	\$ 597,516
• Grant Avenue & Jericho Road Water Main	=	\$ 892,158
<b>Total Estimated Project Cost (WM Only)</b>	<b>=</b>	<b>\$ 3,747,000</b>

At this point, the Town Board has the following options to consider:

1. **Reject all bids received and re-bid the project without making any substantial changes with the hope that material pricing will reduce significantly:** *It is likely this alternative will not provide the necessary cost savings to bring the project within the budgeted amount. Also, with this option, re-bid prices could come in higher.*
2. **Reject all bids received (or reject one Contract only), redesign portions of the project and re-bid the project:** *The minor changes that could be incorporated into the revised plans will not significantly reduce costs to meet the budgeted amount. On a re-bid, we would still be over the original project budget of \$4,994,000, as material prices are not likely to change significantly over the next few months. The Town would still need to follow the State requirements for re-bonding the additional amount which would take several months.*
3. **Reject all bids and "Do Nothing":** *The Town Board could "reject all bids" and put the project on hold temporarily or permanently. If the project were abandoned, the property owners in the Districts would be responsible for the costs incurred to date. This option will not solve concerns relating to water supply and storage and would cost the property owners money without receiving the benefit of public water.*
4. **Request the Contractors (Morsch Pipeline, Inc. and Caldwell Tanks, Inc.) hold their bid while the Town Board seeks the additional Project funds and completes the necessary legal steps:** *This option will require legal steps and actions by the Town Board to increase the Project Budget. This alternative will take several months and the Contractors may not be willing to hold their bid prices for an extended period of time.*



5. **Remove WST from the Project with Re-Allocated funds from WIIA Grant:** If approved by the NYS EFC and NYS DOH, the WST would be removed from the project and the water main contract would proceed ahead to construction immediately. The advantage of this option would be that this "shovel ready project" could move to construction immediately, costs would be within the approved Total Project Cost, and the existing fire flows would be improved and the deteriorated conditions of the aged water mains would be eliminated.

**A summary of the revised project include:**

- Eliminate WST and all site work at the tank site.
- Eliminate the pressure reducing valve (PRV) & vault on Grant Avenue at the City of Auburn/Town of Sennett line.
- Eliminate the proposed 12" diameter water main from the WST to Grant Avenue & eliminate the Grant Avenue horizontal boring at the WST.
- Transfer the water service to the barn on 7923 Grant Avenue to the new water main.
- Remove the existing WST and altitude valve vault under a separate contract at a later date.
- Construction of new water mains along Mutton Hill Road, County House Road and Healy Road which will create an additional supply of water from the City of Auburn to a portion of Sennett Water District No. 3. These water mains will also create a loop in the system that will improve reliability and improve fire flow conditions. These improvements are part of Contract A: Water Mains.
- Replacement of existing water mains along portions of Healy Road, Depot Road, Grant Avenue and Jericho Road. The replacement of the existing undersized and deteriorated conditions will improve water system reliability, reducing disruption of water supply and will improve fire flow conditions. These improvements are also part of Contract A: Water Mains.

**We have analyzed the hydraulic conditions with the elimination of the WST and provide a summary of the existing and proposed hydraulic conditions as follows:**

<u>Location/Junction</u>	<u>Current w/o WST</u>	<u>Proposed w/o WST</u>
Grant Avenue @ City Line (J-1)	3,500 gpm @ 25 psi	3,500 gpm @ 25 psi
Grant Avenue @ Chestnut Ridge (J-6)	1,683 gpm @ 20 psi	2,150 gpm @ 20 psi
Grant Avenue @ Jericho Road (J-17)	786 gpm @ 20 psi	1,042 gpm @ 20 psi
Jericho Road @ Brutus Town Line (J-18)	477 gpm @ 20 psi	879 gpm @ 20 psi



<u>Location/Junction</u>	<u>Current w/o WST</u>	<u>Proposed w/o WST</u>
Weedsport Sennett Rd. @ Turnpike Rd. (J-11)	989 gpm @38 psi	1,373 gpm @ 20 psi
Weedsport Sennett Rd. @ North T.L. (J-13)	906 gpm @20 psi	1,111 gpm @20 psi
Shepard Road @ North Town Line (J-14)	386 gpm @20 psi	404 gpm @20 psi
Turnpike Road @ West End (J-32)	958 gpm @36 psi	1,300 gpm @ 35 psi
County House Rd. @ County Complex (J-30)	1,204 gpm @20 psi	2,359 gpm @20 psi
Depot Road @ End of (E) Watermain (J-23)	762 gpm @20 psi	1,253 gpm @20 psi
Mutton Hill Rd. @ County House Road (J-34)	No Existing Water Main	2,039 gpm @20 psi

Based upon our hydraulic analysis of existing conditions vs. proposed conditions (without a WST), all areas will show improved fire flow conditions, with all of them above the minimum fire flow of 500 gpm @ 20 psi, with the exception of Shepard Road. Even with a WST, the Shepard Road fire flow would have only increased to 420 gpm @ 20 psi.

As stated above, with the installation of new water mains along Mutton Hill Road, County House Road and Healy Road, an additional supply of water will be available from the City of Auburn and will also provide a loop of a portion of Sennett Water District No. 3. This partial loop will benefit both Sennett Water District's No. 1 and 3.

***We request your timely review of our analysis and request for utilizing the entire \$1,781,400 WIIA grant to be applied to the construction of the Sennett Water District No. 3 Water Main Improvements ONLY, if that is the direction that the Town Board decides to take.***

Upon your review, should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call.

Regards



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**Town of Sennett Water District No. 1 & 3**  
**Public Information Meeting Comments and Questions**  
**January 12, 2023**

**As a follow up from the first two Public Information Meetings, the following comments and questions are identified and answered as applicable:**

**1. Advantages of a Water Storage Tank:**

- Replace aged Water Storage Tank (WST).
- Provide storage of water for normal daily (domestic use).
- Provide storage of water for emergencies and fire protection.
- Provide improved fire flow conditions throughout WD #3 & portions of WD #1.
- Minimize disruption of water service to property owners during a water main break.

**2. Disadvantages of a Water Storage Tank:**

- Cost impact to the property owners is significant.
- Operation and Maintenance (O&M) cost is significant (painting, repairs, electrical, etc.)
- Potential re-chlorination improvements will be necessary in the future.

**3. If the Town Board decides to NOT install a Water Storage Tank & install water main only:**

- Reduced debt service cost with no tank.
- Elimination of O&M costs with no tank.
- No storage of water for normal daily (domestic use).
- No storage of water for emergencies and fire protection.
- Fire flow conditions throughout WD #3 & WD #1 will be reduced (but above minimum standards) ONLY if the Mutton Hill Road, County House Road and Healey Road loop is provided.
- Potential disruption of water service to property owners during a water main break.
- It should be noted that the existing WST has not been in service since prior to 2009 (15 years +/-). The entire Sennett WD #3 system is supplied with City of Auburn water main on Grant Avenue and operates at the 855 Auburn Pressure Zone.
- **EFC & DOH will allow WST to be eliminated and re-use of WIIA Grant for water main.**
- **EFC will NOT allow a grant application be submitted for a WST in the future.**
- **If the Town turns back in the existing WIIA Grant, a new grant application would be competing for funds in the future and may (or may not) be successful in obtaining the grant funds. Also grant amounts may be different in the future.**

**4. Several residents said the tank is not necessary & Town Board should forget about the whole Project, etc.**

- Noted. The Town Board needs to review all facts and figures and determination whether to move forward with or without the tank and whether to proceed with the water main portion of the project.

**5. It was stated that there were No letters of support from the fire Department:**

- **This is UNTRUE.** The Sennett Fire Department provided letters of support on February 16, 2015 and June 5, 2018. Both letters were on Sennett Fire Department letterhead and were both signed by the Fire Chiefs and the Presidents at that time.

**6. No Water Storage Tanks in many other nearby communities:**



- **True.** Water Storage Tanks are provided on a case-by-case and community-by-community basis. There should be no general blanket comparisons to conditions in other communities.

**7. Re-Chlorination may be required in the future:**

- **Unknown if necessary at this point.** In addition, there may be future regulations that require additional testing and treatment but are unknown at this point.

**8. What drives the cost of a Public Works Project up in cost?**

- Requirements for 5% Bid Bonds.
- Requirements for 100% Performance Bonds and 100% Payment Bonds.
- NYS Prevailing Wage Rates & Federal Prevailing Wage Rates
- Minority Business Enterprise and Women Business Enterprise (M/WBE) and Service Disabled Veteran Business set asides. This amounts to 36% of the Contracted work.
- Workload of various contractors.
- Current inflation rate and cost of material and labor costs and petroleum costs are all high.
- Availability of materials (some materials have a 6-8-month delay in delivery).

**9. A suggestion to install the improvements privately and turn over to the Town:**

- **Not applicable** for these improvements. The existing water system is publicly owned and all new water mains are within Sennett Water District No. 3. No ability to circumvent the NYS Public Bidding Requirements.

**10. City of Auburn to complete Water and Wastewater Improvements in the future:**

- Acknowledged.
- Costs of improvements and cost impact to rate payers is unknown at this point.

**11. What is the approximate water loss in the existing system?**

- Approximately 20% water loss according to Kris LaPointe, Water Superintendent.
- John O'Connell indicated that New York Rural Water will prepare a Water Rate and Loss Study at no cost to the Town.

**12. Why has the Project been delayed & why have costs increased?**

- Easements and Property Acquisition has been difficult and drawn out (3-years).
- Covid-19 delays in agency reviews and responsiveness.
- Supply chain delivery delays have required longer construction completion dates.
- Material and labor prices more than doubled in some cases.
- Supply Chain delays in delivery of materials & difficult Bidding environment.

**13. 8135 Jericho Road Resident**

- Thanked the TB for notifying them about the meeting.
- Indicated they have great water pressure.

**14. Is the Town Board going to have a Vote on the Project?**

- Town Board has been elected to make decisions in the best interests of the community and the taxpayers.
- These improvements are not subject to a permissive referendum (vote). Town Attorney can expand upon this.

**15. Why not tie into Cayuga County Water Authority WM on Turnpike Road @ Route 34?**

- Sennett WD #3 water system operates on a higher-pressure zone (855 Ft. above sea level) while the Cayuga County water main operates at a lower pressure zone (733

ft. above sea level). This would require installation of a booster pump station and the installation of approximately 5,500 linear feet of water main. Cost prohibitive.

**16. Why not tie into Town of Brutus WM on Jericho Road at the Town Line?**

- Sennett WD #3 water system operates on a higher-pressure zone (855 Ft. above sea level) while the Town of Brutus water main operates at a lower pressure zone (805 ft. above sea level). This would require installation of a booster pump station. Would have minimal benefit to the Town of Sennett.

**17. General Comments from Various Residents:**

- One of the Fire Commissioners indicated that the fire department will be responding to all calls and that they have mutual alarm call out and have provided porta-ponds if necessary.
- 15-years without a water storage tank; Foolish to spend money on a WST; Do not need a WST.
- Recommend that the Town look into other grants such as "consolidation grants, financial assistance from the County (jail, CCWSA, Nursing Home, Hillside, FSA, Soil & Water, Etc.).
- Recommend that consideration of extending water on Depot Road from WD #7. Also investigate the possibility of obtaining supply from the Town of Skaneateles.

**18. Cost Impact with Water Main Project ONLY for **EXISTING** properties served with Water:**

<u>Project Component</u>	<u>Water District No. 3</u>	<u>Water District No. 1</u>
Annual Debt Service Payment to Town	\$60,695	\$13,361
Taxable Assessed Valuation (AV)	\$50,931,114	\$51,147,736
Debt Service TAV Rate/\$1,000 AV	\$1.1917	\$0.2612
<b>Estimated Cost/yr. for a \$100,000 Home</b>	<b>\$119.17</b>	<b>\$26.12</b>
Estimated Cost/yr. for a \$145,000 Home	\$172.80	\$37.88

**19. Cost Impact with Water Main Project ONLY for **NEW** properties served with Water:**

<u>Project Component</u>	<u>Water District No. 3</u>	<u>Water District No. 1</u>
Estimated Cost/yr. for a \$145,000 Home	\$ 172.80	\$ 37.88
Water usage (60,000 gpy @ \$8.00/1,000 gal.)	\$ 480.00	\$ 480.00
Operation & Maintenance Cost	<u>\$ 162.81</u>	<u>\$ 8.09</u>
<b>Total Est. Annual Cost</b>	<b>\$ 815.60</b>	<b>\$ 525.97</b>