

TOWN OF SANFORD

QUAGA LAKE BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR MEETING

NOVEMBER 14, 2023

PRESENT:	Kenny Wist	Supervisor
	Jay Vandermark	Councilman
	Alice Ray	Councilman
	Shane Lester	Councilman
	Dan Andresen	Councilman
	Alison Lang	Town Clerk

GUESTS: Mark Millspaugh, 437 Oquaga Lake Road; Jim McHugh, 498 Oquaga Lake Road; Jodi & JD Seymour, 698 Big Hollow Road; Pat Ottens, 727 Oquaga Lake Road; M. Bianconi & Bill Brown, Delta Engineering; Jai Meyerhoff, 667 Oquaga Lake Road; Kurt & Barbara Acker, 711 Oquaga Lake Road; Kieran Schneider, 761 Oquaga Lake Road; Tim Brandi, 112 Hanson Road; Elaine Benjamin, Vestal; Marie Davenport, 42 Hanson Road; Eleanor Laing, 56 Hanson Road.

Supervisor Kenny Wist called the Meeting to order at 6:30 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Jay Vandermark at the Town Hall 91 Second Street, Deposit, NY 13754.

Supervisor Wist gave the floor to Delaware Engineering to give an update on the review of the sewer system. Delaware Engineering is assisting the town in conducting an overview assessment of the condition and operation of the sewer district and also seeking funding. An application was submitted through the Engineering Planning Grant (EPG) program and \$50,000 was requested, if the grant is awarded, the grant would require the town to match at 20% or \$10,000. The funding would be used for potential needed improvements. Announcements of funding will be November or December 2023.

Supervisor Kenny Wist opened the Public Hearing to hear comments and objections to the 2024 Year Budget for the Oquaga Lake Sewer District. Affidavit of Publication on: 11/1/23 & 11/8/23 in the Town's Official Newspaper, The Deposit Courier; Affidavit of posting on the Town's Official Sign Board & Website, posted 11/1/23; Affidavit of Mail, letter sent to Property Owners, 11/1/23.

Supervisor Wist asked for any oral or written comments?? Town Clerk reported the Town did not receive any written comments.

Supervisor Wist gave an overview of the worksheet.

Supervisor Wist stated, all persons desiring to be heard, having been heard, the Public Hearing is CLOSED. Time: 7:20pm.

Town Clerk asked the Town Board to consider a Resolution "Adopting the Budget and Assessment Roll for the Oquaga Lake Sewer District for Year 2024". The motion was made by Shane Lester, seconded by Jay Vandermark and all approved the following Resolution.

**#46-RESOLUTION-2023
ADOPTING THE BUDGET AND ASSESSMENT
ROLL FOR THE OQUAGA LAKE SEWER
DISTRICT FOR THE YEAR 2024**

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Sanford, Broome County, New York, duly held a Public Hearing on November 14, 2023, commencing at 7:00pm, at the Sanford Town Hall, 91 Second Street, Deposit, NY 13754 on the Preliminary Budget Year 2024 for the Oquaga Lake Sewer District located in the Town of Sanford, County of Broome, State of New York,

WHEREAS, the notice of said Public Hearing was duly published on 11/1/23 & 11/8/23, in the Deposit Courier, the official newspaper of the Town, and duly posted 11/1/23 on the Town Clerk's sign board in accordance with the provisions of subdivision 6 section 30 of the Town Law of the State of New York,

RESOLVED, that the Preliminary Budget for the Sewer District for the Year 2024, a copy of which is on file in the office of the Town Clerk, with Assessment Roll as originally prepared are hereby Adopted, Approved, Affirmed and Established as the Year 2024 Budget for the Oquaga Lake Sewer District and as a Final Assessment Roll for Fiscal Year beginning January 1, 2024 and to be further

RESOLVED, the Supervisor of the Town be and he is directed to transmit a copy of said Oquaga Lake Sewer District Budget for Year 2024 to the Board of Legislators of the County of Broome to be levied and assessed upon the lots and parcels of land listed in the Assessment Roll at the time and in the manner provided by Law for the levy of State, County, and Town Taxes. The Supervisor of the Town and the Town Clerk of the Town are hereby authorized and empowered to sign and deliver such warrants and other documents as may be requested by applicable provisions of Law to carry out the provisions of the Resolution.

A Roll Call Vote was taken as follows: Supervisor Kenny Wist: AYE; Councilman Jay Vandermark: AYE; Councilman Alice Ray: AYE; Councilman Shane Lester: AYE; Councilman Dan Andresen: AYE; NOES: None. Dated: November 14, 2023.

Supervisor Wist gave the floor to Scott Conklin, Oquaga Lake Sewer Administrator. Conklin presented the board with the report for the month of October 2023. On a motion made by Shane Lester, seconded by Jay Vandermark and all approved the Oquaga Lake Sewer report for October 2023.

Supervisor Wist gave the floor to Pete Hathaway, Code Enforcement Officer. He presented the Board with the Report for the month of October 2023. On a motion made by Jay Vandermark, seconded by Alice Ray and all approved the Code Enforcement Officers report for October 2023.

Supervisor Wist gave the floor to Highway Superintendent Leo Shew. Construction season has come to a close, things are slowing down.

Shew let the board know that the Chips paperwork has been submitted.

Shew let the board know that base & drainage repairs are now complete, shimming of the roads as well as other large projects for the season are also complete.

Shew spoke on having four trucks ready for sanding. Plows are in the garage ready for hookup.

Supervisor Wist gave the floor to guests. A resident asked when the drainage repairs on Big Hollow Road will be complete, since the start of the windmills, drainage issues have started at his rental house and is causing water in the basement. Shew explained that the drainage problem will be taken care of in the spring. Supervisor Wist and Highway Superintendent Shew will look into this issue.

Several guests from the New York Citizens Audit spoke on the purpose of performing an open-source audit of the New York State Board of Elections.

The Dog Control report was received and reviewed. On a motion made by Alice Ray, seconded by Shane Lester and all approved the DCO report.

The Assessor's report was received and reviewed. On a motion made by Dan Andresen, seconded by Jay Vandermark and all approved the Assessor's report.

The Minutes from the October 10, 2023 meeting were received and reviewed. On a motion made by Alice Ray, seconded by Dan Andresen and all approved the Minutes.

The Town Clerk's Report was presented for October 2023. On a motion made by Jay Vandermark, seconded by Alice Ray and all approved the Town Clerk's report for October 2023.

The September 2023 Supervisors report was received.

Supervisor Wist spoke on committee reports. Wist spoke on the Attorney retainer agreement for year 2024. On a motion made by Jay Vandermark, seconded by Shane Lester and all approved the that the following Resolution be adopted:

**#47-RESOLUTION-2023
RESOLUTION APPOINTING ATTORNEY FOR
THE TOWN OF SANFORD**

WHEREAS, Town Law Section 20(2) (b) which allows a town board of any town which shall not have established the office of town attorney to employ an attorney to give such professional service and advice as it may require, and
WHEREAS, the Town of Sanford has not established the office of town attorney,
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Sanford in regular session duly convened does hereby authorize the Supervisor to execute the attached Agreement with Nick Cortese, which agreement has been approved in form and content by Donald G. Walls, Esq., an attorney not affiliated with Nick Cortese, or the law firm of Coughlin & Gerhart, LLP of which Nick Cortese is of counsel to perform the legal services set forth in said agreement for the consideration set forth therein.
This resolution shall take effect immediately.

A Roll Call Vote was taken as follows: Supervisor Kenny Wist: AYE; Councilman Jay Vandermark: AYE; Councilman Alice Ray: AYE; Councilman Shane Lester: AYE; Councilman Dan Andresen: AYE; NOES: None. Dated: November 14, 2023.

Supervisor Wist spoke on the recessed lights at the municipal building and asked the boards permission to change them to LED.

Supervisor Wist spoke on the Oquaga Lake Sewer generator and servicing of the generator on a yearly basis or every 3 years. On a motion made by Shane Lester, seconded by Dan

Andresen and all approved to use J&R electric to service the generator for the next three years.

A Roll Call Vote was taken as follows: Supervisor Kenny Wist: AYE; Councilman Jay Vandermark: AYE; Councilman Alice Ray: AYE; Councilman Shane Lester: AYE; Councilman Dan Andresen: AYE; NOES: None. Dated: November 14, 2023.

Bills were presented to the Board.

The motion was made by councilman Jay Vandermark, seconded by Dan Andresen and all approved that the Bills be paid as presented:

The Total Amounts and Voucher Numbers submitted to Town Clerk by Supervisor's Secretary.

Date of Audit: 11/14/2023 Abstract #9– General: \$47,756.90 –Voucher #637-641, 643-649,651-656,658-679, 705-707; Highway: \$ 81,721.86– Voucher #652, 680-700; Sewer O & M: \$10,196.72– Voucher #642,650,657, 701-704; T&A: \$19.56-Voucher #653; Capital: N/A.

Since no further business was at hand, on a motion made by Alice Ray, seconded by Shane Lester and all approved that the Meeting be adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Alison Lang, Town Clerk