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**TOWN BOARD MEETING  
AND PUBLIC HEARING  
July 26, 2023  
7:00 PM**

Supervisor Valentine opened the meeting at 7:00pm followed by a salute to the flag. Members present: Supervisor Valentine, Councilman Ardisana, Councilman Courtenay, Councilman Holdridge, Councilwoman Smith

Also present: Scott Bonacic, Esq., Al Fusco, Fusco Engineering

Supervisor Valentine asked for a Moment of Silence to remember Sally Hubley, the first Chester Library Director and Ruth Lorenz, 107-year-old resident of Chester.

**PUBLIC HEARING – INCREASE AND IMPROVEMENT OF FACILITIES OF THE WALTON LAKE ESTATES WATER DISTRICT**

The following is the notice that appeared in the Times Herald Record on July 7 and July 16, 2023, posted on the Town Clerk's signboard and Chester-NY.gov on July 7, 2023.

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Town Board of the Town of Chester, in the County of Orange, State of New York, will meet at the Town Hall, 1786 Kings Highway, Chester, New York, on July 26, 2023, at 7:00 P.M. o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time), for the purpose of conducting a public hearing in relation to the increase and improvement of facilities of the Walton Lake Estates Water District, consisting of the construction of improvements to existing wells, drilling two new wells, pump station improvements, piping, sanitary line, electrical improvements and other related or ancillary work required in connection therewith, as described in a report prepared by competent engineers, duly licensed by the State of New York, at the estimated maximum cost of \$5,868,500.

At said public hearing, the Town Board will hear all persons interested in said subject matter thereof.

Dated: June 28, 2023  
Chester, New York

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF CHESTER,  
COUNTY OF ORANGE, STATE OF NEW YORK

Linda Zappala, Town Clerk  
Town of Chester

**ON A MOTION OFFERED BY** Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Holdridge to open the Public Hearing on the matter of the Increase and Improvement of Facilities of The Walton Lake Estates Water District at 7:05pm.

**VOTE: AYES (5):VALENTINE, ARDISANA, COURTENAY, HOLDRIDGE, SMITH**

**ADOPTED**

A regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Chester, in the County of Orange, New York, was held at the Town Hall, 1786 Kings Highway, Chester, New York, on July 26, 2023.

There were present: Hon. Robert Valentine, Supervisor; and

Board Members: Robert Courtenay, Councilperson  
Cindy Smith, Councilperson  
Antonio Ardisana, Councilperson  
Brandon Holdridge, Councilperson

There were absent:

Also present: Linda Zappala, Town Clerk

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The Supervisor stated that a public hearing had been called for this meeting at the Town Hall, 1786 Kings Highway, Chester, New York, at 7:00 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time) to consider the increase and improvement of facilities of the Walton Lake Estates Water District at the estimated total cost of \$5,868,500, consisting of the construction of improvements to existing wells, drilling two new wells, pump station improvements, treatment, piping, sanitary line, electrical improvements and other related or ancillary work required in connection therewith, as described in the map and plan and estimate of cost prepared for the Town by Fusco Engineer & Land Surveying, D.P.C.; and to hear all persons interested in the subject thereof concerning the same and for such other action on the part of the Town Board with relation thereto as may be required by law. The Town Clerk presented affidavits showing that the Notice of said public hearing had been duly published and posted pursuant to the provisions of Article 12 of the Town Law.

The Supervisor stated that the hearing in the said matter was now open and asked if there were any interested persons present who desired to be heard. The following persons appeared in favor of such increase and improvement of facilities of said District:

There were none.

The following persons appeared in opposition to such increase and improvement of facilities:

There were none

The Supervisor inquired as to whether there were any other persons present who wished to be heard.

Mr. Becker asked whether the Town did an RFP for engineering services. Supervisor Valentine replied the Board appointed Town Engineer, Al Fusco to perform the engineering study.

Ms. Cuadros asked about the make-up of the expense to the district. Mr. Fusco explained, if the grant approved, 60% would be reimbursable and 40% financed through a low-interest rate loan with no commitment to the Town until closing.

No one further having appeared, whereupon the Supervisor declared the public hearing closed.

**ON A MOTION OFFERED BY** Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Courtenay to close the Public Hearing at 7:12pm.

**VOTE: AYES (5):VALENTINE, ARDISANA, COURTENAY, HOLDRIDGE, SMITH**

**ADOPTED**

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Vincent Finizia, 69 Pewter Circle, asked the Supervisor to erect a sign of President Biden. He thanked Councilwoman Smith for her years of service as she did a lot for the Town and St. Columba and wished her well. He asked for clarification from last month's meeting where he said there was talk about two people getting into a scuffle not at Town Hall and another concerning sexual harassment and asked if it would be discussed tonight. Councilwoman Smith replied she is not in a position to make judgment since either case is alleged. Mr. Finizia said Blaise Gomez found out about the scuffle but not the sexual harassment charge, whether against or by Councilman Courtenay. He added if that person is on the Town Board they should be forced to resign as there is no place for sexual harassment in the Town. He said if the Board doesn't then he will call Blaise Gomez and get a petition signed for a referendum to force the resignation.

E.J. Szulwach, 9 Elm Street, thanked the Board for the opportunity to follow up on the Town's plans on climate change. He said his first request was made on May 24<sup>th</sup> and others since with no reply. At the July 12<sup>th</sup> meeting, he said many agenda items were addressed, reports made and executive session so he said the Board may be too busy to reply. Mr. Szulwach proposed the formation of a climate change committee consisting of 3-5 members to meet with department heads to make suggestions to the Board. He said a prompt reply is requested now to the challenge. Councilman Holdridge said he is in favor of a climate change task force similar to the Comprehensive Plan Committee to follow practices and codes. Councilwoman Smith asked what he would want the Board to do. Mr. Szulwach replied to answer his questions about the Town's plans as he thinks he has been dismissed. Supervisor Valentine said, although there is no formal plan, the 12,000 residents of the Town have had minimal impact on global climate change. He said that project approvals that require cluster plans and plantings and state guidelines which include SWPP, along with the Board commitment to add energy sources by way of solar projects of leased properties, is a big step that pays back to offset taxes and fund other projects in the Town. He added that New York State is covered by 69% of forestry and maybe the complaint should be addressed by New York City. He said our small town lives simply and takes care as good stewards to bolster the environment and would gladly do anything to make the Town better and if other towns complied, it would have a cumulative impact.

Lydia Cuadros, 158 Creamery Pond Road, asked about the Sugar Loaf sign completion date. The Supervisor said the check had been dropped off and Councilwoman Smith said there is no completion date, but 3-4 weeks is anticipated. Ms. Cuadros then asked about the revised Letter of Agreement with Neil Larson in which he pushed out the dates for application review to March 2024 due to health issues and would move nomination into 2025. She said it was not fair since it was to be submitted in December 2023. She asked if the Town would apply for another grant. Supervisor Valentine said it is an allowable expense under AARPA and time is of the essence. Ms. Cuadros added the historic designation would be helpful with the Town's purchase of the buildings in Scott's Meadows and could preserve architecture and history. She stated, although it carries no restrictions, it may make people more mindful. Ms. Cuadros stated she would look for a new consultant. Al Fusco is to follow up with potential SHPPO consultant.

Tom Becker, 163 Lehigh Avenue, asked about the ads showing on the billboards promoting the Sugar Loaf Performing Arts Center upcoming events that require Board approval.

Richard Logothetis, Kings Highway, asked the boundary of the Historic District. Supervisor Valentine said it will run from Bidwell building to the caboose. It would not include the Seligman property as it was advised to apply separately.

### **ACCEPTANCE OF MEETING MINUTES**

**ON A MOTION OFFERED BY** Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Ardisana to accept the Minutes of the July 12, 2023 Town Board Meeting, as presented by Town Clerk Zappala.

**VOTE: AYES (5):VALENTINE, ARDISANA, COURTENAY, HOLDRIDGE, SMITH**

**ADOPTED**

### **BUDGET MODIFICATION**

**ON A MOTION OFFERED BY** Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Ardisana to approve the transfer of \$9,074 from AARPA fund to Sugar Loaf Water for the payment to Underwater Solutions and Quackenbush Water Systems and from A-fund balance to A6772.4 for the purchase of outdoor equipment for the Senior Center in the amount of \$56,285.00, reimbursable through a grant.

**VOTE: AYES (5):VALENTINE, ARDISANA, COURTENAY, HOLDRIDGE, SMITH**

**ADOPTED**

### **CREATE BOOKKEEPER POSITION**

Supervisor Valentine said he was tabling the matter after previous discussion with the Town Attorney. The matter to be hold over to next meeting, as there have been several resumes received for the advertised Comptroller's position. He said, if the search falls short, creating the position of Bookkeeper will allow the Town to have back-up.

### **TOWN OF CHESTER -LEAD AGENCY RESOLUTION - WALTON LAKE WATER DISTRICT**

At the meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Chester, held on July 26, 2023, the following resolution was introduced by Councilwoman Smith and seconded by Councilman Courtenay.

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Chester is considering making application to the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation (NYSEFC) Drinking Water Program for the Walton Lake Water District's well, pump station, treatment and associated piping, and replacement of distribution system;

**WHEREAS**, the Town has cause to have prepared a Full Form Environmental Assessment under the State Environmental Quality Review Act; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board has submitted to all interested parties requesting Lead Agency status;

**WHEREAS**, after the thirty (30) day comment period, all interested parties indicate acceptance of the Town of Chester as Lead Agency;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Chester determined, based on the information and analysis in the Long Form EAF and supporting documentation, hereby declares itself Lead Agency.

**VOTE: AYES (5):VALENTINE, ARDISANA, COURTENAY, HOLDRIDGE, SMITH**

**ADOPTED**

### **For Further Information Contact:**

Town Clerk  
Town of Chester  
1786 Kings Highway  
Chester, New York 10918

**RESOLUTION - STATE ENVIRONMENT QUALITY REVIEW  
NEGATIVE DECLARATION -NOTICE OF DETERMINATION OF NON-SIGNIFICANCE**

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At the meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Chester, held on July 26, 2023, the following resolution was introduced by Councilwoman Smith and seconded by Councilman Holdridge

This notice is issued pursuant to 6 NYCRR Part 617 of the implementing regulations pertaining to Article 8 (State Environment Quality Review Act) of the Environmental Conservation Law.

The Town of Chester Town Board, as lead agency, has determined that the proposed action described below will not have a significant effect on the environment and a Draft Environmental Impact Statement will not be prepared.

**Name of Action:** Walton Lake Water District

**SEQR Status:** Type I

**Negative Declaration:** Yes

**Description of Action:** New Wells, Pump Station, Treatment and Associated Piping,

**Facts & Reasons Supporting This Determination:**

Based on careful review of the application, the Local Law and revisions thereto submitted by the Applicant, Long Form Environmental Assessment Form, with supporting information and public comment, the Town Board has identified the no areas of environmental concern in connection with the proposed project.

**Resolution:**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** based on the Town Board's review and consideration of the Project, Full Environmental Assessment Form, supplementary technical information, public comments and consideration of the criteria for determining significance set forth in 6 NYCRR 617.7 ( c ), the Project as designed and set forth herein will not result in any significant impact to the environment.

**VOTE: AYES (5):VALENTINE, ARDISANA, COURTENAY, HOLDRIDGE, SMITH**

**ADOPTED**

**For Further Information Contact:**

Town Clerk  
Town of Chester  
1786 Kings Highway  
Chester, New York 10918

**RESOLUTION AND ORDER AFTER PUBLIC HEARING**

At a meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Chester, in the County of Orange, New York, held at the Town Hall, 1786 Kings Highway, Chester, New York, on the 26th day of July, 2023.

PRESENT:

Hon. Robert Valentine, Supervisor  
Robert Courtenay, Councilperson  
Cindy Smith, Councilperson  
Antonio Ardisana, Councilperson  
Brandon Holdridge, Councilperson

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In the Matter

of the

Increase and Improvement of Facilities of the Walton Lake Estates Water District, in the Town of Chester, in the County of Orange, New York, pursuant to Section 202-b of the Town Law

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Offered by: Councilman Holdridge

Seconded by: Councilman Courtenay

**RESOLUTION AND  
ORDER AFTER PUBLIC  
HEARING**

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Chester (herein called the “Town”), in the County of Orange, New York, on behalf of the Walton Lake Estates Water District, in the Town (herein referred to as the “District”), has caused Fusco Engineer & Land Surveying, D.P.C., competent engineers duly licensed by the State of New York (the “Engineer”) to prepare a map and plan and estimate of cost for the increase and improvement of facilities of the District (the “Engineer’s Report”) consisting of the construction of improvements to existing wells, drilling two new wells, pump station improvements, treatment, piping, sanitary line, electrical improvements and other related or ancillary work required in connection therewith, as described in the Engineer’s Report; and

WHEREAS, the Engineer has estimated that the cost of such increase and improvement of facilities shall be \$5,868,500 and said map, plan and report have been filed with the Town Board; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board adopted an Order describing in general terms the proposed increase and improvement of such facilities, specifying the estimated cost thereof, and stating the Town Board would meet to hear all persons

interested in said increase and improvement of facilities on July 26, 2023 at 7:00 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time) at the Town Hall, 1786 Kings Highway, Chester, New York; and

WHEREAS, a Notice of such public hearing was duly published and posted pursuant to the provisions of Article 12 of the Town Law; and

WHEREAS, such public hearing was duly held by the Town Board on the 26th day of July, 2023 at 7:00 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time) at the Town Hall, 1786 Kings Highway, Chester, New York, with considerable discussion on the matter having been had and all persons desiring to be heard having been heard, including those in favor of and those in opposition to said increase and improvement of such facilities; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA), constituting Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law, and 6 N.Y.C.R.R., Regulations Part 617.5, the Town Board, as lead agency, has given due consideration to the impact that the project described herein may have on the environment, and has determined that such project is a Type I project for purposes of SEQRA, and has reviewed a full Environmental Assessment Form (EAF) and has determined that the project will result in no significant adverse impact on the environment;

Now, therefore, be it

DETERMINED, that it is in the public interest to increase and improve the facilities of the District as hereinabove described, at the estimated maximum cost of \$5,868,500; and it is hereby

ORDERED, that the facilities of the District shall be so increased and improved and that the Engineer shall prepare plans and specifications and make a careful estimate of the expense of said increase and improvement of such facilities and, with the assistance of the Town Attorney, shall prepare a proposed contract for such increase and improvement of facilities of the District, which plans and specifications, estimate and proposed contract shall be presented to the Town Board as soon as possible; and it is hereby

FURTHER ORDERED, that the expense of said increase and improvement of facilities shall be financed by the issuance of not to exceed \$5,868,500 bonds of the Town and the expenditure of any grant funds received, and the cost of said increase and improvement of facilities, including payment of principal of and interest on said bonds, shall be paid by the assessment, levy and collection of the assessment, levy and collection of assessments upon the several lots and parcels of land within the District in the same manner and at the same time as other Town charges; and it is hereby

FURTHER ORDERED, that the Town Clerk record, or cause to be recorded, a certified copy of this Resolution and Order After Public Hearing in the office of the Clerk of Orange County within ten (10) days after adoption thereof.

DATED: July 26, 2023  
(SEAL)

TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF CHESTER

The adoption of the foregoing Resolution and Order was duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

Supervisor Robert Valentine	voting Aye
Councilperson Robert Courtenay	voting Aye
Councilperson Cindy Smith	voting Aye
Councilperson Antonio Ardisana	voting Aye
Councilperson Brandon Holdridge	voting Aye

The Resolution and Order were declared adopted.

**BOND RESOLUTION WALTON LAKE ESTATES WATER DISTRICT**

BOND RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF CHESTER, NEW YORK, ADOPTED JULY 26, 2023, APPROPRIATING \$5,868,500 FOR THE INCREASE AND IMPROVEMENT OF FACILITIES OF THE WALTON LAKE ESTATES WATER DISTRICT AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS OF SAID TOWN IN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$5,868,500 TO FINANCE SAID APPROPRIATION

Offered by: Councilman Holdridge

Seconded By: Councilman Courtenay

Recital

WHEREAS, following preparation of a map and plan and estimate of cost for the increase and improvement of facilities of the Walton Lake Estates Water District (herein referred to as the "District"), in the Town of Chester (herein called the "Town"), in the County of Orange, New York, and after a public hearing duly called and held, the Town Board of the Town determined that it is in the public interest to increase and improve the facilities of the District, and ordered that such facilities be so increased and improved;

Now, therefore, be it



RESOLVED BY THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF CHESTER, IN THE COUNTY OF ORANGE, NEW YORK (by the favorable vote of not less than two-thirds of all the members of said Board) AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Town Board hereby appropriates the amount of \$5,868,500 for the increase and improvement of facilities of the District, consisting of the construction of improvements to existing wells, drilling two new wells, pump station improvements, treatment, piping, sanitary line, electrical improvements and other related or ancillary work required in connection therewith, as described in the map and plan and estimate of cost. The estimated maximum cost thereof, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and the financing thereof, is \$5,868,500. The plan of financing includes the issuance of not to exceed \$5,868,500 bonds of the Town and the expenditure of any grant funds received. The cost of said increase and improvement of facilities, including payment of principal of and interest on said bonds, shall be paid by the assessment, levy and collection of assessments upon the several lots and parcels of land within the District in the same manner and at the same time as other Town charges.

Section 2. Bonds of the Town are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$5,868,500 pursuant to the provisions of the Local Finance Law, constituting Chapter 33-a of the Consolidated Laws of the State of New York (herein called the "Law"), to finance said appropriation.

Section 3. The following additional matters are hereby determined and stated:

(a) The period of probable usefulness of the object or purpose for which said bonds are authorized to be issued, within the limitations of Section 11.00 a. 1 of the Law, is forty (40) years.

(b) The proceeds of the bonds herein authorized and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds may be applied to reimburse the Town for expenditures made after the effective date of this resolution. The foregoing statement of intent with respect to reimbursement is made in conformity with Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2 of the United States Treasury Department.

(c) The proposed maturity of the serial bonds authorized by this resolution will exceed five (5) years.

Section 4. Each of the bonds authorized by this resolution and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds shall contain the recital of validity prescribed by Section 52.00 of the Law and said bonds and any notes issued in anticipation said bonds shall be general obligations of the Town, payable as to both principal and interest by a general tax upon all the taxable real property within the Town. The faith and credit of the Town are hereby irrevocably pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on said bonds and any notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds, and provision shall be made annually in the budget of the Town by appropriation for (a) the amortization and redemption

of the bonds and any notes issued in anticipation thereof to mature in such year and (b) the payment of interest to be due and payable in such year.

Section 5. Subject to the provisions of this resolution and of the Law and pursuant to the provisions of Section 21.00 of the Law relative to the authorization of the issuance of bonds with substantially level or declining annual debt service, Section 30.00 relative to the authorization of the issuance of bond anticipation notes and Section 50.00 and Sections 56.00 to 60.00 and 168.00 of the Law, the powers and duties of the Town Board relative to authorizing bond anticipation notes and prescribing the terms, form and contents and as to the sale and issuance of the bonds herein authorized, and the renewals of said bond anticipation notes, and relative to executing contracts for credit enhancements and providing for substantially level or declining annual debt service, are hereby delegated to the Supervisor, the chief fiscal officer of the Town.

Section 6. The validity of the bonds authorized by this resolution, and of any notes issued in anticipation of said bonds, may be contested only if:

- (a) such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which the Town is not authorized to expend money, or
- (b) the provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of the publication of such resolution, or a summary thereof, are not substantially complied with, and

an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of such publication, or

- (c) such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the constitution.

Section 7. This resolution shall take effect immediately and the Town Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish the foregoing bond resolution, in summary, in the official newspaper of the Town, having a general circulation in said Town, together with the Town Clerk's statutory notice in the form prescribed by Section 81.00 of the Local Finance Law of the State of New York.

The adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

Supervisor Robert Valentine	voting Aye
Councilperson Robert Courtenay	voting Aye
Councilperson Cindy Smith	voting Aye
Councilperson Antonio Ardisana	voting Aye
Councilperson Brandon Holdridge	voting Aye

The Resolution was declared adopted.

**AGREEMENT – MUNISTAT FINANCIAL ADVISORY SERVICE  
TOWN OF CHESTER - WALTON LAKE ESTATES WATER DISTRICT**

**ON A MOTION OFFERED BY** Member Smith, seconded by Member Ardisana to approve the agreement with Munistat Financial Advisory Service in the amounts as listed in Appendix B of said agreement, in connection with the Walton Lake Water District System Improvements project and authorize the Supervisor to sign.

**VOTE: AYES (5):VALENTINE, ARDISANA, COURTENAY, HOLDRIDGE, SMITH** **ADOPTED**

**TROUT BROOK FIRE HOUSE SEWER ALLOCATION**

Engineer Fusco explained the Fire House will have low sewer usage.

**ON A MOTION OFFERED BY** Councilwoman Smith and seconded by Councilman Courtenay to approve 1 unit of sewer allocation to the Trout Brook Fire House.

**VOTE: AYES (5):VALENTINE, ARDISANA, COURTENAY, HOLDRIDGE, SMITH** **ADOPTED**

**TOWN OF BLOOMING GROVE PLANNING BOARD – NOTICE OF INTENT TO BECOME LEAD AGENCY -  
THE CHURCH OF SAINT COLUMBA PROJECT**

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**ON A MOTION OFFERED BY** Councilman Holdridge, seconded by Councilman Courtenay to consent to the Town of Blooming Grove Planning Board as Lead Agency in regard to the Church of St. Columba cemetery project.

**VOTE: AYES (5):VALENTINE, ARDISANA, COURTENAY, HOLDRIDGE, SMITH** **ADOPTED**

**EDUCATION REQUEST**

**ON A MOTION OFFERED BY** Councilwoman Smith and seconded by Councilman Courtenay to approve the attendance of Officer Santosky-Wright to the Commercial Vehicle Inspection Course. The course will be held at the New York State Police Academy in Albany. The first portion will be held from July 30<sup>th</sup>-August 4<sup>th</sup>. The second portion will be held from August 14<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup>. Five nights lodging will be required each week at \$114 per night.

**VOTE: AYES (5):VALENTINE, ARDISANA, COURTENAY, HOLDRIDGE, SMITH** **ADOPTED**

**REPORTS**

Engineer's Report

1. Greens at Chester: SWPPP systems are working properly. Waiting for more information on Transportation Corporation.
2. Cappelli Sports (Primo Sports): SWPPP systems are working properly. Trees and landscaping advancing.
3. Walton Lake Estates Water District: Project grants to go out this week. Engineering Report and applications are complete; need a few resolutions and signatures.
4. Sugarloaf Wells need to have testing completed, working on now.
5. Inspected stormwater issue on Brennan Court with Highway Superintendent and Building Inspector, going to investigate further.

Engineer Fusco explained the 72-hour pump test was performed at the highest rate. It will be re-evaluated and recharged and test at a lower rate of 66gpm in two weeks.

Other Business:

**SUGAR LOAF PERFORMING ARTS CENTER CONCESSIONS**

Supervisor Valentine explained the OME doesn't want to continue to be the concession vendor and has requested a release from the contract, which has an escape clause. He said they are backing away from entertainment for the time being, dropping off from a high point. The Supervisor will share the correspondence with the Board. They will continue their contract to 2024, but are not pursuing their liquor license except on a temporary basis as long as possible.

**ON A MOTION OFFERED BY** Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Courtenay to authorize an RFP for concession as the Sugar Loaf Performing Arts Center and direct Town Clerk Zappala to cause to publish same.

**VOTE: AYES (5): VALENTINE, ARDISANA, COURTENAY, HOLDRIDGE, SMITH** **ADOPTED**

**CLIMATE CHANGE COMMITTEE**

Councilman Holdridge asked the Board to put a Climate Change Committee on their radar.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**ON A MOTION OFFERED BY** Councilman Holdridge and second by Councilman Courtenay to enter in Executive Session at 7:55pm on the matter of personnel.

**VOTE: AYES (4): ARDISANA, COURTENAY, HOLDRIDGE, SMITH, RECUSED (1): VALENTINE** **ADOPTED**

**ON A MOTION OFFERED BY** Councilman Holdridge and second by Councilman Courtenay to adjourn the Executive Session at 8:30pm.

**VOTE: AYES (4): ARDISANA, COURTENAY, HOLDRIDGE, SMITH, RECUSED (1): VALENTINE** **ADOPTED**

**TOWN BOARD COMMENTS**

Councilman Ardisana offered no comments.

Councilman Courtenay announced the PBA Golf Outing at the Otterkill on Monday, July 31, 2023.

Councilwoman Smith has received an estimate for repair work at the Pickle Ball Courts and will be ordered. Blocks are a temporary measure since they chip. Supervisor Valentine is to forward the estimate received for the fencing. She said trees and shrubs will be purchased through Jansen in the amount of \$4,800 and will be ordered for the end of August. Councilwoman Smith said the engineer is to contact the installer for the Senior Center exercise equipment. She contacted O&R about the light on Hambletonian Avenue and it is now in process. She announced the Walton Engine & Hose Wing-Fling-to-go on Saturday. Councilwoman Smith reported a locked gate at the Camp LaGuardia property installed after the recent fire.

Councilman Holdridge thanked Senator Skoufis and Assemblyman Brabenec for their assistance in getting 17M repaved. He thanked Walter, Kristin and Michelle for their assistance in organizing a sensory friendly movie night with SEPSA. It will be Super Mario for children and adults with comfort items tentatively scheduled for August 12, 2023 from 12-2pm. He asked if the Board is still waiting on calculations from the Assessor for the Senior Exemption Local Law. He will forward information on grants on tree plantings for Board review. Councilman Holdridge appreciates the Board providing feedback to the Town Attorney on the noise ordinance amendments, which he thought were in agreement. Councilman Holdridge offered his assistance in completing the Comprehensive Plan Committee interviews.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**ON A MOTION OFFERED BY** Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Courtenay to adjourn the meeting at 8:35pm, there being no further business brought before the Board.

**VOTE: AYES (5):VALENTINE, ARDISANA, COURTENAY, HOLDRIDGE, SMITH**

**ADOPTED**

Respectfully submitted,

Linda A. Zappala  
Town Clerk  
2023-7-26