

ANNUAL WATER MEETING BETWEEN TOWNS OF FARMINGTON, CANANDAIGUA, AND HOPEWELL

OCTOBER 13, 2020 AT 6 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

TOWN OF FARMINGTON:	PETER INGALSBE, TOWN SUPERVISOR RON HERENDEEN, COUNCILMAN MIKE CASALE, COUNCILMAN STEVEN HOLTZ, COUNCILMAN NATE BOWERMAN, COUNCILMAN MICHELLE FINLEY, TOWN CLERK ROBIN MACDONALD, ACTING WATER & SEWER SUPERINTENDENT DON GIROUX, HIGHWAY & PARKS SUPERINTENDENT DELPRIORE, CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER RON BRAND, DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT
TOWN OF CANANDAIGUA:	CATHY MENIKOTZ, TOWN SUPERVISOR DOUG FINCH, TOWN MANAGER TERRANCE FENNELLY, COUNCILMAN LINDA DWORACZYK, COUNCILWOMAN JARED SAMPSON, COUNCILMAN GARY DAVIS, COUNCILMAN JIM FLETCHER, HIGHWAY/WATER SUPERINTENDENT
TOWN OF HOPEWELL:	TED BATEMAN, TOWN SUPERVISOR ADAM SANFORD, COUNCILMAN KEN POTTER, WATER SUPERINTENDENT

Pledge of Allegiance

Farmington Town Supervisor Ingalsbe presented his report on the Canandaigua-Farmington Water District budget for 2021. Supervisor Ingalsbe stated that the reason the revenue was down a bit was because there were approximately 60 new customers that did not happen due to Covid and construction going slow. He added that for some reason the first two quarters of water revenue were down \$30,000 in one quarter and almost \$50,000 in the second quarter. He stated that there is no real explanation unless people are fixing leaks, third quarter was up where it should have been. He stated another reason for a drop in revenue was that one of their biggest water users, the Finger Lakes Gaming and Racetrack, was closed for months. He stated that the City of Canandaigua has an increase in the water rate of \$.02305 per thousand gallons. This will cause an increase next year in the water usage rates once they get the exact number from the city.

They looked over the budget sheet showing line by line and the 5-year average. They also reviewed the Percentage Apportioned Cost for 2021 and the increases/decreases of the tax rate since 2009. Mr. Finch asked about the over half a million-dollar difference between the 2021 tentative budget and the 2021 preliminary budget for Canandaigua-Farmington Transmission and Distribution and if the Supervisor could touch a bit on that. Supervisor Ingalsbe replied that there are two projects, one is a small extension going north on Mertensia Road and a very expensive project going underneath Route 332 and Route 96 Intersection due to a waterline being shut off for over 3 years, the estimate from MRB Group is \$880,000 to do two borings east and west across Route 332 and north and south across Route 96, and that this only covers going east and west across Route 332 to open up the waterline to the commercial district and to move the valves out of the highway, using fund balance and capital reserve money. Mr. Finch asked if the full \$680,000 is in the Farmington District, Supervisor Ingalsbe replied correct. Mr. Davis, MRB Group, stated that the considerable cost is for the Rock Boring.

Mr. Finch commented on not seeing Brickyard Road in the budget. Supervisor Ingalsbe replied because it is a capital project they do have grant money, \$200,000 in BAN interest, as the start up costs for Brickyard Road, and about a year and a half ago they already put a million dollars from the water fund into the capital project to fund all the engineering ahead of time and the town still has a considerable

amount of that million left. Ms. Dworaczyk asked if the town has all the funding to replace it. Supervisor Ingalsbe stated that the town will have to borrow over four million, it is a nine million-dollar project but they hope it comes in less than that.

Supervisor Ingalsbe added that the latest estimate for North Road is another \$522,000 to complete the work, so in the 2022 budget, right now \$200,000, and for 2023 and 2024 \$175,000 each.

Supervisor Ingalsbe stated that there have been meter pits on the capital plan but he has moved two out of the three of them off the chart due to other costs that have come in.

Mr. MacDonald, Acting Water & Sewer Superintendent, reviewed water projects for the year. Supervisor Ingalsbe stated that bids were opened a couple of weeks ago for the Mertensia Road Waterline replacement project. He added that the bids came in a little high and the low bidder is a company the town has never heard of so MRB Group recommendation is to go with the second low bidder. The town will finalize that at their next town board meeting in two weeks. The Board will see if the second low bidder can cut back some of the footage on the north/south run. Supervisor Ingalsbe stated that they budgeted \$169,000 in the 2021 budget to go further north on Mertensia Road but he might have to use those funds to fund the current bid and not go further north on Mertensia Road. He added that there is developer who wants to build a bunch of townhomes (216 townhomes for sale not to rent) so the town will make them do a lot of the 10 inch waterline because he is on the corner of Collett and Mertensia.

Mr. Finch asked what the timeline is for the Brickyard Road project. Supervisor Ingalsbe replied that they are looking to bid in the March/April time frame next year and then that project will go through 2022. They will have a BAN at least for the first year, estimate was \$335,000 per year. Ms. Dworaczyk asked if that was a 5 cent increase then? Supervisor Ingalsbe stated that \$200,000 is already covered in a BAN and is part of a future payment in 2021. Ms. Dworaczyk commented then only \$100,000 additional would be needed. Supervisor Ingalsbe agreed.

Mr. Finch also asked if the town had done any type of projections for the \$175,000 per year for the North Road project as well as the debt service payment on the four million-dollar bond as to what future tax rates might look like for 2023 and 2024. Supervisor Ingalsbe replied that they had not looked at what the tax rates would be including the bond payment for future years.

A motion was made by Ms. Dworaczyk to adopt the 2021 Water Budget, seconded by Mr. Fennelly, all in favor. Motion CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Minutes were taken and transcribed by:

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