

TOWN BOARD SPECIAL MEETING
April 24, 2024

A Special Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Somerset, County of Niagara and the State of New York was held at the Town Hall, 8700 Haight Road, Barker, New York on the 24th day of April, 2024.

Present: Jeffrey M. Dewart----- Supervisor
 Robin R. Jansen ----- Councilwoman
 Jon Hotaling ----- Councilman
 Gail Damon ----- Councilwoman
 Fred Leuer ----- Councilman
 Tracy L. Carmer----- Town Clerk
 Jesse J. Green ----- Supt of Water/Sewer/Grounds
 Mindy Austin ----- Confidential Asst. to the Supervisor
 Brian Sibiga _____ Engineer
 Justine Seefeldt ----- Engineer

Audience: none

Supervisor Dewart called the meeting to order at 6:00PM with the Pledge to the Flag.

REDI-GRANT SEWER DEPARTMENT IMPROVEMENTS

Engineer Sibiga provided an overview of the project for which the town was awarded a grant for \$1.26 million. The original plan for sludge disposal was to provide the sludge to a farmer to be spread on their field, but with new regulations the risk for the farmer doesn't outweigh the benefit. The new plan is to build a sludge drying bed, which will cut the weight substantially, and lower the cost of shipping it out.

The new cost of \$1,434,000 includes cleaning both lagoons, replacing the aeration system, construction of the new sludge drying beds, and a bypass pump. Not including a building for the drying bed saves the town approximately \$250,000. The town can build their own for approximately \$50,000. The grant will cover all except approximately \$100,000, which can come from the reserves that we have been accumulating for cleaning the lagoons. We are requesting an extension so we need to submit a new schedule and re-sign all of the paperwork. Then the DEC will have to approve the project before we go to bid. There is no additional certification needed for our Water/Sewer employees.

FIREWORKS

The Town of Hartland will not have a fireworks display for July 4th this year, so the group that raised money for it has asked the town to allow them to use our park to set off the fireworks during the annual Corn Festival, with no cost to the town. The school is under construction so the location that we used for the bicentennial celebration is not available. Supervisor Dewart stated that he will ask the fireworks company to visit us for a site check to make sure that our park is an acceptable location.

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On a motion of Councilman Hotaling, seconded by Councilwoman Jansen, the meeting adjourned at 6:38P.M. subject to the Call of the Clerk.

Tracy L. Carmer, RMC
Town Clerk