

TOWN BOARD
Special Meeting
February 24, 2016

A special meeting of the Oneonta Town Board was held on February 24, 2016 with the following members present:

Supervisor: Robert T. Wood
Councilman: Michael Stolzer
Councilman: Brett Holleran
Councilwoman: Patricia Jacob
Councilwoman: Patricia Riddell Kent
Town Clerk: Cheryl L. Shackelton

Others present: Erik Knudsen; Stephen & Beverly Gruver; Andrew & Shannon Turner; David Rowley; and Steve Kent.

PUBLIC HEARING – Southside Water District #6 (Commercial)

WHEREAS, a written petition dated February 10, 2016 has been submitted in due form by several residents and business owners containing the required signatures, which has been presented and filed with the Town Board of the Town of Oneonta, County of Otsego, New York, for the establishment of a Town Water District, to be known as Southside Water District No. 6, Town of Oneonta, which is bounded and described on Exhibit A attached hereto and made a part hereof, and

WHEREAS, the improvements proposed consist of the construction of a water system to serve said District in accordance with a certain map and plan prepared by Lamont Engineers, made a part of such petition and heretofore adopted by this Town Board, now on file in the office of the Town Clerk of the Town of Oneonta, New York, and

WHEREAS, it is the intention of the Town to construct said system and charge a benefit charge to each property owner in the District and a user rate to each user within the District. The maximum amount proposed to be expended for the construction and acquisition of the above-described improvement is \$2,800,000 with a total annual O&M cost of \$43,000. The Town anticipates receiving approximately \$100,000 in grants and the rest of the funding in low interest loans. With the anticipated funding, the costs to property owners of repayment would be set out as follows: bond repayment would be made by property owners based upon the property's assessed value; payment for annual operating and maintenance expenses would be made by property owners based upon the properties EDU (Equivalent Dwelling Unit= 100 gpd/person @2.6 persons/ household= 260 GPD). In District #2 a \$100,000 single family residence is estimated to pay \$275.00 per year in bond repayment and \$150 for O&M. These costs would likely drop as more users hooked into the system.

Supervisor Wood opened the public hearing to consider said petition and to hear all persons interested in the subject thereof, concerning the same, and for such other and further action on the part of said Town Board, with relation to the premises.

Erik Knudson asked if the town felt that the new water district was likely to cause them a liability in light of the water issues facing some other towns in the county such as Flint Michigan. Supervisor Wood state that he was surprised that the problem in Flint was not addressed immediately by that government. The town of Oneonta has their other water systems tested regularly and we are able to adjust treatment so that issues like that don't happen here. Andrew Turner asked if property owners would be required to connect to the system. Supervisor Wood said that they would not be required to connect but all properties are subject to bond repayment as they have the benefit of water being available. Commercial public water supplies must connect as a public safety requirement.

Motion was made by Jacob, seconded by Riddell Kent to close the public hearing.

VOTE – Ayes 5, Nays 0 Motion Carried

The town board took no action at this time.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl L. Shackelton
Town Clerk