

A Town Board Meeting of the Town of Owasco was held on September 30, 2021, at 4:00 PM in the Owasco Town Hall with the following members present:

PRESENT: Supervisor Edward Wagner
Councilperson Gucciardi
Councilperson, Tim Kerstetter
Councilperson Mike Vitale

ABSENT: Councilperson Fred Cornelius

OTHERS PRESENT: Riccardo Galbato

Via ZOOM: Mickey Belosi, Elizabeth Emig Rosecrans

CALL TO ORDER: 12:02 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

RESOLUTION 21-133 approval of Town Board Agenda for September 30, 2021

Motion by Councilor Kerstetter; Second Councilor Vitale

Roll call vote:	Councilor Cornelius <u>Absent</u>	Councilor Gucciardi <u>Yes</u>
	Councilor Kerstetter <u>Yes</u>	Councilor Vitale <u>Yes</u>
	Supervisor Wagner <u>Yes</u>	

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

COMMUNICATIONS

NEW BUSINESS

OLD BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION NO. 21- 134 SEQRA RESOLUTION FOR LEAD AGENCY FOR THE TOWN OF OWASCO SEWER DISTRICT NO. 1 I-I REDUCTION PHASE 1 PROJECT

Proposed Action: Town of Owasco Sewer District No. 1 Inflow and Infiltration Reduction Improvements Phase I Project

**RESOLUTION DECLARING THE INTENT OF THE TOWN OF OWASCO
TOWN BOARD TO ACT AS LEAD AGENCY**

WHEREAS, the Town of Owasco (Town) is proposing the Town of Owasco Sewer System Inflow and Infiltration Reduction Improvements Phase I Project (Project), located in the Town of Owasco, Cayuga County, New York;

WHEREAS, the proposed Project will include the following:

The Town of Owasco owns and operates a sanitary sewer collection system that conveys wastewater to the City of Auburn for sewer treatment. Large portions of the Sewer District No. 1 collection system, originally constructed in 1939, are antiquated and are in

need of upgrades. Additionally, the treatment of stormwater that enters the sanitary sewer collection system is believed to cost the Town of Owasco a significant amount each year. During heavy rain events, the Town often experiences sanitary sewer overflows along their main sewer interceptor; which results in frequent residential complaints. The Town is planning to complete infrastructure improvements along three roads (3rd Ave, Van Duyne Ave, and Stryker Ave) to evaluate the effectiveness of various Inflow and Infiltration Reduction measures. The proposed project includes the replacement and/or rehabilitation of mainline sewer infrastructure and manholes to extend their useful lives another 75 to 100 years, which will reduce public sources of inflow and infiltration. In addition, dedicated storm water infrastructure will be constructed to convey flows from basement floor drains, foundation drains, and gutter down spouts in order to eliminate private sources of inflow and infiltration. New water mains will also be installed, and existing water services will be connected to the new main. Finally, the project includes full reconstruction of the portions of 3rd Ave, Van Duyne Ave, and Stryker Ave that are within the project area due to the anticipated significant disturbance from the underground utility improvements, along with various other improvements. After the Phase 1 project is completed, the results will be evaluated to determine whether the Town should proceed with a larger Inflow and Infiltration Reduction project throughout the remainder of Sewer District No. 1. Any future projects would be subject to their own review under a separate SEQRA process. The proposed Phase 1 improvements are shown in the attached Figures 1A-1C;

WHEREAS, the Project has been classified as a “Type I Action” as defined by the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) in 6 NYCRR Part 617.4;

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Town of Owasco Town Board to assume the role of “Lead Agency” for purposes of conducting a SEQRA/SERP assessment of the Project; and

WHEREAS, Part I of a Full Environmental Assessment Form (FEAF) has been completed, reviewed by the Town of Owasco Town Board, and will be circulated to all Interested and Involved Agencies for purposes of establishing the Town of Owasco Town Board as “Lead Agency” in accordance with 6 NYCRR Part 617.6(b).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED AND DETERMINED that the Supervisor of the Town of Owasco hereby is authorized to sign Part 1 of the FEAF; and it is

FURTHER RESOLVED AND DETERMINED, that the Town of Owasco will send said Part 1 of the FEAF and associated site figure to the following list of “Interested and Involved Agencies” (**Cayuga County Health Department, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Region 7, New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation, New York State Department of Health Bureau of Water Supply Protection, New York State Department of Transportation Region 3, City of Auburn, New York State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers**) under cover of a “Notice of Intent to Establish Lead Agency” letter for purposes of establishing Lead Agency status under the SEQRA/SERP; and it is

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Supervisor of the Town of Owasco and the Town Board, together with the Town of Owasco Attorney and Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C. (B&L), are hereby authorized to take all actions, serve all notices, and complete all documents required to give full force and effect to this determination.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote, and upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

Motion by Councilor Kerstetter; Second Councilor Vitale

**Roll call vote: Councilor Cornelius Absent Councilor Gucciardi Yes
Councilor Kerstetter Yes Councilor Vitale Yes
Supervisor Wagner Yes**

**RESOLUTION 21-135 SCHEDULING A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING
IMPROVEMENT OF THE TOWN OF OWASCO SEWER DISTRICT NO. 1 (SEWER
DISTRICT NO. 1 I-I REDUCTION PHASE 1 PROJECT)**

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Owasco (the "Town") proposes to undertake the acquisition, construction and installation of improvements for Sewer District No. 1, including, but not limited to, the replacement or rehabilitation of sewer mains, manholes, pump stations and other facilities, and the acquisition of machinery, equipment or apparatus required in connection therewith, is hereby authorized at an estimated maximum cost of \$3,300,000;

WHEREAS, the Town Board now desires to call a public hearing regarding the acquisition, construction and installation of the Town of Owasco Sewer District No. 1 improvements, as required by Town Law Section 202-b;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board will hold a public hearing to hear all persons interested in the improvement of the Town of Owasco Sewer District No. 1 (**Sewer District No. 1 I-I Reduction Phase 1 Project**), which public hearing shall be held at the Town of Owasco Town Hall, 2 Bristol Avenue, Auburn, New York 13021, in the Town of Owasco on **Wednesday, November 10, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.**; and be it further

RESOLVED, and ordered that the Town Clerk give notice of such hearing by publishing in the official Town newspaper the Notice of Public Hearing in substantially the form attached hereto and by posting the Notice of Public Hearing on the Town's official sign-board not less than ten nor more than twenty days before such hearing.

The question of adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote, which resulted as follows:

Motion by Councilor Kerstetter; Second Councilor Vitale

**Roll call vote: Councilor Cornelius Absent Councilor Gucciardi Yes
Councilor Kerstetter Yes Councilor Vitale Yes
Supervisor Wagner Yes**

ADJOURNMENT:

RESOLUTION 21-136 to adjourn the meeting:

Motion by Councilor Vitale; Second Councilor Kerstetter

**Roll call vote: Councilor Cornelius Absent Councilor Gucciardi Yes
Councilor Kerstetter Yes Councilor Vitale Yes
Supervisor Wagner Yes**

Meeting adjourned at 12:17PM