

**ORANGE COUNTY SEWER DISTRICT NO. 1 ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES**

**THURSDAY, JULY 18, 2019  
2:15 P.M.**

PRESENT: Peter Tuohy, Chairman,  
Katie Bonelli, Barry Cheney, Laurie Tautel, John Vero

ALSO

PRESENT: Thomas J. Faggione, Legislator  
Antoinette Reed, Legislative Counsel  
Joseph Mahoney, Senior Assistant County Attorney  
Robert Gray, Deputy Commissioner, EF&S  
Anthony Griffin, Principal Sanitary Engineer, Department of Public Works  
Mary Beth Bianconi, Partner/Senior Project Manager, Delaware Engineering, D.P.C.  
Stephen H. Welle, Mayor, Village of Harriman  
Gedalye Szegedin, Administrator, Clerk, Village of Kiryas Joel/Town of Palm Tree

Mr. Tuohy called the meeting to order at 2:22 p.m. and asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. All committee members were present with the exception of Mr. Vero who arrived at 2:33 p.m. and Mr. Amo who was absent.

Ms. Bianconi provided an update on SEQRA and stated that the longevity improvements is an unlisted action. They plan to submit for state funding and many of the state programs require that they treat this action like a Type I action and conduct a circulation of the SEQRA to establish the lead agency. She stated that the SEQRA document needs to be approved by the Legislature and adopt a resolution giving notice of intent to act as lead agency. Then it is sent out to the involved agencies and after thirty days if no other agency opposes, the Legislature will be declared as lead agency.

Ms. Reed explained that once this committee agrees to move forward, a legislative request will need to be prepared by the Law Department and fully executed and then it will go before the August Physical Services Committee meeting. She advised committee members that the Physical Services Committee will need to be updated as to what has been discussed and what is being proposed by the Sewer District No. 1 Advisory Committee.

Ms. Bonelli made a motion to recommend to the Physical Services Committee to direct the County Attorney's Office to prepare a legislative request for Notice of Intent to Assume Lead Agency Status, seconded by Ms. Tautel.

All in favor. Motion carried.

Ms. Bianconi mentioned the draft intended use plan for Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) was issued yesterday. The county has used CWSRF in the past for financing for projects. They looked at the potential to use that for longevity projects along with other sources. Part of the process when you apply is you need to inform the federal government what you intend to do with the money. She suggested to take the existing engineering report

and list the project to see how competitive it might be. The closing date to apply is September 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Ms. Tautel made a motion to proceed with listing the project with CWSRF, seconded by Mr. Vero.

All in favor. Motion carried.

Ms. Bianconi distributed a map to the committee on wastewater projections according to a five-year census (see original minutes). She pointed out that there are municipalities who are in need for increased capacity that the county could partner with. They would like to meet with the leadership of those municipalities to address it. They already have some conceptual things to consider and plan to review the various options and have a better idea of the cost. Once they meet with the officials in these municipalities, they will reach out to the D.E.C. and have preliminary conversations to see what is needed to build a plant and discharge into the Hudson River. They cannot have a detailed conversation yet until they know where and how much. This is all exploratory but are necessary steps they need to go through.

Mr. Tuohy discussed meeting with the municipal leaders, dates, times and locations for the meeting. He asked that everyone report back to him via email. They will address meters at the next meeting on July 30<sup>th</sup>.

On the motion of Ms. Tautel, seconded by Mr. Cheney, the meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.