

Supporting New York City Funding Of A Sewage Collection System And Wastewater Treatment Plant In The Hamlet Of Phoenicia, Town Of Shandaken

The Environmental Committee (Chairman Shapiro and Legislators Bartels, Distel, R.A. Parete, Rodriguez, Fabiano and McAfee) and Legislators Gregorius, Kraft and R.S. Parete offer the following:

WHEREAS, the entire Town of Shandaken is within the New York City Watershed, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Memorandum of Agreement dated January 1997, entered into between New York City and the approximately 50 (Fifty) towns and villages west of the Hudson and the Counties of Ulster, Greene, Delaware and Sullivan, the Town of Shandaken has entered into an agreement for New York City (the "City") to fund a sewage collection system and wastewater treatment plant for the Hamlet of Phoenicia, and

WHEREAS, the primary objective for installing the sewage collection system and wastewater treatment plant in Phoenicia is to protect and improve the quality of New York City's drinking water supply and thus assist the "City" in avoiding the cost of installing and operating a water filtration plant for the Catskill and Delaware Watershed that would otherwise be required under Section 1413 of the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act (42 USC §300g-2), and

WHEREAS, the Water District serving the Hamlet of Phoenicia has had to fund the cost of installing a filtration plant for its water supply, and

WHEREAS, the capital cost of that project has placed a significant burden on the property owners and residents within Phoenicia, and

WHEREAS, under the existing funding agreement, the residents of Phoenicia will be required to pay upwards of \$1,000,000.00 to connect to the sewer system and will suffer and/or be responsible for a portion of the annual operating costs of the wastewater treatment plant, and

WHEREAS, under existing conditions, a referendum to establish a sewer district in the hamlet of Phoenicia may not pass approval through a public referendum.

RESOLVED, that the Ulster County Legislature requests the United States Environment Protection Agency to require New York City, as part of its renewal of the filtration avoidance determination, to fund for the Hamlet of Phoenicia, the entire cost for the sewage collection system and wastewater treatment plant, including the installation of sewer laterals, and to fund all future operation and maintenance costs

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associated with said plant, similar to the City-owned plants in Margaretville, Pine Hill and Tannersville, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Ulster County Legislature shall request similar funding and support for a sewage collection system in the watershed Hamlet of Boiceville, New York, at the appropriate time of consideration,

and moves its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 30 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislator Felicello)
(Legislator Gerentine left at 9:45 PM)
(Legislator Loughran left at 9:45 PM)

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
NONE

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