

**SENECA COUNTY  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Special Board Meeting  
February 28, 2023

Call to Order

Chairman Enslow called the special meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

Roll Call of Members by the Clerk

Ten members of the Board of Supervisors answered roll call. Sprvr. Barnhart, Sprvr. Ferrara, Sprvr. Partee and Sprvr. Hayssen were not present.

Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence

RESOLUTIONS & MOTIONS

**SUPERVISORS AUTHORIZE SOLICITATION OF BIDS  
FOR NATURAL GAS AND ELCTRIC SUPPLY**

RESOLUTION NO. 41-23 moved by Sprvr. Kronenwetter, second by Sprvr. Hayes and adopted.

WHEREAS, the existing contract for the County's natural gas and electric supply is set to expire on March 31, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Power Management Company currently provides the broker services for the natural gas and electric supply at no charge to the County; and

WHEREAS, the current natural gas and electric contract brokered by Power Management Company has resulted in savings to the County; and

WHEREAS, the County has been approached by other providers who offer this service; and

WHEREAS, it is in the County's best interest to solicit proposals from multiple providers offering variable or fixed rates for periods of 12, 24 or 36 months; and

WHEREAS, the Public Works Standing Committee approved this resolution on February 28, 2023; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Seneca County Board of Supervisors' does hereby authorize the County Manager to solicit proposals to broker the natural gas and electric supply contract for the County; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors is authorizes the County Manager to select the lowest price and plan and to sign any and all necessary contracts for electric and natural gas supply.

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SUPPORTS CONGRESSIONALLY  
DIRECTED SPENDING REQUEST**

RESOLUTION NO. 42-23 moved by Sprvr. D. Trout, second by Sprvr. Rhinehart and adopted.

WHEREAS, Senators Gillibrand and Schumer are now accepting preliminary requests for New York-based Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) projects for Fiscal Year (FY) 2024; and

WHEREAS, these requests must be completed and submitted via electronic application by Monday, March 6, 2023 at 11:59 PM EST; and

WHEREAS, the Interior and Environment Subcommittee will accept CDS requests for local and/or municipal projects included on a state's most recently finalized Clean Water or Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Intended Use Plan (IUP); and

WHEREAS, there is a minimum 20% cost share requirement for any state or local water infrastructure grant funded through congressionally directed spending; and

WHEREAS, Infiltration/Inflow (I&I) correction and construction activities that prevent surface water or groundwater from entering the sewer system are eligible for the program; and

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WHEREAS, Seneca County Sewer Districts No. 1 and No. 2 have recently completed Infiltration/Inflow Studies that have identified scopes of work and cost estimates; and

WHEREAS, the projected cost for I&I improvements are \$1,274,423 in Sewer District No. 1 and \$887,250 for Sewer District No. 2; and

WHEREAS, CDS is an appropriate source of funding for this important undertaking; and

WHEREAS, this Resolution has been reviewed and recommended for approval by the Water & Sewer Treatment Management & Operations Standing Committee at its Meeting on February 28, 2023; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Seneca County Board of Supervisors authorizes the submission of Congressionally Directed Spending Requests to Senators Gillibrand and Schumer in the amount of \$2,161,673 to support I&I improvements in Seneca County Sewer Districts No. 1 and No. 2.

**SUPERVISORS AUTHORIZE TIME SENSITIVE IMPROVEMENTS  
FOR WATER DISTRICT NO. 1**

RESOLUTION NO. 43-23 moved by Sprvr. J. Trout, second by Sprvr. Brownell and adopted.

WHEREAS, improvements are needed to the metering system for Seneca County Water District No. 1; and

WHEREAS, these improvements are time sensitive and do not allow for competitive bidding; and

WHEREAS, NYS General Municipal Law Section 103 (4) states that work that requires immediate action which cannot await competitive bidding or competitive offering, contracts for public work or the purchase of supplies, material or equipment may be let by the appropriate officer, board or agency of a political subdivision or district therein, allows for awarding bids under these circumstances; and

WHEREAS, the Interim Administrator of the District will seek a quote based on time and material for the work and will seek a competitive price for the necessary meter; and

WHEREAS, time sensitive repairs will not exceed the amount currently available in Water District No. 1 Capital Account; and

WHEREAS, this Resolution has been reviewed and approved by the Water and Sewer Treatment and Operations Standing Committee on February 28, 2023; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Seneca County Board of Supervisors authorizes and directs the Interim Administrator to proceed with said work in an amount not to exceed available capital funding for time sensitive improvements at Seneca County Water District No. 1.

**APPLY AND ACCEPT NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (NYSDOH)  
GRANT TO STRENGTHEN PUBLIC HEALTH INFRASTRUCTURE, WORKFORCE AND  
DATA SYSTEMS AND AMEND 2023 BUDGET**

RESOLUTION NO. 44-23 moved by Sprvr. Rhinehart, second by Sprvr. Reynolds and adopted.

WHEREAS, New York State recently announced that \$637,504 in funding is available to the Seneca County Health Department for the period December 1, 2022 through November 30, 2027; and

WHEREAS, this funding is intended to support and strengthen the public health workforce and foundational capabilities through funding supported by a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention sponsored grant titled Strengthening U.S. Public Health Infrastructure, Workforce and Data Systems, CFDA# 93.967; and

WHEREAS, this grant will be in the amount of \$127,501 annually for five years; and

WHEREAS, this funding can be utilized to:

- hire new staff or retain staff,
- invest in staff retention efforts including training, conference attendance, tuition assistance, etc.,

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- invest in special projects and partnerships with community partners to address workforce solutions,
- invest in upgrades to the workforce environment,
- invest in software/technology and in internal data modernization that will increase efficiencies; and

WHEREAS, the Health & Human Services Standing Committee has reviewed and approved this resolution on February 28, 2023; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Seneca County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes and directs the County Manager to sign all necessary documents to apply for and accept the NYSDOH Grant to Strengthen Public Health Infrastructure, Workforce and Data Systems for the period December 1, 2022, through November 30, 2027; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Department of Finance is hereby authorized to amend the 2023 County Budget and to make the necessary accounting entries consistent with the intent of this Resolution; and be it further

RESOLVED, that any unused funds from the grant program will flow to future years.

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AUTHORIZES APPLICATION FOR  
FY2022-23 HAZARDOUS MATERIALS EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS (HMEP)  
GRANT**

RESOLUTION NO. 45-23 moved by Sprvr. D. Trout second by Sprvr. Brownell and adopted.

WHEREAS, the New York State Division of Homeland Security announced the FY2022-23 Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) Grant; and

WHEREAS, the proceeds from this grant are to be used for training tailored to the Finger Lakes Haz Mat Consortium to Improve interagency interoperability to better respond to and mitigate hazmat incidents; and

WHEREAS, Seneca County is a member of the Finger Lakes Regional Haz Mat Consortium, along with Ontario, Wayne and Yates counties in a collaborative effort to provide hazardous materials response and emergency rescue capability; and

WHEREAS, the Finger Lakes Haz Mat Consortium will receive \$16,000.00 with a \$4,000.00 Cash match, \$1,000.00 assessed to each county in the consortium, the total award will be \$20,000.00; and

WHEREAS, Seneca County will act as the fiduciary for this grant; and

WHEREAS, this resolution was reviewed and approved by the Public Safety Standing Committee on February 28, 2023; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisor's authorizes and directs the County Manager to sign any and all documents necessary to apply for the FY2022-23 Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) Grant.

New Business

Sprvr. Kronenwetter wanted to say thank you to County Manager Mitch Rowe for helping complete the transfer of the Sampson Veterans Memorial Cemetery (SVMC) to New York State. SVMC is the first New York State Veterans Cemetery.

Unfinished Business

Special Order of the Day

The Special Board meeting adjourned at 7:11p.m.