

Woodland Water District and
Highway, Water and Sewer Committee
Meeting Minutes September 1, 2026

Present were: Highway Superintendent Cody Schmitt, Town Supervisor Will Rivera, Town Board and Committee Member Joe Camarata, Pete Andrews licensed Water Operator, Nicole Camarata Bookkeeper, Dale Webster West Oneonta resident, and Deputy Supervisor & Committee Chair Trish Riddell Kent.

Residents from Woodland Water District attended:

Mr and Mrs Dave Prouty, and Donna & Dennis Johnson.

The residents attended to share their ongoing brown water issue concerns and to ask for updates on what's being done to address this. They also stated they were concerned with water usage charges.

Woodland Water Updates were emailed to the committee from Town Water Operator, Jarrett Hotaling who could not make today's meeting.

Miranda Robinson, PE and Skaneateles Water Operator made a Well Site Visit with Joe in Woodland Water District yesterday.

New part-time temporary water operator hire. Interviews are currently being conducted.

Woodland Water RFP due date is September 3rd. We determined the bid box will be opened Friday morning at 8:00am and bid submissions will be officially recorded.

Committee Chair Trish made a statement to set the record straight. Early this summer, the Town hired Engineer Alex Hermann to prepare the RFP to diagnose the Woodland Water issue. That

is Alex's role in this. The water issue in no way is related Alex or his firm. This statement is an effort to begin to clarify the misinformation that's out there.

Thank you, Jarrett, for extensive support on Southside Dr leak which was at a residential stub location.

While Jarrett was away, Pete Andrews covered and installed 2 auto flushers at Angel Dr and Central to keep the water flow moving. The amount of time the water is in the main is a critical factor.

Jarrett has a thorough Water Tank inspection scheduled soon which will give us further data.

Nicole pointed out that we need a resolution for the Town Board to authorize the decommission the "Old Woodland Pump House." The DOH has approved this action. Also, a request for some sort of fencing along the "improved path" connecting Morningside Dr and Woodland Dr by the old pump house.

Thank you, Cody, and crew for extensive support with Thursday's storm damage and related flooding. They also assisted the Town of Milford that was badly hit.

Cody requested the board look at replacing the 14-year-old 10-wheeler plow truck that is not in good shape. Next year design changes and pricing are expected to increase purchase price by approximately 30%. Cody will submit all relevant specs and information for the board's consideration and possible vote at September board meeting.

East End Culvert-Engineer Alex Hermann has submitted design plans for the culvert replacement to the DEC. The Town Highway Crew will do the work in house which is a big cost savings for the taxpayers.

Cody has interviewed and hired a new Highway MEO. Our most recent MEO hire left for another job.

West Oneonta Sidewalks are an ongoing desired project but the DOT's specifications cause the bids to come in higher. Discussion of hiring an in-house highway crew member with sidewalk replacement knowledge to keep this work in-house would bring a cost savings while accomplishing repair and replacement of our sidewalks.

Thank you, Dale Webster, for great suggestion to further discuss. Will suggested we update our Complete Streets Policy which would be very helpful.

Respectfully submitted by, Trish Riddell Kent, Chair