

Highway, Water and Sewer Committee Meeting 3 February 2026

Cody Schmitt, Jarrett Hotaling, Trish Riddell Kent, Joe Camarata, Will Rivera, Teresa DeSantis and Nicole Camarata attended.

Jarrett updated us on issues he has had to deal with on Southside Water Tank. Solar batteries failed 3 times and bad radio. Jarrett is exploring a more reliable electric line and using solar as back-up.

Jarrett spoke with Jodie Serowski at Lamont about the water line located at Wendy's. The businesses aren't tied in yet, so Jarrett turned off the water. Jodie said the water main loop was sleeved and may have caused the water to come out at the curb stop. Jarrett said the repair can wait until spring and he will obtain estimates.

Flags will be placed on all Fire Hydrants and reminders to residents to shovel out the hydrants will go out in water billing.

Jarrett will prioritize Generators based on location and importance. The Well Control building in Fortin will be #1 importance. He's looking into Browne St, Oneida St, and West St Pump Station needs as well.

The Enck water connection under County Route 47 is on hold due to weather. Mr Enck is paying for the cost to bring an 8 inch water line to his property at Couty Rte 47 & 58.

Joe will reach out to Alex J. Herman for engineering professional services RFP for Angel Heights water pipe replacement project. We have a Congressional award for \$4.2 million to put in new water pipes. It will trigger a bond repayment for the Angel Heights residents.

Supervisor Rivera will hold a Town Hall in the future as another way of keeping things transparent and keeping the residents informed in the discussion. Nicole pointed out that since this is using Federal funds, need to follow MWBE protocol.

Joe will do a second estimate for projected cost for engineering expenses related to possible Hemlock Rd Extension. Is that even a possibility? Hemlock Rd Residents need to be in the loop on this discussion and given an idea of their bond repayment costs before this can move forward. Every household would incur a bond repayment should this move forward.

Nicole has prepared and presented Plains Water & Sewer Rates for Board approval.

Cody discussed what roads and going to be paved/resurfaced in the coming year for budgetary purposes. We will need to ask for guidance from our attorneys on protocol to how to proceed with trimming trees on private property to help keep the canopy clear for high profile trucks and vehicles.

Mailbox Policy is with attorney for review.

The Committee agrees that engineering is required for Butler St Sidewalks as well as our next project in West Oneonta from Forest Lane to Reinhardt.

Joe is reaching out to AJ Herman about possibly supplying professional engineering services.

Revised Highway MOU will be approved for final vote.

Thank you to all Highway Employees on behalf of the board and the community.

Respectfully submitted,

Trish Riddell Kent, Chair