Highway, Water and Sewer Committee and Woodland Water Task Force Meeting Minutes

November 2, 2026

Cody Schmitt, Jarrett Hotaling, Tammie Harris, Joe Camarata, Nicole Camarata, Dale Webster and Trish Riddell Kent, Chair attended.

Water Operator Jarrett Hotaling and Supervisor Will Rivera met with CT Male last week. They shared information with CT Male and water testing was conducted. Preliminary findings are pointing to a green sand filtration system. There is a portable green sand filter on a trailer which may be implemented until a permanent filtration system is set up. Manganese is the probable culprit. Please note this is early in the diagnostic process.

Jarrett said Transite and plastic pipe won't build scale.

County Planner, Tammie Harris, has been diligently working to secure funding and modifying project scope changes as we begin to learn more new information. The current $1 million ESD funding was earmarked for replacing and extending water pipe. This funding was originally tied to possible new housing creation. Tammie was able to remove the housing component requirement. She is working with a new project manager at the State changing the project scope and highlighting the need for this funding to help the Town address this situation. Tammie noted that ESD does require 1% ($10,000) to be paid to the State. The County is the "pass through" on this grant and they could likely deduct the $10,000 from the $1 million at time of pay out if everything comes together. There is a possibility of reduction to $500,000. ESD is open to a conversation and Tammie will continue to advocate for the full million.

Tammie is also looking into $900,000 through Appalachian Regional Commission. This was originally applied for with intention of replacing piping. Now that we are learning piping is likely not the issue, the commission is amenable to a scope change for the Town to receive funding. She is also looking at EFC potential grant to address water quality.

Thank you, Tammie, for your advocacy and efforts!

Jarrett requested item for purchase. A flow meter replacement is needed since the city wants actual sewer flow readings and not estimated. He obtained 2 estimates and he recommends Cyclops at $5913. (Alternate estimate $5920 from AquaLogics.) The location is Lower River St. Town/City line by Lutz Feed.

It's for flow measurement on a weekly basis for billing purposes between Town & City sewer agreement.

Jarrett is still looking into if a VFD (Variable Frequency Drive) is needed. It may be a calibration issue with electrical supplier.

Pete added a 2" tap on the line to water tank for Springbrook fire suppression.

Jarrett and Joe will be there for first time new pool is closed and winterization. 21st Century Pools technician is coming to demonstrate.

Highway Superintendent Cody Schmitt reported the surplus items went out on auction website and he is satisfied with bid results. The board gave Cody authorization to accept bids at the last board meeting.

Cody has an order to place for about 60 road signs. The total is $5,213.27.

We heard from a Southside business owner regarding new sidewalks and who is responsible to remove the snow. Trish and Nicole will look into this likely simple solution.

Dale Webster drafted objective and plan to restore the 1863 District 9 Schoolhouse on County Route 8 in West Oneonta. Dale has painted the building with 2 coats of paint to dress it up and preserve the exterior in hopes of gaining support for this project. He will begin by reaching out to Oneonta Historian Mark Simonson to request an article in the newspaper. Then we will reach out to MVEDD for help in applying for grants.

Respectfully submitted by,

Trish Riddell Kent, Chair and Deputy Supervisor