

TOWN of WILTON
WATER and SEWER AUTHORITY
20 Traver Road
Gansevoort, New York 12831

May 21, 2024

Present: Dave MacDougall, Chairman; Scott Duffy, Vice Chairman; Evan Schneider, Treasurer; Dave Huestis, Secretary; Joe Stadelmeyer, Board Member; Michael Mooney, Director; Dennis Feeney, Attorney at Law; Ryan Riper, Engineer; Carol Green, Comptroller

Absent:

Chairman MacDougall called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

Approve Pending Minutes

Chairman MacDougall asked for a motion to approve the March 19, 2024 meeting minutes. Secretary Huestis offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION: #24-16

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the minutes of the March 19, 2024 Wilton Water & Sewer Authority meeting as typed, without amendment.

The adoption of the foregoing resolution was seconded by Joe Stadelmeyer, duly put to a vote and the resolution was declared adopted with all Board members present voting in favor.

Fluoride Presentation

Members of the public are in attendance at today's meeting. Sign in sheets were provided to attendees to sign in indicating pro-fluoride or anti-fluoride. Public comment periods of approximately 3 minutes each were allowed to those who wished to speak on the issue.

*indicates residents served by Wilton Water & Sewer Authority

Dr. Claudia Farrell, 3 Carlyle Terrace, Wilton- supports water fluoridation.

Dr. Emanuel Cirenza, 119 Catherine Street, Saratoga Springs- supports water fluoridation.

Rich Pollack, 17 Carlyle Terrace, Wilton- supports water fluoridation.

*Peter Lindner, 4 Deer Run, Wilton- supports water fluoridation.

Dr. Dionne Richardson, NYS Department of Health- supports water fluoridation.

Dr. Wayne Harrison, 7198 Antioch Rd, Middle Grove- supports water fluoridation.

Alexa Bontempo, Albany- opposes water fluoridation.

Brian Borton, Albany- opposes water fluoridation.

*Dr. Amy Lamalfa, 44 Castleberry Drive, Wilton- opposes water fluoridation.

*Brian Smith, 27 Kings Mills Rd, Wilton- opposes water fluoridation.

*Laura Childs, 15 Damascus Drive, Wilton- opposes water fluoridation.

*Gary Childs, 15 Damascus Drive, Wilton- opposes water fluoridation.
*Brendan Montrello, 40 Glenburnie Drive, Wilton- opposes water fluoridation.
*Jillian Montrello, 40 Glenburnie Drive, Wilton- opposes water fluoridation.
*Marie Polsinelli, 25 Rolling Hills Drive, Wilton- opposes water fluoridation.
*Debbie Bader, 6 Rolling Hills Drive, Wilton- opposes water fluoridation.
Rick North, Wellesley, MA- opposes water fluoridation.

Chairman MacDougall asked the Board for a motion to add fluoride to Wilton Water & Sewer's water. Members of the WWSA Board each declined to make a motion to add fluoride to Wilton Water & Sewer's water. Lacking a motion and a second, there will be no vote to add fluoride.

The Board withdraws and revisits Resolution: #24-09 from the March Board meeting due to a procedural error where a vote occurred but was not announced in advance.

Chairman MacDougall entered the attached revised resolution into the record:

RESOLUTION: #24-17

WHEREAS, requests have been made to add fluoride to the water supply of the Wilton Water and Sewer Authority, and

WHEREAS, the Wilton Water and Sewer Authority recognizes that the potential health benefits and risks of adding fluoride to the water supply and recognizes this is a highly controversial issue; and

WHEREAS, the Wilton Water and Sewer Authority takes pride in its commitment to offering residents the safest and cleanest water possible and has never added fluoride in its water supply; and

WHEREAS, the Water and Sewer Authority does believe that it would not be appropriate to add fluoride to the water supply knowing many residents oppose fluoridation of the water supply. Adding fluoride to the water supply would negate these residents freedom of choice; and

WHEREAS, the Wilton Water and Sewer Authority also believes that fluoride is readily available at a low cost to anyone who chooses to consume it; and

WHEREAS, the Wilton Water and Sewer Authority is not required by the New York State Health Department or any other New York State regulatory body to add fluoride to its water supply, and

WHEREAS, the Wilton Water and Sewer Authority board considers this matter closed, therefore.

NOW, BE IT RESOLVED, that by a motion of Vice Chairman Duffy and seconded by Treasurer Schneider, the Wilton Water and Sewer Authority hereby denies the request to have fluoride added to its water supply.

Dated: May 21, 2024

Ayes: Secretary Dave Huestis, Vice Chairman Scott Duffy, Treasurer Eric Schneider, Board Member Joe Stadelmeyer, Chairman Dave MacDougall

No: none

Mr. Lindner inquires if this vote will apply to the 18 Wilton Square commercial properties currently receiving fluoridated water from the City of Saratoga Springs purchased by the WWSA. No residential customers are served by this purchased water. Mr. Lindner also objects to the Boards vote against fluoridation on this issue stating that according to NYS Section 1100-a WWSA does not have the authority to vote against adding fluoride as it does not own all of its public water sources. The Board contends that it is not voting for how the City of Saratoga Springs or the Saratoga County Water Authority shall treat their water, and the vote only reflects the treatment of water by the Wilton Water and Sewer Authority. Mr. Lindner's objection will be taken under advisement by WWSA's attorney Dennis Feeney.

COMPTROLLER'S REPORT

Bills

The April 2024 and May 2024 (#04 & #05) abstracts need to be approved by the Board. The total for the Water & Sewer Fund for April is \$65,301.50 and \$600.00 for the Capital Projects Fund. The total for the Water & Sewer Fund for May is \$32,182.05 and \$0.00 for the Capital Projects Fund.

Chairman MacDougall asked for a motion to approve the payment of April 2024 and May 2024 (#04 & #05) abstracts. Secretary Huestis offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION #24-18

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the payment of April 2024 and May 2024 (#04 & #05) abstracts. The total for the Water & Sewer Fund April is \$65,301.50 and \$600.00 for the Capital Projects Fund. The total for the Water & Sewer Fund for May is \$32,182.05 and \$0.00 for the Capital Projects Fund.

The adoption of the foregoing resolution was seconded by Treasurer Schneider, duly put to a vote and the resolution was declared adopted with all Board members present voting in favor.

Billing Adjustments

Billing adjustments in the amount of a positive \$245.59 for March and negative \$229.24 for April need to be approved by the Board.

Chairman MacDougall asked for a motion to approve the billing adjustments in the amount of a positive \$245.59 for March and negative \$229.24 for April. Vice Chairman Duffy offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION #24-19

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the billing adjustments in the amount of a positive \$245.59 for March and negative \$229.24 for April.

The adoption of the foregoing resolution was seconded by Joe Stadelmeyer, duly put to a vote and the resolution was declared adopted with all Board members present voting in favor.

Budget

The Board needs to approve the following 2024 budget amendment for meters:

- a. Increase Sale of Meters (a/c#01-0000-4.02665) \$15,000
- b. Increase Purchase of Meters (a/c#01-8340-5.00416) \$15,000

When budgeting for meters, a conservative estimate of 25 new homes per year is used, but typically more meters will be needed as the year progresses and the number of new homes exceeds the estimate.

Chairman MacDougall asked for a motion to approve the budget amendment per the Comptroller's Report. Secretary Huestis offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION #24-19

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the following budget amendment:

- a. Increase Sale of Meters (a/c#01-0000-4.02665) \$15,000
- b. Increase Purchase of Meters (a/c#01-8340-5.00416) \$15,000

The adoption of the foregoing resolution was seconded by Treasurer Schneider, duly put to a vote and the resolution was declared adopted with all Board members present voting in favor.

2024 Budget to Actual Revenue and Expenditure Reports

These reports as of 5/17/24 are available upon request.

Internal Financial Statements

Internal financial statements for 3/31/24 are attached.

Audit Report

The 2023 audit has been completed. The draft report will be emailed when it is available. John Criscone will attend the July Board meeting to present findings.

Certificates of Deposit

Since January, the comptroller has renewed, rolled over, and added CDs since the year-end summary was provided. Attached is a summary as of today of WWSA unrestricted and reserve fund CDs including maturity dates and interest rates.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Deferred Compensation Plan

Rob recently filled out forms to sign up for Deferred Compensation Plan. The generic form has a Roth option for deferred compensation, but it is not available as part of WWSA's current plan with Nationwide Retirement Solutions. WWSA's plan can be amended to allow the Roth option with no additional cost.

Chairman MacDougall asked for a motion to approve the addition of a Roth option to WWSA's Deferred Compensation Plan. Secretary Huestis offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION #24-20

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the addition of a Roth option to WWSA's Deferred Compensation Plan.

The adoption of the foregoing resolution was seconded by Treasurer Schneider, duly put to a vote and the resolution was declared adopted with all Board members present voting in favor.

Well Cleaning at Jones Rd

There are 2 wells at Jones Rd well field that were under-producing. These wells have been successfully cleaned and are now back to their original production rate. The invoice for the well cleaning has not been received yet.

Saratoga County Sewer District #1 Take Over of Sewer Operation

No firm date received yet for the takeover of WWSA sewer operations by Saratoga County Sewer District #1. The attorney handling the closing for WWSA is ready to proceed when the County's attorney is ready. Per the comptroller, the lead auditor would prefer that the transition occur at the end of the year, or at least at the end of a quarter for accounting purposes. The comptroller will be sending the Board members a summary of sewer fund accounts and assets for discussion at the next meeting.

Ace Pump Station County Startup

The Ace Pump County station is expected to start up May 23, 2024. Once that start up is done, WWSA's existing pump station will be taken offline and the new county station will be operated and managed by Saratoga County Sewer District.

Eddie Road Water Loop Progress

At the last meeting, we discussed getting bids from several contractors to complete the bore under the railroad. We have since revised the agreement with the person doing it to include those fees. Some of the test boring has been done. Once the test boring is completed, they will have to redesign based on the exact soil conditions, create a plan, and get the railroad to sign off on it before they can move forward with it. It is estimated that will be ready to go in early July.

Internet Meter Reading System Update

No new information to report.

Online and Auto Bill Pay Update

No major issues with online and Auto Bill Pay. We are seeking out website upgrades with Spa.Net for access to the back end to allow WWSA staff to update website directly and cut down on posting delays of urgent or time-sensitive information.

Chairman MacDougall asked for a motion to briefly exit the meeting to an executive session to discuss a legal matter. Joe Stadelmeyer offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION #24-21

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to exit the meeting to an executive session to discuss a legal matter.

The adoption of the foregoing resolution was seconded by Treasurer Schneider, duly put to a vote and the resolution was declared adopted with all Board members present voting in favor.

Chairman MacDougall asked for a motion to exit the executive session and return to regular meeting. Secretary Huestis offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION #24-22

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to exit the executive session and return to regular meeting.

The adoption of the foregoing resolution was seconded by Vice Chairman Duffy, duly put to a vote and the resolution was declared adopted with all Board members present voting in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business brought before the Authority's Board, at 5:22 p.m. on a motion by Secretary Huestis and seconded by Treasurer Schneider, Vice Chairman Duffy adjourned the meeting with all in favor.