

AGENDA
TOWN OF GENEVA
TOWN BOARD SPECIAL MEETING

Intermunicipal Agreement with the City of Geneva, Town of Geneva and Town of Waterloo, concerning shared services and expenses of the City's Waste Water Treatment Plant expansion project
Monday, August 29, 2022

1. 6:30 pm Call to order Special Meeting of the Town Board. Public Notice posted August 18, in the Finger Lakes Times, Sign Board and on the Town Website.
2. Flag salute led by Councilperson Kim Aliperti.
3. **2022 RESOLUTION NO. 66-2022:** Approving Intermunicipal Agreement between the Town of Geneva, City of Geneva and Town of Waterloo.

Motion _____

Second _____

TOWN OF GENEVA, NEW YORK
RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 66 -2022

WHEREAS, the City of Geneva owns and operates a wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) located at 45 Doran Avenue in the City of Geneva; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Geneva has an existing agreement authorized by General Municipal Law by which the City of Geneva provides wastewater treatment services to the Town for agreed upon consideration; and

WHEREAS the City of Geneva's WWTP handles sludge with its Autothermal Thermophilic Aerobic Digester (ATAD) system, a state-of-the-art treatment system that results in Class A Biosolids suitable for farmland use, and it is currently in such use; and

WHEREAS the City of Geneva and the Town of Geneva have development proposals and existing projects for new housing and commercial enterprises that are critical to the growth and economic success of the region, that require municipal sewer service to be viable; and

WHEREAS the City of Geneva's waste water treatment system and WWTP were analyzed to gauge the capacity of the system by MRB Group, which resulted in a report issued in January 2020 titled "Sanitary Sewer and Wastewater Treatment Plant Capacity Analysis." The report found the lines for waste water were adequate for current and additional loads, but the Marsh Creek Pump Station and ATAD were close to capacity and would have to be expanded in order for the City to safely accept the loads required for the scheduled and anticipated new development in the City of Geneva and Town of Geneva; and

WHEREAS the Town and City understand and acknowledge that the most cost-effective option for additional area municipal sewer capacity is to expand the City of Geneva's WWTP rather than the Town of Geneva constructing its own waste water treatment plant elsewhere and re-directing flows to a new plant; and

WHEREAS the Marsh Creek Pump Station at this time primarily serves a section of the Town of Geneva that has development proposals and potential in need of municipal sewer service, and the Town and City have moved ahead to overhaul this pump station, sharing the cost on a 50-50 basis using American Rescue Plan Act and other funds, to solve this part of the capacity problem, leaving the ATAD as the remaining limiting factor for the immediate and long-term economic health of the region; and

WHEREAS a second ATAD can be constructed at the City of Geneva's WWTP to essentially double the capacity to handle sludge and open the region to the opportunities for additional housing and commercial enterprises that are needed and seeking to locate in the Finger Lakes Geneva region; and

WHEREAS without this expansion these enterprises will go elsewhere, and the long-term viability of this area will be stymied; and

WHEREAS so that existing and future projects can be developed in the City of Geneva and Town of Geneva with access to hook-up to the WWTP, the City and Town wish to cooperate and share the cost of this needed expansion according to their use of the system, and to jointly apply for grants to aid in paying for the expansion; and

WHEREAS the City and Town do not have the funds available to pay the cost of the expansion, so the City, as owner of the WWTP, will use bond funding to pay for the expansion; and

WHEREAS an Intermunicipal Agreement among the City of Geneva, Town of Geneva and Town of Waterloo (which also uses the City's WWTP) has been prepared, and it establishes that the parties will share in the cost of the bond purchased by the City to fund the project according to their proportional use of the City's waste water treatment system, measured by waste water flows on an annual basis, which agreement has been reviewed and approved by the attorney for the Town of Geneva, and others; now therefore, it is

RESOLVED the City of Geneva, Town of Geneva and Town of Waterloo will jointly and as appropriate individually apply for grant funding to assist with paying the costs of the ATAD expansion project, will cooperate with each other and the professionals assisting with all applications, and the Town of Geneva Supervisor is authorized to sign and otherwise support such grant applications; and it is further

RESOLVED the Intermunicipal Agreement among the City of Geneva, Town of Geneva and Town of Waterloo relative to shared services and expenses of the City's Waste Water Treatment Plant Expansion Project is approved and may be signed by the Supervisor and the other members of the Town Board.

4. Discussion and approval of attendant and substitute attendant for the Town's Recycling and Disposal Station.

5. Adjourn: time: _____ Motion to adjourn made by _____ second _____