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TOWN BOARD COUNTY OF ALBANY

TOWN OF COLONIE

PUBLIC HEARING AND SUBSEQUENT VOTING
IN RELATION TO THE PROPOSED
BURNS/WHITNEY SANITARY SEWER REHABILITATION PROJECT

THE STENOGRAPHIC MINUTES of the above entitled matter
by NANCY L. STRANG, a Shorthand Reporter commencing on
February 6, 2020 at 7:08 p.m. at Memorial Town Hall,
534 New Loudon Road, Latham, New York

BOARD MEMBERS:

- PAULA MAHAN, SUPERVISOR
- LINDA MURPHY, DEPUTY SUPERVISOR
- DAVID GREEN
- MELISSA JEFFERS-VONDOLLEN
- RICK FIELD
- JILL PENN
- DANIELLE FUTIA

ALSO PRESENT:

- Michael C. Magguilli, Esq, Town Attorney
- Julie Gansle, Town Clerk
- Ryan Bailey, Esq., Bailey Johnson and Peck
- Chretien Voerg, PE, Superintendent, Pure Waters

1 MS. GANSLE: This public hearing is being held
2 by order of the Town Board pursuant to Section 202B of
3 the New York State Town Law in relation to the proposed
4 Burns/Whitney sanitary sewer rehabilitation project.

5 Notice the public hearing has been published
6 in the official Town newspaper which is the Spotlight
7 and has been posted on the Town Clerk's bulletin
8 board. I have an affidavit for each. The Town Board
9 will now hear all persons interested in this project.

10 MR. BAILEY: Good evening. My name is Ryan
11 Bailey I'm from the law firm of Bailey Johnson and Peck.
12 We are special counsel for the special water district.
13 I'm here briefly to discuss the project tonight.

14 The project before the Board this evening is
15 a proposal to repair and replace equipment within the
16 Burns/Whitney sanitary sewer corridor.

17 The Burns/Whitney area is served by a gravity
18 collection system that was installed in the 50's and
19 70's. In recent years the corridor has experienced in
20 uptake and breaks, cracks and sags. This has led to
21 blockage and pooling which can corrode pipes and cause
22 unwanted smells to take place. It is expected that in
23 the not-too-distant future paving will take place
24 within the corridor in anticipation of that paving
25 being performed, the Town looked into what sort of

1 repairs needed to be performed underground before that
2 paving takes place.

3 To that end, CHA was asked to conduct a study
4 of the corridor. CHA prepared a report recommending as
5 follows: excavation of repairs along pipes at 30
6 different locations, heavy cleaning and root cutting
7 in 14 pipe segments, installation of eight-inch sip
8 liners and 82 pipe segments and installation of spray
9 applied epoxy coatings to the interior of 59 manholes.

10 The total cost for this project is expected
11 to be \$3,025,500. It is assumed that expenses will be
12 funded through a 30-year loan with a 3 1/2 percent
13 interest rate. The typical single-family home pays
14 currently \$287.39 per year. A \$4.48% increase is
15 expected bringing the yearly cost for single-family
16 home to \$291.87. This is approximately a \$.37 increase
17 per month.

18 A representative from CHA is here this
19 evening if the Board or the public has any questions
20 on this project.

21 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: But this is a project that
22 is going to be a little bit more long-term. It's not
23 something we can just get this done and go in there and
24 pave immediately. First of all, the expenses have to be
25 approved.

1 This came about with the request for paving
2 in the Burns/Whitney area. After looking at that, our
3 Water Superintendent in our Pure Waters
4 Superintendent, Chret, is here tonight. They have put
5 together some studies along with the engineering
6 firms. That area is a very big area that is older. The
7 pipes are about 50 years old. We figured the roads
8 haven't been done in about 30 years in that area.
9 We're just trying to put it all into a summary of what
10 is going on there. The expectation was for us just to
11 go in and pave the roads, which cannot be done. It was
12 critical that these studies be done.

13 We did some work last year in the
14 Burns/Whitney area. Just so people understand, it will
15 be ongoing, but correctly. We don't want to put paving
16 down and then tear it all up again because you've got
17 to go in and fix the pipes and do which have to do.
18 This is just another portion of the Burns/Whitney area
19 project as a whole.

20 Correct me if I'm wrong, Chret.

21 MR. VOERG: That's correct.

22 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: Does that summarize it?

23 MR. BAILEY: That does summarize it, yes.

24 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: Does the Board, based on
25 that, have any questions?

1 (There was no response.)

2 Anyone in the audience have any questions?

3 Is there anyone here from the Burns/Whitney
4 area?

5 That's what's going on there.

6 Thank you, Ryan.

7 MR. BAILEY: Thank you.

8 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: We will close the public
9 hearing.

10 MS. GANSLE: We have a Resolution pursuant to
11 Section 202B of the New York State Town Law approving
12 the proposed Burns/Whitney sanitary sewer rehabilitation
13 project.

14 MS. MURPHY: So moved.

15 MR. GREEN: Second.

16 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: Supervisor votes aye. Clerk,
17 call the roll.

18 (The roll was called.)

19 MS. GANSLE: The ayes have it Madam Supervisor.

20 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: The Resolution is adopted.

21 (Whereas the above entitled proceeding was
22 concluded at 7:13 p.m.)

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I, NANCY L. STRANG, Shorthand Reporter and
Notary Public in and for the State of New York, hereby
CERTIFY that the record taken by me at the time and
place noted in the heading hereof is a true and
accurate transcript of same, to the best of my ability
and belief.

Dated: _____

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