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SARATOGA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

RESOLUTION 117 - 2023

Introduced by Law and Finance: Supervisors Schopf, Barrett, Edwards, Grasso, Lant, Tollisen and M. Veitch

SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING THE PROPOSED INCREASE IN THE MAXIMUM ESTIMATED COST FOR THE SARATOGA COUNTY SEWER DISTRICT NO. 1'S BIOSOLIDS DIGESTER FACILITY

WHEREAS, pursuant to proceedings had and taken in accordance with the provisions of Article 5-A of the County Law and more particularly Resolution 237-2021, the Board of Supervisors approved the proposed construction of a biosolids digester facility (Project) by Saratoga County Sewer District No. 1 (Sewer District) and adopted a negative declaration under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQR); and

WHEREAS, following a public hearing held on August 17, 2021, the Board of Supervisors previously determined, pursuant to Resolution 237-2021 adopted August 17, 2021, that it is in the public interest of the people of the County of Saratoga residing within the boundaries of the Sewer District to undertake the Project at a maximum estimated cost of \$51,900,000 with the annual net cost to the typical property in the district as a result of the Project previously estimated to be \$5.08; and

WHEREAS, the construction of the Project is not yet complete, and based on new design considerations the Project scope has changed to include increased dryer costs, revision of the digester tank material, and the addition of new belt filter presses, and as such the total cost to construct the Project has increased to an amount not to exceed \$68,550,000; and

WHEREAS, the Sewer District was informed by the Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC) that the County is eligible for subsidized financing equal to fifty percent off market rate financing for the life of the loan which in turn can offset the increased costs of the Project; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the increase in the estimated maximum cost of the Project, the estimated maximum annual net cost of the typical property in the Sewer District is now estimated to be \$6.67; and

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the Saratoga County Sewer District Commission and the Executive Director of the Sewer District to increase the maximum estimated authorized cost of the Project to \$68,500,000; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors shall hold a Public Hearing on May 10, 2023 at 4:30 p.m. in the Meeting Room of the Saratoga County Board of Supervisors at 40 McMaster Street, Ballston Spa, New York 12020, regarding the proposed increase in the maximum estimated cost of the Sewer District's biosolids digester facility; and it is further

RESOLVED, the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors is directed to give notice of such Public Hearing in the official County newspapers in the manner prescribed by law; and it is further

RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

BUDGET IMPACT STATEMENT: No budget impact

April 18, 2023 Regular Meeting

Motion to Adopt: Supervisor Hammond

Second: Supervisor Lant

AYES (194259): Eric Connolly (11831), Joseph Grasso (4328), Philip C. Barrett (19014.5), Jonathon Schopf (19014.5), Eric Butler (6500), Diana Edwards (819), Kevin Veitch (8004), Arthur M. Wright (1976), Kevin Tollisen (25662), Mark Hammond (17130), Thomas Richardson (5163), Scott Ostrander (18800), Theodore Kusnierz (16202), Matthew E. Veitch (14245.5), John Lawler (8208), John Lant (17361).

ABSENT (41251): Jean Raymond (1333), Michael Smith (3525), Willard H. Peck (5242), Sandra Winney (2075), Thomas N. Wood, III (5808), Tara N. Gaston (14245.5), Edward D. Kinowski (9022).