

A public hearing of the Town Board of the Town of Moreau was held on November 29, 2022, in the Town of Moreau Municipal Building, 351 Reynolds Road, Moreau, New York, Section 202-b Proceeding - Sewer District No. 1, Extension No. 5.

The Supervisor called the public hearing to order at 6:33 p.m.

The Public Hearing Notice for November 29, 2022, which was not read into record, is available in the supporting documents.

Town Board Members Present

Mark Stewart	Councilmember
Kyle Noonan	Councilmember
Alan VanTassel	Councilmember
John Donohue, Jr.	Councilmember
Theodore T. Kusnierz, Jr.	Supervisor

Also present: Brenda Hutter, Town Clerk; Dianne Lewis, Deputy Town Clerk; Lisa Sperry, Supervisor's Confidential Secretary; Chris Abrams, Deputy Highway Superintendent; Chris Wren and Don Rhodes, Laberge Group; Town Residents: Gina and Bob LeClair, Lance Hillman, David Rogge, Preston Jenkins, Rachel McDermott, and Dominic Tom

Supervisor Kusnierz gave a brief overview of the proposal for comment in relation to sewer infrastructure on Route 9. The Town of Moreau currently has an agreement with the City of Glens Falls, set to expire on December 31, 2034. The Town executed a ten-year extension back in November of 2021 with an option to extend the capacity further. The Town sought to purchase the additional capacity under the existing Facility Agreement with the City of Glens Falls. The Town also commissioned a study to identify available treatment alternatives and determined that Saratoga County Sewer District No. 1 was willing and able to accept flow from District 1 – Extension 5. Negotiations with the City to purchase the additional capacity have been ongoing for several years, with the City's final proposed terms and costs received in October of 2022. Evaluation of City and County treatment show that Saratoga County would be the least costly option.

The Map, Plan, and Report intended to provide the Town with information needed to accommodate future growth and preferred long term sanitary sewer treatment options. Although the Map, Plan, and Report concluded that seeking treatment through Saratoga County would be more cost-effective, the Town Board can still choose to accept the City of Glens Falls' terms.

Moving forward with the County Connection will not only provide the Town with additional capacity, but it will also allow any future development projects to move forward, therefore increasing assessed values and reducing overall sewer costs.

The Supervisor opened the meeting for public comment and stated that anyone wishing to speak would be allowed up to 5 minutes.

Reed Antis was the first to speak. He acknowledged reviewing the Map, Plan, and Report and stated that in his opinion, whenever the Town does business with the County the "true cost" of a project ends up being different than what was initially quoted. He also felt that this change is unnecessary, stating that the City of Glens Falls is closer, and has history of being successful in previous collaborations with the Town. He also mentioned that most properties located South of the interstate are residential with very few industrial/commercial properties.

Harry Gutheil was second to speak. He voiced concern over the short notice of the Public Hearing. He questioned whether or not the Sewer District has been consolidated and wondered why the Map, Plan, and Report's focus was on Sewer Dist. No. 1, Ext 5. He suggested that the shortest route should have been explored more. He also questioned whether or not the County has officially agreed to anything, and if they had, he did not see that mentioned in the Map, Plan, and Report.

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Town resident Rachel McDermott began by stating that she is in favor of development and future growth within the Town, however, felt that the Town Board has not properly informed residents that would be directly affected by change. She also inquired where the Right of Way is and asked when the Plan will officially take place, and what the impact (if any) to her farm would be.

Harry Gutheil spoke once more, posing questions regarding meter readings that would be used for billing, and where said readings would be taken from. He would also like more clarity about the rates per 1,000 gallons that were mentioned on page 9 of the Map, Plan, and Report.

A motion was made by Councilmember VanTassel, seconded by Councilmember Stewart, and carried, to close the public hearing at 6:58 p.m.

Asked if all in favor, the following responses were given:

Councilmember Stewart	Aye
Councilmember Noonan	Aye
Councilmember VanTassel	Aye
Councilmember Donohue	Aye
Supervisor Kusnierz	Aye

Respectively submitted,

Brenda Hutter/dl
Town Clerk