

*The Town of Orleans Board Meeting
November 22, 2021*

The Town of Orleans Town Board Held a meeting on November 22, 2021 at 7:02PM at the municipal building in LaFargeville.

Members Present: Kevin Rarick, Peter Wilson, Thomas Johnston, Gwen Kirkby and Mary Ford-Waterman

Others Present: Tammy Donnelly, and Irene Carmen.

Supervisor Rarick called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

Supervisor Rarick opened public hearing to adopt the 2022 budget at 7:15pm.

No public comment

Public hearing was closed at 7:20pm

Discussion was held on budget. A motion was made by Mary Ford-Waterman and seconded by Gwen Kirkby to adopt the 2022 final budget.

Kevin Rarick, Aye

Gwen Kirkby, Aye

Peter Wilson, Aye

Mary Ford-Waterman, Aye

Thomas Johnston, Aye All in favor motion carried

Public hearing on cannabis law was opened at 7:30pm

Ms. Irene Carman approached board and read letter. See below.

November, 22, 2021

Kevin Rarick, Town Supervisor
Town of Orleans
PO Box 187
LaFargeville, NY 13656

Dear Mr. Rarick,

Thank you for the opportunity to share my thoughts and concerns today in this Public Hearing on the topic of New York State's legalization of cannabis dispensaries and on-site consumption establishments.

This letter supplements the concerns submitted in my September 9, 2021 letter addressed to you that was shared with the Town of Orleans Board. Briefly some of the comments and concerns from my previous letter include, but are not limited to the fact that other neighboring communities are choosing to take a watch and wait approach by opting out of the cannabis law and waiting for definitive regulations to be developed, health concerns of recreational cannabis use, effects of cannabis impairment in the workplace, the unavailability of proper screening tools for driving under the influence, cannabis cash business in our communities with regard to safety of its citizens, and the impacts of drug use and abuse in our North Country communities to name several of the topics discussed in the letter.

While the Marijuana Regulation and Taxation Act, or MRTA, that was passed on March 31, 2021, establishes the framework for a rotating board and the agency it will oversee: the Office of Cannabis Management (OCM), at this time there are still very few rules of engagement and regulations for the Adult-Use

Cannabis Industry. The state Cannabis Advisory Board will consist of thirteen members, and additionally will also include the Commissioners of the Department of Environmental Conservation, Department of Health, Department of Labor, Department of Agriculture and Markets, Department of Education, Office of Children and Family Services, Division of Housing and Community Renewal, and OASIS, as non-voting ex-officio members. This Cannabis Advisory Board has not been appointed yet, as of today. The five individuals for the Cannabis Control Board were just appointed a few weeks ago and they are just beginning their work in creating the regulations for each of the cannabis programs, while the OCM will be responsible for implementing these regulations. The Cannabis Advisory Board, once appointed, is within the OCM and directed to work in collaboration with the Cannabis Control Board and the Executive Director to advise and issue recommendations on the use of cannabis.

The rules and regulations regarding dispensaries and many other aspects of the cannabis business are not yet established. The Control Board will be drafting more rules in the months to come, but it is unclear when this information and guidance on dispensaries will be public.

By the Town of Orleans Board choosing not to make a decision to opt out prior to the December 31, 2021 deadline, in essence, the Town is choosing to opt in before regulations have been drafted. Once the Town opts in by not opting out, there is no option to back away from this commitment.

However, if the Town of Orleans chooses to step back, watch and wait, by opting out now, thereby allowing for the Cannabis Advisory Committee to be selected, for the Cannabis Control Board to establish the regulations that would guide the sale of

cannabis at dispensaries and for on-site consumption, then there will be an opportunity at a later date to review the regulations, the information set forth, and data, and an educated decision can be made in the best interest of the Town of Orleans community.

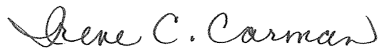
I implore you, Mr. Rarick, and this Town of Orleans Board, to step back, OPT OUT now, wait for the Regulations to be promulgated and then examine whether this complements and fits our Town of Orleans community.

I want to ask how many of you would be willing to sign this contract that I have here with me. There are no details available for this binding agreement, but I will add them in after you sign the contract and once I know what I want to put in the contract. That is basically what the Town of Orleans would be doing by NOT choosing to OPT OUT.

Please, I ask you to do what is right for the Town of Orleans community given the lack of information in the binding contract set before you by the Cannabis Law.

Thank you!

Respectfully submitted,



Irene C. Carman

Joe Rotella spoke and stated that we need to regulate & control cannabis he would like the board to be productive and look 3 to 4 years ahead. He would like the board to get involved and work with the state. Would like the board to get involved in the process.

Discussion was held

Public hearing was closed at 7:45pm

Resolution #22 & 23 as follows for the LaFargeville Disinfection Project

Environmental Seeker Part 2 (LaFargeville Disinfection Project) was completed with a motion made by Thomas Johnston and seconded by Mary Ford-Waterman

Kevin Rarick, Aye

Gwen Kirkby, Aye

Peter Wilson, Aye

Mary Ford-Waterman, Aye

Thomas Johnston, Aye All in favor motion carried

Negative declaration was completed

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RESOLUTION # 22
SEQR NEGATIVE DECLARATION
LaFargeville STP UV Improvements project

At a regular meeting of the Town of Orleans, held at the Town offices, 20558 Sunrise Avenue, LaFargeville, New York, 13656, on November 18th, 2021, there were:

Board Members:
Kevin Rarick, Supervisor
Peter Wilson
Mary Ford-Waterman
Thomas Johnston
Gwendolyn Kirkby

WHEREAS, Town of Orleans was notified by letter by NYS DEC & NYS EFC that disinfection to the wastewater treatment process is required in accordance with 6 NYCRR Part 703.4. and modifications to the State Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (SPDES) permit; and

WHEREAS, the Town is progressing with the project to upgrade its wastewater treatment process to include Ultraviolet (UV) Disinfection to the LaFargeville STP UV Improvements (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the Project is a Type 1 Action pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act and the regulations promulgated therewith ("SEQR") but the Town Board has elected to conduct a Coordinated Review; and

WHEREAS, the engineer for the Town has prepared and submitted to the Town Board a Long Form EAF relative to such improvements to the STP UV Disinfection and

WHEREAS, at regular meeting of this Board held on October 14, 2021, Part I of the Long Form EAF was duly accepted for filing by this Board, this Board declared itself lead agency for the SEQR review, and directed the engineer for the Town to circulate that notice together with Part I of the EAF to the other involved agencies; and

WHEREAS, by letters dated October 20, 2021, Part I of the EAF was forwarded to each of the other involved agencies this Board has either received the consent of the other involved agencies to serve as lead agency, or more than thirty (30) days have elapsed; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 6 NYCRR part 617, this Board has reviewed Part II of the Long Form EAF to determine whether the STP UV Disinfection Project will have a significant effect on the environment; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article VIII of the Environmental Conservation Law and the regulations adopted pursuant thereto by the Department of Environmental Conservation, to wit: 6 NYCRR Part 617, this Board has determined that the Action will not have a significant effect on the environment and will not cause a significant impact on the environment, and therefore, the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement is not required.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Town Board of the Town of Orleans as follows:

1. Based upon the examination of the Long Form EAF and the criteria set forth in 6 NYCRR Part 617, this Board makes the following findings.
 - a) The foregoing recitations are incorporated herein and made part hereof as if fully set forth hereafter.
 - b) The proposed Action constitutes a Type 1 Action pursuant to 6 NYCRR Part 617 and this Board has conducted a coordinated review.
 - c) No potentially significant adverse impacts on the environment are noted on the EAF and none are known to this Board.
 - d) There will be no substantial adverse change in existing air or water quality.
 - e) There will be no hazard to human health.
 - f) There will be no substantial change in the use or the intensity of use on the land.
 - g) There will not be created a material conflict with the community's current plans or goals as officially adopted. None of the criteria listed in 6 NYCRR section 617.11 will be present in the proposed inspection and no similar criteria will be present which will adversely impact on the environment.
 2. The notice of Determination of No significance attached hereto is hereby adopted and accepted by this Board as its Negative Declaration in connection with this inspection.
 3. The Town Clerk for the Town of Orleans is hereby directed to file in the Town Clerk's office in the file readily accessible to the public the Negative Declaration attached hereto and forward a copy of the Negative Declaration to the other involved agencies.
 4. All subsequent notices concerning this inspection shall note that this Board has issued a negative declaration. *Motion made by Tom Johnston*
Seconded by Mary Fard
Waterman
- Supervisor Kevin Barick YES NO Absent

Peter Wilson	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	Absent <input type="checkbox"/>
Mary Ford-Waterman	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	Absent <input type="checkbox"/>
Thomas Johnston	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	Absent <input type="checkbox"/>
Gwen Kirkby	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	Absent <input type="checkbox"/>

CERTIFICATION:

I, Tammy Donnelly, Clerk of the Town of Orleans, do hereby certify that the above resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Orleans held on November 18, 2021, and it is on file and of record and that said resolution has not been altered, amended, or revoked and it is in full force and effect.

Dated: 11/22/21


Tammy Donnelly, Town Clerk



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Board Resolution # 23
LaFargeville Disinfection Project

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Board Members:
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WHEREAS, the Town of Orleans was notified by letter by NYS DEC & NYS EFC that disinfection to the wastewater treatment process is required in accordance with 6 NYCRR Part 703.4. and modifications to the State Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (SPDES) permit.

WHEREAS, the Town of Orleans is pursuing funding for the LaFargeville STP UV Improvements project estimated to cost \$1,048,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board is authorizing St. Lawrence Engineering DPC to apply for funding through NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation and USDA Rural Development; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board needs to designate an authorized representative to execute the Grant Application, Funding Agreement and any associated documents to satisfy the requirements for NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation and USDA Rural Development; and other potential funding agencies.; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Orleans Supervisor, Kevin Rarick is authorized to execute documents with the NYS EFC and USDA Rural Development and any other contracts, documents and instruments necessary to bring about the project for the LaFargeville STP UV Improvements Project and to fulfill the Town's obligations under the NYS EFC and USDA Rural Development.

A motion to adopt the foregoing order was made by Gwen Kirkby and seconded by Mary Ford Waterman and upon a roll call vote of the Board was duly adopted as follows:

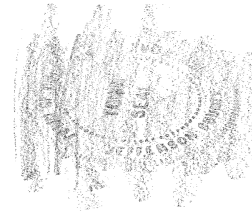
Supervisor Kevin Rarick, YES NO Absent

Peter Wilson	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	Absent <input type="checkbox"/>
Mary Ford-Waterman	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	Absent <input type="checkbox"/>
Thomas Johnston	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	Absent <input type="checkbox"/>
Gwendolyn Kirkby	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	Absent <input type="checkbox"/>

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 Tammy Donnelly, Town Clerk



Resolution #24

A motion was made by Gwen Kirkby and seconded by Mary Ford-Waterman to allow Rob Campany to apply for grants for the water & sewer districts for EFC and Rural Development.

*Kevin Rarick, Aye
 Gwen Kirkby, Aye
 Peter Wilson, Aye
 Mary Ford-Waterman, Aye
 Thomas Johnston, Aye All in favor motion carried*

Resolution #25

*2019-2024 NYS Municipal snow and ice agreement
2021-2022 contract adjustment*

A motion was made by Gwen Kirkby and seconded by Peter Wilson to accept the 2019/2024 NYS snow and ice agreement and the 2021-2022 contract adjustment

*Kevin Rarick, Aye
Gwen Kirkby, Aye
Peter Wilson, Aye
Mary Ford-Waterman, Aye
Thomas Johnston, Aye All in favor motion carried*

A motion was made by Peter Wilson and seconded by Gwen Kirkby to go into executive session on personnel issue.

*Kevin Rarick, Aye
Gwen Kirkby, Aye
Peter Wilson, Aye
Mary Ford-Waterman, Aye
Thomas Johnston, Aye All in favor motion carried*

*Entered executive at 7:45pm
Exited executive at 8:20pm*

A motion was made by Peter Wilson and seconded by Mary Ford-Waterman to adjourn the meeting

*Kevin Rarick, Aye
Gwen Kirkby, Aye
Peter Wilson, Aye
Mary Ford-Waterman, Aye
Thomas Johnston, Aye All in favor motion carried*

*Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm
Respectfully submitted
Tammy Donnelly*