

**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS ADVISORY MEETING**  
**February 10, 2026**

MEMBERS Attending: Chairman - Todd Swanson, Troy Winkleman, Steve Rudnicki

OTHERS: Andrew Thompson

**MINUTES: Per Steve Rudnicki a motion to approve is unnecessary, if there are no changes to the January minutes. No changes were required, so minutes stand as written.**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Andrew provided an update of on-going, and past projects, as well as the activities of the Village DPW departments. Regarding the future work at the WPCF, he advised that MRB is proceeding with the design with the new sludge press located in the existing building. He noted that a new estimate was needed for the project to address the reduced scope. It would have some impact on the grant amounts. Andrew noted that MRB was coming for a meeting on Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> to finalize items for the design. Relative to the EDA grant application, he noted he had received a letter from Southern Tier West that highlights the positive impact the grape industry has on the community in support of the project.

Andrew updated information on Electric Dept. projects. He indicated the new transformers and circuit switches are on schedule for spring delivery. A purchase order for new relay panels was awarded to Keystone Elec. Products. Andrew advised that a contract for installation was advertised, with bid opening for Feb. 27<sup>th</sup>. He noted that 3 separate, 8-hour outages were called for in the contract. It was noted that the contract needed to identify no outages during grape harvest season, meaning if not done by the end of August, work would be put off until 2027. Regarding the study for second primary feed for the Village, PSE's work is on hold pending the resolution of high electric cost due to the extreme cold in January. This is strictly a budget issue.

Andrew noted that Electric Dept. staff have inspected the entire primary power line and replaced any pole structure anchorage lines necessary. Regarding electrical engineering support services, Andrew advised there were no new tasks for Ferguson.

Relative to support by MRB, Andrew advised that In-house staff continues supporting effort by locating service curb boxes. The locations will be provided to MRB for mapping the locations.

Regarding the Drinking Water Source Protection Plan, Andrew indicated there is no change or new information from Southern Tier West. STW was still waiting for NYDEC review feedback.

Andrew indicated he had no new information regarding the Welch building; the developer still plans to begin work in the Spring.

Regarding the swimming pool project, Andrew advise that the asbestos removal was done and that Village staff would be demolishing the building next week. He advised that a contract was awarded to Tabone Construction for the pool project.

Regarding the Smart Cable Sensors, Andrew noted that the sensors were to remain and that IEEP would pay for them and to have an Engineering firm analyze information.

Regarding lighting in Moore Park, Andrew indicated that the purchase order for the selected fixtures is on hold pending the high cost of power being addressed.

Andrew advised there is no change on the Town work to extend the water service east on Rte. 5. Restart of work is pending favorable weather.

Regarding the Village/Town Comprehensive Plan, Andrew indicated the topic could be dropped from the agenda.

Regarding the SCADA System Design, again any action is on hold pending the high cost of power being addressed.

#### REVIEW OF DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Public Works – snow removal work, lead survey for service lines/curb box locations.

Electric Dept. – continue reconductoring on Rte. 20 west. Also, testing electric meters.

Water Dept. – Operations, lead survey for service lines/curb box locations.

Sewer Dept. – Operations

#### NEW BUSINESS/OPEN DISCUSSION:

Andrew reviewed the letter from NYMPA regarding the significant increase in power rates due to the extreme cold in January. This is the reason to delay on any new actions until cost can be fully quantified and recovery through billing is received.

Andrew noted there was a problem at the Forest Park sewage pump station with the concrete deteriorating. This is an issue for the Town to address.

**Troy Winkleman made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Steve Rudnicki and unanimously passed.**

The next Advisory Board meeting was scheduled for 10 March2026, at 6:30. **That meeting is canceled per Andrew's message.** Our next meeting will be 14 April 2026, at 6:30.