



# Onondaga County Legislature

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMITTEE – SEPTEMBER 13, 2021 JOHN McBRIDE, CHAIRMAN

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Ms. Tassone, Dr. Chase, Mr. Kelly

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Mrs. Abbott-Kenan

**ALSO PRESENT:** Mr. DeSantis, Ms. Murphy, Mr. Glazier, Ms. Vilardi, Mr. Frantzis, Ms. Harty, Ms. Velasco

Chairman McBride called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. *A motion was made by Mrs. Tassone and seconded by Dr. Chase to waive the reading of the minutes of the previous committee. MOTION CARRIED. A motion was made by Dr. Chase and seconded by Mrs. Tassone to approve the minutes of the previous committee. MOTION CARRIED.*

### 1. **WATER ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION:** Shannon Harty, PE, Commissioner

#### a. **Authorizing the Acquisition of Real Property Adjacent to the Belgium Pump Station for Sewer Purposes (\$264,000)**

Ms. Harty:

- Background – pump station is located in Baldwinsville Seneca Knolls service area – provides service to entire industrial park, Radison Homes, built in 1967 and one of the larger pump stations over 5 million gallons a day
- Pump station sits on the smallest parcel which is about ¼ acre – requires large crane trucks to do work – typically have .6 to 3 acres – chemical feed systems for odor control and generators
- This pumpstation sits on a substandard size parcel – need improvement projects to this station and don't have the land
- Driveway is on the right of way easement owned by Radison community – defined for walkways – really not available for expansion to the south – rear of pump station has a small parking area – need to expand to the north
- Single family home built in mid 60s shortly after pump station was built – about ¾ acre lot – will allow us the needed land to build out
- Answered Dr. Chase's question – house is currently occupied and family agrees with relocation
- Answered Mr. McBride's question – this parcel will be sufficient for land needed for chemical feed systems and generators – no further land expansion will be needed – build out will look at engineering in 22 and construction in 23-24 – funds will be used from 960 account with no impact to the budget

*A motion was made by Mrs. Tassone, seconded by Dr. Chase to approve this item. Passed unanimously; MOTION CARRIED*

### 2. **OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENT:** Travis Glazier, Director

#### a. **INFORMATIONAL: 2021 Budget update**

Mr. Glazier:

- Began removing ash trees six years ago to avoid impact of emerald ash bore – removed 16,445 trees identified as public health hazards – plant 5% of the trees lost – 2457 planted so far – injecting and preserving 395 trees
- Partners with Soil and Water Conservation District – they have brought in \$261K in grant funding so far – primarily in tree planting

- Budget has \$4.125m on the program – held back on cutting last year because of budget pinch – were ahead of schedule and below budget – going into 21-22 cutting year in full swing – can’t happen after 10/31 and end 4/30 bc of Indiana bat
- Most of plantings in Onondaga Lake Park and Jamesville beach
- Answered Mr. McBride’s question regarding future grants – all one time grants - bundles of \$25-30k grants – large one that we are potential candidate for several hundred thousand dollars – need a large area for plantings
- S&W had their employees trained to do injections so able to buy in bulk – extreme cost savings – put extra money into tree cutting – sooner tree is cut the cheaper it is
- Deer and tick management – removed 1000 deer and donated meat to food bank – total investment \$410K – some monies remain but are encumbered – working with four different communities – soon to be adding another community
- Town of Camillus supported a volunteer program and removed 41 deer at \$3300 – Tom Hart is the lead on the task – will have him talk to deer and tick committee – very cost effective
- 2021 removed 178 deer down from prior year – city didn’t get out like prior year
- Deer per sq mile 10 deer for a tick population to crash – research shows that when density is down then within two years tick population crash – complicated to think about from a County perspective so rely on Towns and Villages

Dr. Chase:

- What happened to the Winkworth project?

Mr. Glazier:

- Group of community members on the border of Syracuse and Town of Onondaga – wanted to get a permit through the county – contacted with usda – had to get prop owners sign off and largest propl owner wouldn’t sign off – area wehre two communities weren’t interested but the Town wasn’t interested – cost per deer is driven by personnel and fixed

*A motion was made by Dr. Chase, seconded by Dr. Kelly to adjourn the meeting. Passed unanimously; MOTION CARRIED*

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



MELANIE VILARDI, Deputy Clerk  
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ATTENDANCE

COMMITTEE: ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMITTEE  
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Shannon Herby	WEP