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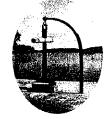
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Chairman Pierre Chagnon and Chautauqua County Legislature Gerace Office Building, Room 325 3 North Erie Street Mayville, NY 14757

Re: Chautauqua County Sewer Agency

Dear Chairman Chagnon and the Chautauqua County Legislature:

As Chairperson of the Chautauqua County Sewer Agency, this letter serves as an update to the Chautauqua County Legislature regarding recent activities of the sewer agency.

Chautauqua County officials reactivated the Chautauqua County Sewer Agency in May 2018 to assess the potential for the formation of a county sewer district to serve Findley Lake. For the project to be considered a county sewer district, it requires that more than one municipality be involved. Over the course of the past two years, the group has assessed various potential partners with the Town of Mina including the Village of Sherman with the Town of Sherman as well as the Town of French Creek with the existing system at Peek'n Peak.

A number of months ago, the Village of Sherman opted out of the project as it determined that it was moving forward with upgrading its existing sewer system and informed the sewer agency that it would not be pursuing a shared services arrangement with the Town of Mina.

However, Peek'n Peak and the Town of French Creek showed interest in evaluating options for possible shared services with the Town of Mina. The engineering firm of Barton &

Loguidice was hired to conduct a Findley Lake and Peek'n Peak Sanitary Sewer Feasibility Assessment. The Feasibility Study Report dated January 2020 included three alternatives:

- 1. Mina (Findley Lake) Sewer District with Mina Waste Water Treatment Plant
- 2. French Creek (Peek'n Peak) Sewer District with Treatment Provided at Upgraded Existing Peek'n Peak Waste Water Treatment Plan
- 3. Regional Town of Mina (Findley Lake) and Town of French Creek (Peak'n Peek) Sewer District with two options:
 - a. Mina Waste Water Treatment Plant
 - b. French Creek Waste Water Treatment Plant

Alternatives one and two would involve only one municipality. Only alternative three (either option) would be considered a shared services arrangement and qualify as a Chautauqua County multi-municipality project under the Chautauqua County Sewer Agency.

At the sewer agency meeting held on June 4, 2020, a representative from Peek'n Peak reported that the owners of Peek'n Peak are not interested in pursuing the regional sewer district option with the Town of Mina at this time. With that information, the members of the sewer agency noted that there is no multi-town option under consideration and voted unanimously to report this information to the Chautauqua County Legislature and recommend that the sewer agency move to inactive status.

On behalf of the members of the sewer agency, I would like to thank the county legislature for its interest and support as the Chautauqua County Sewer Agency evaluated sewer district formation and operation alternatives.

If you should have any questions about the work of the sewer agency or the recommendation to move to inactive status, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Rebecca N. Brumagin

Mina Town Supervisor

Chairman, Chautauqua County Sewer Agency