

**Herkimer County Legislature  
Natural Resources and Ways & Means  
Committee Meeting  
Friday, March 5, 2021  
Via Zoom  
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**Persons Attending:**

Peter Campione (Chairman, Natural Resources)  
Peter Manno (Natural Resources committee member)  
William E. Keeler, Sr. (Natural Resources committee member)  
Bob D. Hollum (Natural Resources committee member)  
Ray Donley (Natural Resources committee member)  
John L. Brezinski (Natural Resources committee member)  
Patrick E. Russell (Chairman, Ways & Means)  
Kurt J. Ackerman (Ways & Means committee member)  
Raymond Smith (Ways & Means committee member)  
Raymond Johnson (Ways & Means committee member)  
Frederick J. Shaw Jr. (Ways & Means committee member)  
Vincent J. Bono (Chairman of the Legislature)  
Steve Billings, Personnel Officer  
Brandy Serow, Secretary to the County Administrator  
Lorraine Lewandrowski, Assistant County Attorney  
Sheri Ferdula, Budget Officer  
Michael Talaba, Director of Weights & Measures  
James Rathbun, Sewer District Operator

**(Non Committee Members Signed In)**

Legislator Gregory Malta, Sr.  
Legislator Mark Gaworecki  
Legislator Robert J. Schrader  
Legislator William Weakley

**Absent:**

John P Stephens (Ways & Means committee member)

Mr. Campione called the meeting to order at 10:52 a.m.

**Items discussed:**

**NATURAL RESOURCES:**

1. Approve Annual Report of Weights & Measures
2. Approve temporary easement for the Village of Mohawk
3. Other

**NATURAL RESOURCES AND WAYS & MEANS:**

4. Approve Sewer District Resolution for contract with LBD Enterprises, LLC for the continued beneficial reuse of bio solids
5. Other

## **Committee Vote Record**

### **NATURAL RESOURCES:**

Mr. Campione: "First on the agenda is to approve the Annual Report of Weights and Measures. Do I have a motion?"

Item #1 – On motion of Mr. Keeler, seconded by Mr. Donley for the Natural Resources Committee, Item #1 was voted on, approved and moved for Resolution. Unanimous.

Mr. Campione: "Going on to the next item on the agenda is approve the temporary easement for the Village of Mohawk. This is the Village of Mohawk sewer line that will be in an easement area belonging to the Sewer District. It is about eleven hundred feet long, twenty feet wide and it will last until December 31, 2021 in order to give the Village enough time to lay the line. Lorraine, are you on? Can you give a little information on this?"

Lorraine Lewandrowski: "Yes. So this was a request. The DEC is involved. They wanted to have an easement that is surveyed and in a specific area so it will be twenty feet wide. The goal is to replace a current sewer line that some how goes under Fulmer Creek. I don't know how that is but there are environmental concerns there. This will be a sewer line that will come in the back of the plant where the infiltration system is. I would also ask that they fully insure us and hold us harmless for any injuries, claims and damage, whatever in the easement. The engineer for the project drew me a map of the exact easement area which I could forward to any of you if you would like to see a copy. That's all I have."

Mr. Campione: "Thank you. Do I have a motion?"

Item #2 – On motion of Mr. Hollum, seconded by Mr. Donley for the Natural Resources Committee, Item #2 was voted on, approved and moved for Resolution. Unanimous.

Item #3 – N/A.

### **NATURAL RESOURCES AND WAYS & MEANS:**

Mr. Campione: "Moving on, next on the agenda is approve the Sewer District Resolution for a contract with LBD Enterprises, LLC for the continued beneficial reuse of the bio solids. Mr. Rathbun, are you on? Can you give us just a little information on this?"

James Rathbun: "We had a ten year contract for the beneficial reuse of sludge which is our biosolids. We contracted with GHD Engineers to do a RFP and we received three quotes. One from Casella, Denali Water Solutions and LBD Enterprises. LBD is the current hauler right now and they have been for the last twenty years. They are located right in Verona which is usually why they can bid the lowest because they are local where the other ones are a little out of the area and their hauling costs more. We have had very good service from LBD Enterprises and the Sewer Board voted to approve their submittal and they did come in at the lowest bid of \$55 per ton. At an average year that would be about \$137,500. We were hoping to continue on with LBD Enterprises for another ten year contract."

Mr. Campione: "Thank you Mr. Rathbun. Can I have a motion?"

Item #4 – On motion of Mr. Brezinski, seconded by Mr. Donley for the Natural Resources Committee, and on motion of Mr. Bono, seconded by Mr. Shaw for the Ways & Means Committee, Item #4 was voted on, approved and moved for Resolution. Unanimous. Absent: 1.

Item #5 – N/A.

On motion of Mr. Keeler, seconded by Mr. Brezinski, the Natural Resources Committee adjourned at 10:58 a.m.

The Ways & Means Committee continued.