

**TOWN OF HECTOR  
REGULAR AUDIT MEETING  
July 10, 2018**

**Members Present:**

Alvin J. White, Supervisor  
Jessica Rodgers, Councilwoman  
Elizabeth Martin, Councilwoman  
William Preston, Councilman  
Justin Boyette, Councilman  
Robert Barton, Councilman

**Others:**

Jane M. V. Ike, Clerk  
Randy Rappleye, Highway Superintendent  
Robert Stapleton, Water Superintendent  
Colin McNaull            Van Harp  
Thomas Kiernan        Carl Langenfeld  
Jeanne Chapman       Ben Dickens  
Michele Greigo        Barb Kelley  
Mike Bergen  
David Patterson, Code Enforcement

Called to order by Supervisor White at 7:00pm followed by Pledge of Allegiance.

**RESOLUTION #119** – offered by Martin, seconded by Boyette

Resolved to approve the minutes of June 12, 2018 as corrected. (Brett Walters spelling). Ayes 6, Nays 0

**RESOLUTION #120** – offered by Barton, seconded by Preston

Resolved to approve and authorize the Supervisor to make the following Budget Amendments/Journal Entries: transfer \$6477.69 from DA fund balance to Chips Equipment time; transfer \$6477.69 from DB 3501 to DB5112.2 Chips projects; correct prior JE by transferring \$58,000 from DB5112.22 to DB5112.21; transfer \$500 from A1990.4 contingency to A1010.4 Town Board Contractual; appropriate \$9100.34 revenue and credit A1355.43 Assessment contract; transfer \$1111.96 from a fund balance to A5132.22 Highway Building Improvements; transfer \$788.00 from B1990.4 contingency to B3620.2 code enforcement equipment. Discussion: What does assessment contract cover? Supervisor White explained process; question asked regarding number of parcels. Ayes 6, Nays 0

**RESOLUTION #121** – offered by Preston, seconded by Boyette

Resolved to have audited and further authorize the Supervisor to pay the bills from the following funds: General Vouchers ##198 thru #226 - \$96,231.06; Highway Vouchers #154 thru #175 - \$498,204.76; Water District Vouchers #100 thru #119 - \$11,071.16; and Trust & Agency Vouchers #13 thru #14 - \$1,205.66 Ayes 6, Nays 0

**Public Comment:** 7:10pm

Tom Kiernan – thank you to whoever cut the weeds on Route 414 near the post office; makes it easier to see. Councilman Boyette trimmed the weeds.

Ben Dickens asked if there was any resolve with Gordy Gallup issue. Supervisor White reported they have had a meeting with him; he has an engineer working on a plan. David Patterson reported the issue of sprinklers is resolved; engineer did respond; some corrections and dates for completion to be submitted.

Michelle Greigo – 22 hour power outage last week; concern with length of time; lost power 5 times since last August; NYSEG customer service people are sometimes in PA not NY; crews have been drastically reduced; can the Town send a letter to NYSEG raising concerns; Michelle will call the public service commission; discussion of issues; concern for those with health concerns;

Van Harp asked for budget amendments to be available.

Katherine Herlemen, Clean Energy Communities Program: Not present

**Department Reports:**

**Highway:**

**RESOLUTION #122** – offered by White, seconded by Barton

Resolved to accept the bid and award the contract for the Salt Storage Building to Eagle Associates of Cazenovia LLC at a cost of \$391,155.00. Ayes 6, Nays 0

**Havens Road Old Bridge/Road Abandonment:** Supervisor White and Superintendent Rappleye will meet with Attorney Halpin to review the property survey on Tuesday 7/17/18.

**Bishop Corner Culvert Project:** have worked trying to get this to bid; still working out engineering details; Forest Service feels this is now rushed; DEC permit has not been issued to date; plan to bid this winter for project to be done in the spring.

Superintendent Rappleye reported progress on grading; dust oil complete; Williamee Road prepped for oil and stone along with Chapman and Wyckoff will be done soon; shoulders done on paved roads; mowing on going; will start processing gravel for Heverly Road and Upper Ball Diamond; Garage repairs were made; still had a leak; contractor came back and fixed the repair; should now be able to proceed with camera installation; extreme heat causing stone and oil roads to bleed; have been adding stone as needed; water tank has been delivered,

Supervisor White reported that inspection of old landfill will be done at some point; believe we should be on a low priority; no issues at this time.

**Water District:**

Club Seneca: Labella Engineers working on items for the USDA funding application to determine if we will be able to proceed; need to sign a conflict of interest statement; code of ethics reviewed with board; need to publish a public notice regarding filing application;

Club Seneca Water District Extension – NEPA/SEQRA Study discussed.

**RESOLUTION #123** – offered by White, seconded by Boyette

TOWN OF HECTOR WATER DISTRICT NO. 1 EXTENSION NO. 1E

SEQR RESOLUTION – INTENT TO DECLARE LEAD AGENCY STATUS

At the meeting of the Hector Town Board held on July 10, 2018, Supervisor White moved adoption of the following resolution; Councilman Boyette seconded the motion and was passed. “RESOLVED, that in accordance with the New York State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) regulations, the Town Board of the Town of Hector hereby announces its intent to serve as Lead Agency to conduct an environmental review of the construction of public water supply improvements to serve the proposed Water District No. 1 Extension No. 1E. The proposed action involves the installation of approximately 5,400 linear feet of 8-inch waterline along a portion of Club Seneca Road in the Town of Hector. The project will provide public water to properties that are currently dependent upon individual groundwater supplies that historically have produced very low yields of poor quality water.

FURTHER RESOLVED, the Town Board has determined that, as the project requires an approval from the NYS Department of Health (NYSDOH), the proposed action is a Type I action as defined by NYSDOH under 10 NYCRR 97.14; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, the Town Board has commissioned LaBella Associates DPC to prepare Part 1 of the Environmental Assessment Form regarding the project.

FURTHER RESOLVED, the Town Board will notify the Involved Agencies of its intention to act as Lead Agency for this project and will provide them with a copy of the completed Part 1 of the full Environmental Assessment Form for review during the 30-day comment period. Ayes 6, Nays 0

Superintendent Stapleton reported on number of gallons pumped and treated; sample testing completed; meter replacements; new service applications; flushing hydrants continues; truck repairs; new well source report just received; will provide to board; Burdett pump station pump 2 soft start has failed; working with Bouille electric.

**RESOLUTION #124** – offered by Preston, seconded by Martin

Resolved to accept the bid through Auctions International of \$1350.00 for the pickup box, tailgate & bumper and further authorize the sale of the items. Ayes 6, Nays 0

**RESOLUTION #125** – offered by White, seconded by Martin

Resolved that there is no potential conflict of interest regarding Water District Extension 1E project. Ayes 6, Nays 0

Reserve funds discussed – would like to amend water reserve funds into 2; split funds 75% & 25%

**RESOLUTION #126** – offered by White, seconded by Barton

RESOLVED, that pursuant to section 6-c of the General Municipal Law, as amended, there is hereby established a capital reserve fund to be known as the “Water Improvements Reserve Fund” (hereinafter “Reserve Fund”). The purpose of this Reserve Fund is to accumulate moneys to finance the cost of a type of capital improvement. The type of capital improvement to be financed from the Reserve Fund is the construction of improvements for the municipal water system operated by the Town of Hector through the Town of Hector Water District.

The chief fiscal officer is hereby directed to deposit and secure the moneys of this Reserve Fund in the manner provided by section 10 of the General Municipal Law. The chief fiscal officer may invest the moneys in the Reserve Fund in the manner provided by section 11 of the General Municipal Law, and consistent with the investment policy of the Town of Hector. Any interest earned or capital gains realized on the money so deposited or invested shall accrue to and become part of the Reserve Fund. The chief fiscal officer shall account for the Reserve Fund in a manner which maintains the separate identity of the Reserve Fund and shows the date and amount of each sum paid into the fund, interest earned by the fund, capital gains or losses resulting from the sale of investments of the fund, the amount and date of each withdrawal from the fund and the total assets of the fund, showing cash balance and a schedule of investments, and shall, at the end of each fiscal year, render to the Town Board a detailed report of the operation and conditions of the Reserve Fund.

Except as otherwise provided by section 6-c of the General Municipal Law, expenditures from this Reserve Fund shall be made only for the purpose for which the Reserve Fund is established. No expenditure shall be made from this Reserve Fund without the approval of the Town Board and without such additional actions or proceedings as may be required by section 6-c of the General Municipal Law, including a permissive referendum if required by subdivision 4 of section 6-c.

Ayes 6, Nays 0

**RESOLUTION #127** – offered by White, seconded by Barton

RESOLVED, that pursuant to section 6-d of the General Municipal Law, as amended, there is hereby established a capital reserve fund to be known as the “Water System Repair Reserve Fund” (hereinafter “Reserve Fund”). The purpose of this Reserve Fund is to accumulate moneys to pay for repairs to the municipal water system operated and maintained by the Town of Hector through the Town of Hector Water District of the type that do not recur annually or at shorter intervals.

The chief fiscal officer is hereby directed to deposit and secure the moneys of this Reserve Fund in the manner provided by section 10 of the General Municipal Law. The chief fiscal officer may invest the moneys in the Reserve Fund in the manner provided by section 11 of the General Municipal Law, and consistent with the investment policy of the Town of Hector. Any interest earned or capital gains realized

on the moneys so deposited or invested shall accrue to and becomes part of the Reserve Fund. The chief fiscal officer shall account for the Reserve Fund in a manner which maintains the separate identity of the cash and investments of the Reserve Fund.

Except as otherwise provided by section 6-d of the General Municipal Law, expenditures from the Reserve Fund shall be made only for the purpose for which the Reserve Fund is established. No expenditure shall be made from this Reserve Fund without the approval of this governing board and without such additional actions or proceedings as may be required by section 6-d of the General Municipal Law. Ayes 6, Nays 0

**RESOLUTION #128** – offered by White, seconded by Boyette

Resolved to set August 14, 2018 at 7pm for a public hearing to move \$100,116.15 from the current repair reserve to the new Water Improvement Reserve Fund. Ayes 6, Nays 0

**RESOLUTION #129** – offered by White, seconded by Rodgers

Resolved to set the amount of 75% of reserve funds collected to be deposited into the Water Improvement Reserve Fund and 25% of monies collected be deposited in the Water System Repair Reserve fund. Ayes 6, Nays 0

Supervisor White and Councilman Boyette attended a RCAP training in Ellicottville. Areas of management will be reviewed and prioritized; Federal Government has software available to use; will build a plan for future.

**Smith Park:** Swimming is open; hearing comments that people like it quiet.

**Water Main Replacement Project status:** working on WMBE paperwork; contractor will start by the end of July; should complete by August 31.

**RESOLUTION #130** – offered by Barton, seconded by Preston

Resolved to authorize and advertise for bids for the Smith Park South Bathroom Facility project once all permits and approvals have been obtained with pre-bid conference August 7 at 10am; and bids due and opening August 13 at 10am. Ayes 6, Nays 0

**RESOLUTION #131** – offered by White, seconded by Martin

**Town of Hector Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) 2018 to Prepare a Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP)**

WHEREAS, New York State has announced the availability of funding through the 2018 Consolidated Funding Application (CFA); and

WHEREAS, the Town of Hector, Schuyler County intends to apply for financial assistance from the NYS Department of State under Title 9 of the Environmental Protection Act of 1993 for the purpose of preparing a Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP); and

WHEREAS, the Town of Hector is seeking up to \$110,000 to complete the LWRP; and  
WHEREAS, the Town of Hector recognizes that the state will commit 75% of the desired amount and a 25% match is required by the Town of Hector in order to receive the grant funds;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Supervisor of the Town of Hector is authorized and directed to submit an application in the 2018 Consolidated Funding Application round in an amount not to exceed \$110,000; and be it further

RESOLVED, that in the event of funding, the Supervisor of the Town of Hector is authorized to execute, as necessary, a state contract for financial assistance, and to execute all additional assurances and forms as required by the state. Ayes 6, Nays 0

**Code Enforcement:** Officer Patterson reported on number of permits issued this year; 66 completed, 72 continuous open permits; 6 pending fire inspections; still working on a couple property maintenance violations.

**Assessment:** No report

**Town Clerk/Tax Collector/Court Clerk:**

**Dumpster Day:** Invoice for Electronics disposal received; still waiting for bill from Swarthout's.

Clerk's Monthly Report Submitted

**RESOLUTION #132** – offered by Boyette, seconded by Rodgers  
Resolved to appoint Connie Green as Hector Dog Enumerator effective immediately for the 2018 dog census. Ayes 6, Nays 0

**Empire Access:** Still need to research emails and changing where hosted; Councilman Rodgers will check with Virtual Towns; should we check with Haeefe.

**FL National Forest revenues:** Sale of Timber funds to be received will be \$11,147.35

**Yellow Dot program:** The Schuyler County Sheriff's Office has provided Town Clerks with flyers, forms and stickers for the program. It is a program where the form contains emergency information completed by the primary drivers of the vehicle and placed in the glove compartment in case of an emergency; the sticker is placed on the window.

**Supervisor/Committee Reports:**

**FirstNet:** – the Town is eligible to participate in this program as a municipality; program is through AT&T; our cell phones are currently on contract with AT&T and can be transferred to FirstNet; fire service, emergency personnel get first access to communications and will not get dropped; AT&T is working on expanding cell phone coverage throughout the state and entire country; proposal for 6 lines is \$100 cheaper than current billing for 4 lines; saves money; iPhone 7 for \$.99; everything is unlimited; dead zones will be addressed; 2-3 years to implement fully.

**Zoning Commission:** Paul Bursic submitted a written report for the Board to review as he is at a STC training session on zoning tonight in Corning. Supervisor White read written report. Zoning Commission meetings are now at 6pm.

**Williamson Law Book Company:** Five Year Forecaster program reviewed by Supervisor White covering the operation and usefulness of the program; \$1995 purchase price; \$890 annual support. Finance Committee is recommending purchasing the program.

**RESOLUTION #133** – offered by Preston, seconded by Rodgers  
Resolved to authorize the Supervisor to purchase the Williamson Law Five Year Forecaster at a cost of \$1995 with \$890 annual support fee. Ayes 6, Nays 0

**Computer Server Quotes:** Budgeted \$11,000; 2 items left off the quote and installation & set up was not considered; trip light smart (smooths out electrical); backup device; will also look into offsite or cloud access at some point; planning on 7 years of life; plan to contract with SCT Computers to transfer software; current quote is \$12,586.69; estimate \$360 to transfer software; will need to amend budget line A1680.2 to \$13,250 from contingency.

**RESOLUTION #134** – offered by Boyette, seconded by Barton

Resolved to authorize the Supervisor to proceed with the purchase of a computer server at a cost of \$12,586.69 and authorizing \$80 per hour for SCT to transfer programs; and further amend the 2018 budget by transferring \$2,250 from A1990.4 contingency to A1680.2      Ayes 6, Nays 0

**Seneca Lake Pure Waters Association:** Resolution of support for Nine-Element Watershed Plan; also looking for donations from municipalities of \$500 to \$1000; need to raise 25% matching funds; need to research further for donations; statistics show Seneca lake deteriorating faster than Cayuga; clarity is quickly going downhill.

**RESOLUTION #135** – offered by Martin, seconded by Rodgers

**Resolution Supporting a Nine-Element Watershed Plan for Seneca and Keuka Lakes**

Whereas the Seneca Watershed Inter-municipal Organization, the Finger Lakes Institute of Hobart & William Smith Colleges, the Seneca Lake Pure Waters Association, the Keuka Lake Association, the Keuka Watershed Improvement Cooperative, municipalities in the watersheds, and other water quality interest groups and organizations have been working on water quality issues and are committed to obtaining a Nine-Element Watershed Plan, which plan will supplement the 2015 Seneca Lake Watershed Plan and the 1996 Keuka Lake Watershed Plan with modeling that will identify the quantity and source of pollutants, determine water quality goals, define pollution reductions needed to meet the goals, and describe best management practices needed to achieve the reductions that will improve water quality; and

Whereas Keuka Lake drains into Seneca Lake and the Seneca Lake Watershed includes the Keuka Lake Watershed, and a comprehensive watershed plan will include both Keuka and Seneca Lakes, and the watershed plans of both lakes will benefit by updating with a Nine-Element Plan; and

Whereas representatives of the Keuka Lake Association and the Keuka Watershed Improvement Cooperative are working with representatives of the Seneca Watershed Inter-municipal Organization, the Seneca Lake Pure Waters Association and the Finger Lakes Institute to apply for funding for a comprehensive Nine-Element Plan that covers both lakes; and

Whereas Nine-Element Plans are consistent with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and N.Y.S. Department of Environmental Conservation framework for developing watershed plans, and funding is available from the N.Y.S. Department of State for 75% of the plan's cost; and

Whereas grant applications for state funding must be made by a Consolidated Funding Application through the state's grant portal, the applicant must be a municipality, and the Town of Geneva, a member of the Seneca Watershed Inter-municipal Organization, is willing and able to be the applicant; now therefore, it is

RESOLVED the Town of Hector hereby supports the development of a Nine-Element Plan for the Seneca Lake Watershed, which includes the Keuka Lake Watershed, and urges the New York State Department of State and other involved agencies to support the application of the Town of Geneva for funding for this Nine-Element Plan, which will provide the tools needed to make strategic and sustained progress in improving water quality in Keuka and Seneca Lakes, which together account for half of the fresh water in the Finger Lakes, for the benefit of the entire Finger Lakes Region, which will be able to use this effort as a model going forward.      Ayes 6, Nays 0

**Signs within Finger Lakes National Forest:** Last month Amanda Creighton asked for a Local Law prohibiting signs within the forest; this has not been an issue in the past; Councilman Barton stated asked how can we govern signs on the National Forest, it's not our property.

Councilwoman Martin suggested candidates sign a covenant and agree not to place signs in the forest; some people thought the signs were offensive and distasteful; not a place for politics; ask people to respect the forest; gentlemen's agreement. Supervisor White – place signs on property where have support; do not see how the board can prevent. Councilman Preston indicated the forest is dividing the town in half; can only place east and west; not a job for the town board. Councilwoman Rodgers felt it

looked unproductive. Councilman Preston suggests this issue be taken to the Republican and Democrat Committees. Supervisor White will respond to Ms. Creighton's letter.

**Toxic Emissions/Gas Infrastructure Facilities:** Councilwoman Martin requested the Board have a discussion regarding a Resolution on Toxic Emissions/Gas Infrastructure Facilities; link for the 5 page resolution was not attached to email; resolution is needed by July 23; we do not have a lot of infrastructure here at this time; NYS DEC is in pre-proposal phase of modifying toxic air emissions regulations; looking for municipalities to pass resolutions asking for stricter regulations regarding emissions; 7 Towns have passed resolutions. Councilman Barton stated the schedule is too tight for us to respond properly.

**RESOLUTION #136 – offered by Martin, seconded by Rodgers**  
**RESOLUTION REGARDING THE CONTENT OF AIR EMISSIONS REGULATIONS TO BE DEVELOPED BY THE NYS DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION AFFECTING NATURAL GAS INFRASTRUCTURE FACILITIES**

Whereas, the Town of Hector Town Board has a principal responsibility to protect the health and safety of its residents, businesses and institutions; and

Whereas, the people and environment of New York have been increasingly subjected to a build-out of natural gas infrastructure, including but not limited to pipelines and distribution networks, compressor stations, power plants, combustion heating systems, metering and regulation stations, and pigging stations; and

Whereas, peer-reviewed scientific studies<sup>1,2</sup> link exposure between air pollutants emitted from natural gas infrastructure facilities and neurological, cardiovascular and respiratory disease, cancer, birth defects, and other adverse health impacts. Acute health impacts from these toxic exposures can cause burning eyes, headaches, breathing difficulty and nausea for nearby populations and can exacerbate health problems. Chronic health impacts can include certain types of cancer as well as damage to lungs, liver, kidneys, reproductive, nervous and cardiovascular systems; and

Whereas, the American Medical Association and the Medical Society of the State of New York acknowledge the hazards of natural gas infrastructure and associated adverse health impacts and passed resolutions in 2015 calling for Health Impact Assessments (HIAs); and

Whereas, the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) are based on average population risks across a large area over a long period of time but do not adequately address human toxicity for residents living in close proximity to natural gas infrastructure or where they are subject to episodic high exposures during events such as blowdowns; and

Whereas, current protocols used for assessing compliance with ambient air quality standards do not adequately determine intensity, frequency or durations of actual human exposures to pollutants and mixtures of pollutants emitted from natural gas infrastructure, noting that periodic 24-hour average measures can underestimate actual exposures by an order of magnitude; and

Whereas, gas infrastructure facilities can emit into the air annually hundreds of tons of pollutants including toxic chemicals and criteria pollutants, some of which are known carcinogens like benzene and formaldehyde, and can also be sources of radioactive contamination<sup>3</sup>; and

Whereas, people who live or work in close proximity to natural gas infrastructure facilities such as compressor stations are most at risk—particularly developing fetuses, children, the elderly, and those with cardiovascular, lung or respiratory problems and other vulnerable subpopulations, although under certain weather and terrain conditions, these pollutants can have a wider impact; and

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Whereas, developing fetuses and children are uniquely vulnerable to exposures as they receive proportionally greater doses of pollutants than adults and have immature organs and detoxification systems; and

Whereas, methane is an extremely potent greenhouse gas with a global warming potential that is 34 times that of carbon dioxide over a 100-year timeframe and 86 times that of carbon dioxide over a 20-year timeframe; and

Whereas, methane is the primary ingredient of natural gas and leaks at every system stage, including extraction, processing, transmission, distribution, and end-use consumption; and

Whereas, the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) regulations do not currently require Best Available Control Technology (BACT) or Lowest Achievable Emissions Rate (LAER) technology for facilities that are not designated under federal Title V requirements or are not located within non-attainment areas, although such requirements could substantially reduce hazardous air emissions; and

Whereas, the DEC does not require the use of emission control technologies for all gas infrastructure facilities that would provide a floor of protection and could significantly reduce emissions, even when such technology has become standard practice within the industry or is readily available; and

Whereas, the DEC does not require continuous air monitoring of pollutants or methane in real time for gas infrastructure facilities, even though the technology to do so is now readily available, nor does the DEC require that such data be made available to public; and

Whereas, the DEC determines compliance with regulatory requirements and permit conditions through self-reporting by the industry without independent verification; and

Whereas, the DEC does not require rigorous inspection of gas infrastructure facilities to detect and eliminate natural gas leakage at gas infrastructure facilities; and

Whereas, the DEC lacks requirements for advanced notification of all planned blowdowns or other chemical releases, and for notification immediately following all unplanned blowdowns or other chemical releases in order for residents, public officials and first responders to take prompt emergency action; and

Whereas, the DEC exempts many emission sources that exist at gas infrastructure sites from regulation requirements and lacks adequate regulatory requirements for non-combustion emission sources; and

Whereas, the DEC does not require a sufficiently protective set of best management practices for gas infrastructure facilities to ensure protection of public health, safety, and the environment; and

Whereas, the DEC does not require the timely replacement or retrofit of technology and the update of site practices for existing gas infrastructure facilities to ensure appropriate consistency with requirements for new projects and adherence to current best management practices; and

Whereas, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency hosts a voluntary Natural Gas Star program for partner companies to implement technologies and practices for the reduction of methane emissions and document results; and

Whereas, the DEC's State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) process for gas infrastructure projects does not adequately address greenhouse gases and climate impacts; and

Whereas, the DEC has announced that it intends to rewrite or revise oil and gas regulations, which can be more stringent than federal requirements;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Town of Hector Town Board, in the interest of protecting its residents, businesses and institutions, strongly urges the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) to adopt the following regulatory requirements:

1. Installation and use of Lowest Achievable Emissions Rate (LAER) technology at all new and existing gas infrastructure facilities that emit pollutants into the environment, including those not designated under federal Title V requirements or not located within non-attainment areas;

2. Inclusion of non-combustion emission sources and emission sources currently considered "exempt" within the DEC regulatory framework; and



3. Installation and use of specific emission control technology, identified through the federal National Gas Star Program and elsewhere, including but not limited to:

- Dry seals on all centrifugal compressors
- Automatic air to fuel ratio (AFR) controls
- Oxidation catalysts and selective catalytic reduction (SCR) on exhaust stacks
- Vapor recovery technology for reciprocating compressors, storage tanks, and other sources of fugitive or vented emissions
- Static seals on reciprocating compressor rods
- Dry low-NO<sub>x</sub> burners (DLNB)
- Low emission combustion (LEC)
- SCONO<sub>x</sub> or equivalent technology
- Zero-emission dehydrators and similar closed-system technology to avoid venting of gas
- Electric or compressed air starters
- Electric or compressed air actuators instead of gas-operated pneumatic actuators
- Post-combustion particulate matter controls such as electrostatic precipitators, baghouses, and scrubbers
- Interior and exterior corrosion protection, such as plastic enamel sprays
- Electric motor compressors where applicable; and

4. Implementation of practices, identified through the National Gas Star program and elsewhere, to reduce natural gas leakage and blowdowns, including but not limited to maintaining compressors at pipeline pressure, redirecting blowdown gas to lower pressure lines, cap testing, use of inert gases at pigging stations, and more aggressive maintenance of packing rings and compressor rods than required by existing regulations; and

5. Installation and use of air monitoring equipment at the stack, fence line, and within nearby communities to provide continuous monitoring of pollutants including toxic chemicals, criteria pollutants, ultra-fine particulate matter, individual VOCs, as well as methane in real time for all gas infrastructure facilities, with such data made readily available to the public, such as by online access; and

6. Onsite verification of compliance with regulatory requirements and permit conditions by independent registered inspectors through scheduled and random visits; and

7. Rigorous quarterly inspection by independent registered personnel with regular reports submitted to the DEC and made available to the public to detect and ensure timely elimination of natural gas leaks at gas infrastructure facilities using the comprehensive detection methods such as aerial and ground-level laser methane assessment, organic vapor analyzers (OVAs), toxic vapor analyzers (TVAs), sorbent tubes, SUMMA canisters, infrared cameras, as well as real-time monitoring with Fourier Transform Infrared (FTIR) spectroscopy and other remote sensing along pipelines; and

8. 48-hour or greater advanced notification to any Village Trustees/Town Board/City Council/County Legislature requesting it of all planned blowdowns, regardless of size, and other chemical releases; notification within 30 minutes of all unplanned blowdowns, regardless of size, and other chemical releases at all gas infrastructure facilities; and suspension of planned blowdowns or other chemical releases when weather conditions would increase exposure to air pollutants; and

9. Timely replacement or retrofit of technology and update of site practices for existing gas infrastructure facilities to ensure compliance with current regulatory requirements and best management practices; and

10. Chain of custody records and tracking for all industrial waste removed from gas infrastructure facilities, and

11. Strict enforcement of all best management practices and protocols for gas infrastructure facilities to ensure protection of public health, safety, and the environment; and

Be it further resolved, that the DEC, in cooperation with the NYS Department of Health (DOH), should promulgate more stringent performance requirements, including but not limited to the regulated

levels of criteria pollutants, to address deficiencies in NAAQS which fail to consider human toxicity in populations proximate to gas infrastructure facilities, and any other deficiencies affecting public health, safety, or environmental protection; and

Be it further resolved, that the DOH in cooperation with the DEC should require and oversee a comprehensive, independent Health Impact Assessment (HIA) as outlined by the Centers for Disease Control and the National Academy of Sciences, incorporating the latest peer reviewed science, to be conducted by an independent public health entity and include cumulative short and long-term, direct and indirect impacts from all natural gas infrastructure components, emissions from operations including blowdowns, leaks, and spills, and a thorough analysis of the chemical emissions and radioactive contaminants, as well as their concentrations, persistence, and dispersion; and that a health registry should be established and maintained with all data available to the public; and

Be it further resolved, that the DEC should develop State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) guidance to ensure that state agencies adequately address all cumulative impacts including but not limited to greenhouse gases and climate change during environmental reviews for gas infrastructure projects; and

Be it further resolved, that the Town of Hector Town Board Clerk shall forward this Resolution to the Governor of New York State, Commissioner of the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, Commissioner of the NYS Department of Health, and the local State Assembly Member and State Senator.

Discussion: Supervisor White - don't feel comfortable, do not have enough knowledge; Councilman Preston asked why so short a time to review; Councilwoman Martin responded that it looks like DEC is not requiring standards be followed; Councilwoman Rodgers; feel comfortable voting in support; do not understand all the legal jargon. Councilman Barton feel a little nervous, seems like this statement as a snapshot in time is ok, but does not flex for the future; DEC needs to be told they need to protect; we're listing in a town resolution fairly technical subject matter that is changing daily, does not address how DEC is going to control these organizations; need to simply state that DEC has to protect people, afford us clean air. Ayes – 4; Nays – 1 (Preston); Abstain – 1 (White)

**Miscellaneous/Correspondence/Other:**

Invasive Water Chestnut pull at old Hanson site at State Route 227 and 79 – Thursday 7/19 at 9am

Adjourned at 9:32pm on a motion by Martin, seconded by White.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane M. V. Ike, Clerk