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MEMO

To: Warren County Board of Supervisors
From: Mayor Blais
Date: 6/4/2019
Re: New Wastewater Plant Information

- The Village is under a Consent Order to have the plant operational by 12/30/21.
- We will begin construction July or August 2019
- Our present plant, built in 1932, exceeds State allowable nitrate emissions
- This was discovered in 2012; put under a Consent Order in 2014
- Village has put aside \$50,000 annually for improvements
- Spent \$2.5M in upgrades prior to Consent Order discovery
- We have a balance of \$450,000 on hand in Reserves for plant.

Attached are some figures showing impact of borrowing \$17,000,000 at 0% interest on tax rate, sample properties and amount of annual debt.

We presently have \$6.75M in grant funding

Estimated cost of construction:	\$24,000,000
	<u>(6,750,000)</u>
	\$17,250,000

Thank you all for your consideration.

RMB/das

Thank you!

Annual Debt Service for 30 year \$17,000,000 @ 0%
Monthly \$47,222,22

Amount of the Annual Debt
Yearly \$566,666,64

Impact on Tax Rate
2019-2020 .6291%
2020-2021 .8751%
% of increase is 39%

Tax Bill Comparison

	BUDGET	2019-2020	2020-2021 wwtp debt	
	Assessment	0.006291	0.008751	Increase in taxes
Ft. William Henry				
251.18-3-72	12,893,200	\$81,111.12	\$112,828.39	\$31,717.27
Home	250,000	\$1,572.75	\$2,187.75	\$615.00
Steamboat				
251.14-3-47	2,660,775	\$16,738.94	\$23,284.44	\$6,545.51
251.18-3-68	2,552,900	\$16,060.29	\$22,340.43	\$6,280.13
264.07-1-4	1,255,900	\$7,900.87	\$10,990.38	\$3,089.51
Duffy's Tavern				
251.14-3-37	517,700	\$3,256.85	\$4,530.39	\$1,273.54
Georgian Motel				
251.14-3-27	9,686,700	\$60,939.03	\$84,768.31	\$23,829.28
Adk Brew Pub				
264.06-2-40	905,000	\$5,693.36	\$7,919.66	\$2,226.30
Total in tax dollars		\$193,273.20	\$268,849.75	\$75,576.55

Revenue increase of \$300,000

Makes tax rate of 2020-2021 .7449%

Additional Revenue increase adding another \$150,000 for a total revenue increase of \$450,000

Makes tax rate for 2020-2021 .6798%

How much does \$1,000,000 reduce tax rate

Borrow \$16,000,000	Yearly payment is \$533,333.28	Tax Rate .8606%
Borrow \$15,000,000	Yearly payment is \$500,000.04	Tax Rate .8461%
Borrow \$14,000,000	Yearly Payment is \$466,666.68	Tax Rate .8317%
Borrow \$13,000,000	Yearly Payment is \$433,333.32	Tax Rate .8172%

Mayor Blais

From: Sean Doty <sdoty@chazencompanies.com>
Sent: Monday, May 13, 2019 3:35 PM
To: 'Jeff.quain@exec.ny.gov'
Cc: 'Mayor Blais'; 'david harrington'
Subject: Village of Lake George - WWTP Replacement Project - Additional Information on Contracted Soft Costs

Hello Mr. Quain,

As a follow up to the call held with the Village on Friday, and pursuant to your request, we have included additional information about the currently contracted soft costs for the project, below. As you can see, we have added a few notes next to each of the line items indicating what services are provided under each item. Certainly, we can provide additional information or answer any questions you might have, please do not hesitate to ask! Please note that these costs do not include any contingency.

On behalf of the Village, we'd like to thank you and the entire Governor's Office for taking the time to discuss this project with us. It is not only critically important for the Village, it is for the entire Lake George Basin! Thanks so much again!!

-Sean

BIDS CONSTRUCTION AMOUNT TO: \$24,000.000
GENERAL, MECHANICAL, ELECTRICAL, PLUMBING (EST) \$21,950. PLUS ↓

LEGAL TECHNICAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE ESTIMATES			Work Product Infor
1	Engineering Services - AES (Paid to Date)	\$222,047.65	Preliminary Engineer
2	Engineering Services - Chazen (Current Contract)	\$2,118,884.00	Land Survey, Design Permitting, Bidding & Observation Services
3	Local Counsel (Meyer & Fuller) Budget	\$50,000.00	Local Legal Counsel
4	Bond Counsel (BPSR)	\$19,000.00	Bond Counsel Servic
5	Municipal Solutions (Bond Limit Relief)	\$3,500.00	Project Debt Exclusion (exclusion)
6	Village Related Costs (Bond Advertisements, Bid Advertisements, etc.)	\$2,500.00	Legal Notices and V
7	Special Inspections, Quality Assurance Testing (ATL) (BUDGET)	\$200,000.00	Special Inspections ; Quality Assurance T
8	EFC Administration Cost (REPORTED BY EFC AS \$0.00 BECAUSE OF HARDSHIP STATUS)	\$0.00	
9	Village Equipment Allowance	\$160,000.00	Equipment to be purchased for construction: Lab eq etc.
Current LTA Total (No contingency)		\$2,775,932	

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January 10, 2019

The Honorable Andrew Cuomo, Governor
Executive Chamber
State Capitol Building
Albany, New York 12224

Dear Governor Cuomo:

Today I met with the Mayor of Lake George, Bob Blaise and the Town of Lake George Supervisor, Dennis Dickenson regarding funding for the very necessary \$22 million wastewater treatment facility, which will preserve the water quality of our "Queen of American Lakes."

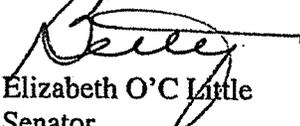
They have secured over \$6 million in grants, so the project is going out to bid in February. However, without additional grant funding they will far exceed the tax cap. With the support of the Lake George Association and the Fund for Lake George, the village is requesting a \$6 million grant from the State be included in the 2019-20 Executive Budget. The village would then bond the remaining costs.

The Village of Lake George is a tourist destination. The preservation of the lake is dependent on this project. Furthermore, New York State owns two campgrounds on the lake, as well as the Million Dollar Beach. These state owned sites are tied into the wastewater treatment facility and will benefit from this upgrade.

I am including a fact sheet they provided and I am available to discuss this budget grant request in more detail.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


Elizabeth O'C Little
Senator

Cc: Robert Mujica, Budget Director



DANIEL G. STEC
Assemblyman 114th District

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January 11, 2019

The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo
Governor of New York State
NYS Capitol Building
Albany, NY 12224

Dear Governor Cuomo,

I am writing to respectfully request your consideration for funding in the 2019-20 state budget to assist in the construction of a new Wastewater Treatment plant in the Village of Lake George. The Village is looking at an estimated \$22 million to replace the current system which was built in the 1930's with a new state of the art facility.

The Village is under Consent Order from the DEC to correct nitrate emission levels seeping into the Lake George basin. The current plant services the entire southern basin including the State's Million Dollar Beach and the Hearthstone and Battleground campsites.

It is my hope that the Village of Lake George can secure 6 million dollars over the next 2 years from the state to offset this cost. With only 995 year round residents and a median household income of \$41,850, the village simply cannot absorb this cost.

We must continue our vigilance in protecting the beauty of Lake George and more importantly the water quality of the lake. In order to conserve the scenic and ecological qualities of Lake George I am respectfully requesting a partnership from the state to help secure funding in the replacement of this antiquated treatment plant that has served many residents and visitors over the years.

Thank you for your consideration of this request, and please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Daniel G. Stec
Assemblyman, 114th District
Essex, Saratoga, Warren and Washington Counties

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Letter to Gov. Cuomo from Lake George Council of Business Advisors

January 9, 2019

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The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo
Governor of New York State
NYS State Capitol Building
Albany, NY 12224

January 9, 2019

Dear Governor Cuomo:

We write to you today with an urgent request for your support for critically important infrastructure funding to protect water quality in Lake George, a treasured natural resource that is the hub of the regional tourism economy in the Southern Adirondacks.

Specifically, the Village of Lake George is under a New York State Department of Environmental Conservation consent decree that requires the Village to replace its 85-year-old wastewater treatment plant because its release of nitrates threatens irreversible harm to the Lake. We applaud the State's commitment to protecting our natural resources and in particular to the preservation of Lake George, as demonstrated most recently by the awarding of generous grants to upgrade wastewater treatment systems in the Town of Hague, the Town of Bolton and both the Town and Village of Lake George. But the truth is, without additional State support for the treatment plant improvements in 2019, the Village of Lake George faces a dire fiscal emergency that it cannot escape without imposing severe financial burdens on its residents and businesses.

There is a common misperception that the Village of Lake George is a wealthy community. It is not. In fact, according to publicly available data, the Village of Lake George had a median household income of \$48,542 in 2016, nearly \$10,000 below the median household income for Warren County and 20 percent less than the New York State median of \$60,741.

The Village's place as the epicenter of tourism in the Southern Adirondacks requires it to maintain infrastructure, including the wastewater treatment plant, with far more capacity than a community with fewer than 1,000 full-time residents would otherwise need. There is no question that the Village benefits greatly from the tourists who are attracted by the Lake's legendary clarity and scenic beauty. There also is no question that the taxpayers of the Village will, without additional State funding, face crushing costs — approximately \$14.5 million — to bring its wastewater treatment plant into compliance.

We all support, and are grateful for, the State's proactive and forward-thinking approach to preserving Lake George and other important natural resources across the State. It is the right thing to do, and will ensure that these resources can continue to be enjoyed and celebrated by future generations, as well as serving as economic engines for our smaller communities.

We all have seen the hidden costs of inadequate infrastructure, which in the case of Lake George threatens both the ecology and the economy of the Lake and its surrounding communities. We urge you to evaluate this matter and to work with the Legislature to ensure that appropriate measures are taken to protect both Lake George and the families of Lake George Village who otherwise may be asked to shoulder an unbearable load.

Thank you for your leadership on this and other important matters before the State. We appreciate your consideration and pledge our public support for any actions you may take to provide relief to the Village and necessary protection of Lake George.

The fate of the Lake is at stake. So is the fate of the taxpayers of Lake George Village.

Sincerely,

The FUND for Lake George Council of Business Advisors

Ed Bartholomew, president, EDC Warren County

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Daniel Davies, president, Davies~Davies & Associates

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Fred Vogel, president, Lake George Chamber of Commerce

Marc Yrsha, senior vice president of corporate development, Glens Falls National Bank & Trust Company

January 11, 2019

To: The Honorable Andrew Cuomo
Governor of New York State
NYS Capital Building
Albany, NY 12224

From: Town Supervisor John Strough
742 Bay Road
Queensbury, NY 12804

Re: Needed: Additional funding for the Village of Lake George's

Dear Governor Cuomo,

Lake George's water quality is of great importance to all of us; public health, tourism, fish habitat and much more. Unfortunately, the under DEC consent, failing, current wastewater treatment plant that has been the suspected cause of recent algal blooms and beach closures.

As a Town Supervisor of a community adjacent to the Village of Lake George and has 13.5 miles of Lake George's shoreline within it township, I am asking you provide additional funding, possibly discretionary funding from your budget.

It is not fair to the folks who live in the Village of Lake George to burden just them with such a huge expense. This wastewater treatment plant benefits all of us in New York.

Please partner with us in helping to fund this very important project.

Thank you.
Sincerely,

John Strough

Cc: NYS Assemblyman Dan Stec
NYS State Senator Elizabeth (Betty) Little
Village of Lake George Mayor Robert Blaise
Lake George Town Supervisor Dennis Dickinson
Executive Director of the Lake George Association Walter Iender
Executive Director of the Fund for Lake George
Warren County Chairman and Town of Bolton Supervisor Ron Conover