

Village of STAMFORD



“Queen of the Catskills”

September—October 2017

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The Water Project

The bureaucratic process for any municipal project is typically overwhelming. Consider all of the work that must be done prior to putting the proverbial shovel in the ground. Needs assessment, engineering studies, funding feasibility, grant applications, environmental studies, historic preservation and Native American Grounds site reviews, floodplain reviews, numerous applications, watershed studies, right of way studies, surveys, title searches, easement agreements with landowners whose property may be affected by the project, legal reviews of all the documents, contracts, and applications, public hearings, bond applications, soliciting aid from state government officials and agencies, are some, but not all of the layers of bureaucracy that we face while working through municipal projects. Yet there is an additional layer of bureaucracy heaped on when federal funding is granted in support of the project, which has a similar list of requirements but a different set of paperwork required. It's no surprise that it often takes years for that shovel to break the ground.

That said, we have had ongoing concerns regarding delays of our water project due to the significant amount of time that a variety of agencies take to approve our water system plans at several steps along the timeline for the project. Specifically, we have had delays while waiting for approval from NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC), NYS Office of Community Renewal (OCR), Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), United States Department of Agriculture /

Rural Development (USDA RD), NYS Department of Health, and NYS Department of Transportation (DOT) all of which play crucial parts in our ability to fund the project at a fraction of the cost to village residents. Personally, I have participated in all but one monthly project phone conference only to repeatedly hear the words from our engineer, we are still waiting to hear from one or more of these agencies for approval of a particular phase of the project. To be fair, one of the delays in the project was caused due to a necessary change of engineering firms between February and April of 2016. These delays may jeopardize our ability to utilize funds from one of the grants we have been awarded which must be spent by December 11, 2017. After several phone conferences with our partner agencies, we are confident that we will spend down these funds totaling \$500,000 as awarded by CDBG by December 11th and that an extension to project completion of phase one will be granted.

As of Thursday, August 17, 2017 our bid packets were submitted electronically with hard copy mailed to NYS EFC - who coordinates a water grant; NYS OCR, who coordinates the CDBG Water System Grant; USDA RD, who coordinates the Rural Development Grant and the loan for the balance of the project funding; and NYS Department of Health for approval to proceed to go to bid. Once we have that approval and go to bid we have a required 3 week turnaround time

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Village Dog Park

About a year ago, one of the Village Board members brought up the idea of a Village Dog Park. The board discussed the feasibility with the thinking that this would be a welcome addition to our system of Village parks. Additionally, a dog park is an amenity that would be attractive to tourists who visit our Village. With a little brain storming, we were able to identify a location on Village property that is conducive to establishing the park.

Our Village crew has cleared and leveled a parcel of land behind the tennis courts off of South Street. A chain link fence will be installed in late September and the ground surface will be prepared with wood chips. We hope to have the Stamford Village Dog Park open for use sometime in October.

Please note that there will be a list of dog park rules posted. Rules will include:

Dog Park Rules

- Use park at your own risk



- Owners are legally responsible for the behavior of their dogs at all times
- Dogs must be leashed when entering and exiting the dog park
- Dog waste must be cleaned up by their owners IMMEDIATELY.
- Owners must be within the dog park and supervising their dog with leash readily available.
- Dog handlers must be at least 16 years of age.
- Children under the age of 13; must be accompanied by an adult and supervised at all times.
- Aggressive dogs must be removed immediately.
- Dogs should be under voice control.

Prohibited: Human and dog food and treats, Glass containers, Dogs in heat, Sick Dogs, Aggressive Dogs, Puppies under four months.

“Mutt Mitts” and garbage cans will be made available for park users to clean up after their dogs.

Respectfully Submitted, John J. Bonhotal.

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for contractors to submit proposals and for the Village to approve the bid. The earliest we can hope to put a shovel in the ground is likely to be in October provided that the construction firms selected are able to mobilize that quickly.

Our short term goal at this point is to have the East Side Project significantly underway by the end of the year with completion in the Spring of 2018. The East Side Project includes a new water main on South Delaware Street from the intersection of Village View to Buntline Drive, a short section of water main on Churchill Drive proximate to the Main Street intersection, a short section of water main on Kirkner Hill Road proximate

to the water tower, and most important, the footings and retaining ring for the new water tank by the end of the year, with the new tank erected and online sometime this spring. The demolition of the old tank will occur after the new tank is in service.

Once again, we appreciate your patience, please bear with us as we progress through this project.

Respectfully Submitted,
John J. Bonhotal

Village Clerk's Corner

Board Meetings

We have Village Board Meetings on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month. Anyone is welcome and encouraged to attend. We would love to have villagers attend the meetings to become better informed and to communicate with the Village Board Members!

Upcoming Meetings:

September 5th @ 7PM & 19th @ 7PM
October 3rd @ 7PM & 17th @ 7PM

Water & Sewer Bills

Please Remember that your Water and Sewer bills are considered utilities. Although we understand mail can get lost or misplaced, you are still responsible for making your payments on time so that there will be no interruption in your water service.

Leaf Removal

Please note that leaf vacuuming will begin as soon as enough people have gathered their leaves to the curbs. Let your neighbors know and start gathering your leaves!

Reminder:

Brush pick-up will be on Mondays and Thursdays (or as needed in the spring)

- Branches need to be 8' or less
- Paper Bags need to be 40 lbs. max weight

NO SOD OR ROCKS!

(If the branches are too long or the bags are too heavy, they will not be taken until problem is corrected.)

- Joseph Hornbeck, DPW Supervisor

Water & Sewer Bills Cont...

Below is the schedule for the bills, for the remainder of the 2017 calendar year.

SEWER

September 1, 2017
December 1, 2017

WATER

July 1, 2017
October 1, 2017

ZONING BOARD

Our zoning board is short two members. We would love to have people get involved. If you are interested in participating and joining the zoning board please contact Naikyemi Odedefaa at:

naikyemi@odedefaa.com

Snow Ordinance

Beginning December 1st, the village of Stamford's snow ordinance will go into effect. Any vehicle left parked on village streets, when a winter storm is forecasted, after 1AM until 7AM, will be ticketed and fined \$50.00, which will be issued with a \$100 fine for each subsequent ticket. If a second ticket is issued the vehicle will be towed and stored at the owner's expense on village property. If after one month any vehicle remains unclaimed, it will be sold at a Village auction. This ordinance will remain in effect until April 30th. It is the owner's responsibility to be aware of the weather!

- Joseph Hornbeck, DPW Supervisor

Do you need to update your contact information?

Name:

Number:

Address:

Email:

Please print clearly and send back to:

Village of Stamford

Gena Swantak

84 Main Street

Stamford, NY 12167



Village Crew Hours:

*[All water emergency calls should be directed to
Joe Hornbeck @ (607) 221-7411]*

June - August

Monday - Friday 6:00AM - 2:30PM

September - May

Monday - Friday 7:00AM - 3:30PM

Make your Water, Sewer, and Tax payments
on our Website at: www.stamfordny.com

Village Hall Hours:

Monday - Friday

9:00AM - 4:30PM

84 MAIN STREET, STAMFORD, NY 12167

OFFICE: 607-652-6671 FAX: 607-652-3567

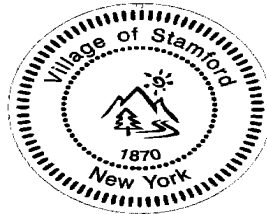
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*** Please be advised that our payment center does not work with Firefox Browser ***

Closed Holidays, Open Thru Lunchtime

(Payments can be left in the outside drop box at anytime!)

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