

TOWN OF AMSTERDAM TOWN BOARD

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT A MAP, PLAN AND REPORT FOR THE HARROWER SEWER DISTRICT AND TO SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING UNDER TOWN LAW ARTICLE 12-A

Whereas, the Town of Amsterdam received support from the Engineering Planning Grant (EPG) program of the NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC) and, with assistance from its designated engineer, an engineering report (ER) has been prepared; and

Whereas, the ER identifies a need for provision of public sanitary sewer service in certain areas of the Town, including in the Harrower Neighborhood, where the lack of public sewers, failing septic systems, and unfavorable soils and subsurface conditions present a potential threat to public health and to the environment, including North Chuctanunda Creek, in which there have been documented contaminants linked to discharges of untreated sanitary wastes; and

Whereas, the ER outlines a project, and provides a preliminary cost estimate, to install public sewers in the Harrower area that would ultimately direct sanitary waste to the City of Amsterdam's wastewater treatment plan, pursuant to an intermunicipal agreement between the Town and the City, as a means to address the aforesaid issues, and the Town intends to pursue grant funding in order to implement said project; and

Whereas, on December 11, 2024, the Town held an information session about the aforesaid Harrower area sewer project, notice of which was provided to owners of property involved in said project via certified US Mail, at which time said owners and members of the public were provided information by the Town's engineer about the project, and were invited to speak about the project and ask questions. The Town also received and addressed comments and other inquiries via phone and email; and

Whereas, in pursuit to said grant funding, and in order to address the identified need to provide public sewers to the Harrower area, the Town of Amsterdam has caused the preparation of a Map, Plan, and Report by an Engineer licensed in the State of New York, Delaware Engineering, DPC, which has been filed in the office of the Town Clerk and which provides the following required information:

- a) describes the boundaries of the proposed Harrower Sewer District and includes a list of tax parcels, which is attached hereto and made a part hereof;
- b) a general plan of improvements and description of facilities, including construction of a sewer collection and conveyance system in the Harrower neighborhood that would connect to a City of Amsterdam-owned sewer line that directs wastewater to the City's wastewater treatment plant;
- c) the maximum amount to be expended, which is estimated to be **\$7,225,280**;
- d) regulatory review requirements, including NYSDEC, NYSEFC, and NYSOSC approval;
- e) that there will not be additional fees charged for hooking-up, as the cost of plumbing connections to the sewer main shall be borne by each property owner individually when connected;
- f) the cost to the typical property, which is a single family home with an assessed value of \$11,600, is estimated to be **\$2,801.97** and to the average single-family home, is estimated to be **\$2,849.06**;

- g) method of financing the project is expected to include a combination of debt service, via subsidized loans, and grant funding from the Clean Water State Revolving Fund Water Infrastructure Improvement Act grant program and Water Quality Improvement Program (WQIP) funds, the receipt of which will substantially reduce the above-referenced cost to the typical property; and
- h) a statement of benefit assessment that all costs associated with a sewer district are to be borne by users in the Harrower Sewer District;

now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Amsterdam accepts the Map Plan and Report prepared by Delaware Engineering, DPC and dated [INSERT DATE] as having been prepared in conformance with Section 209-c of Town Law Article 12-A; and

be it further

RESOLVED, that the Map Plan and Report shall be available for public inspection at the office of the Town Clerk in 283 Manny Corners Rd, Amsterdam, NY 12010 during regular Town Hall business hours; and

be it further

RESOLVED, that a Public Hearing on the proposal to establish the Harrower Sewer District shall be conducted on Wednesday, March 19, 2025 at _____ PM at the Town of Amsterdam Town Hall, 283 Manny Corners Rd, Amsterdam, NY 12010.

Dated: February 19, 2025

Sponsored by:

Seconded by:

ADOPTED- -AYES- -NOES