

**PLANNING COMMITTEE & FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES**  
**TUESDAY, JULY 11, 2023, 7:00 PM**  
**COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
**HURLEY BUILDING, 205 SALTONSTALL STREET**  
**VIRTUAL: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84662898580>**  
**LIVE STREAM: <https://fingerlakestv.org/live/>**

Finance Committee: Steve Uebbing, Chair  
Ellen Polimeni  
Dan Unrath  
Thomas Lyon, via zoom

Other Councilmembers Present: Erich Dittmar  
Sim Covington  
Renee Sutton  
Karen White  
Mayor Palumbo

City Staff: John Goodwin, City Manager  
Shawna Bonshak, Assistant City Manager  
Nick Wood, Corporation Counsel

Chair Uebbing opened the meeting and welcomed members present. He asked the Ward Representatives to review the flooding impact in their Wards from the rain/flooding event that took place earlier this week that resulted in a State of Emergency. Councilmember Polimeni, who represents Ward 1, did not have as much rain as other areas. Water was gathered at the corner of Canandaigua Avenue and Moore, as the storm drains could not keep up with the water. Councilmember Unrath, who represents Ward 2, he has not heard from the Canandaigua Hotel, who did have some water issues, no swimming allowed at Kershaw Park and the Lagoon almost come over the edge but didn't. The water is very high but is receding. The Salvation Army is in the District and is helping residents affected. Chair Uebbing said that the Hotel did get water and had reached out to, City Manager Goodwin. Mr. Goodwin noted the conversation. Councilmember Karen White Ward 3, Bristol, West, Chapin, Clark, had significant flooding damage as well as flooding by the Parrish Street and some areas to Holiday Harbour. Councilmember Erich Dittmar Ward 4, only had a foot in his basement while others had about five feet of water. Neighbors helping each other with flooded basements and cars that have had significant damage. Many residents were without power. It's been a very challenging. Mr. Goodwin most of the damage is along Sucker Brook and the Airport reported 5.8 inches of rain that fell in three hours. Code officials around the regions helped in the assessment of the damage, the amount of help from across the region as well as the State has been incredible. He is very grateful for the help. The County has been running the disaster and Chris DeBolt and his team have been fantastic. Many of our residents have had significant damage from their flooded basements, which we will help pick up. We ask residents to help separate their waste, so we are able to collect it the right way and get it to the right place. We do not have target date yet and expecting this to take several weeks to clean up. 394-4560 is the non-emergency number, and if you need help removing and cleaning out basements, people have been volunteering to help. We know it will be a bit to clean all this help, which started today. Thanking the Town of Canandaigua and the County for their help with electronic waste clean up. Some homes are still without power and RGE and electricians are going house to house to review before getting turned back on. Chair Uebbing asked about FEMA help. Mr. Goodwin said that this event impacted us and affected others in the Hudson Valley, \$500,00 is the County threshold

and 35 million across the State. The Governor will have to ask the President to sign off and if it is declared we will help the public with the forms. Kershaw is not safe to swim so all the beaches are closed, we will continue to test the water and we ask those not to swim outside of the beach areas and is not safe due to bacteria levels. We strongly advise not to swim.

The Mayor said this started Sunday afternoon and thanked the City Emergency crew as it was record number of calls to the 911 Center. He thanked FEMA, all the Fire Department as well as all the involved departments, everyone working together. He spoke with all our representatives and there are programs that he has asked the Governor to help the City obtain for affected residents. He encourages all residents to keep track of every penny that is spent on clean up and every penny spent on anything that will go into replacing items, should aide become available. Chair Uebbing said that aide not a guarantee. The Mayor met with residents, and they all have different levels on insurance and that is concerning. He reminded residents not to use gas powered generators in their homes, outside of their homes for safety reasons. He told residents that there a lot of people who can help.

Mr. Goodwin said that residents need to document everything that they can, insurance comes first and Frank Magnera, Fire Chief has not slept yet, and they did a tremendous job and thanked City Staff for their hard as Mr. Goodwin was not in the area when this first happened. He thanked Shawna Bonshak, Assistant City Manager for all her hard work as well.

Chair Uebbing moved onto the meeting at hand.

Chair Uebbing welcomed, Thomas Gabriel, Assessment Control Clerk, who presented on the Senior Citizen Exemption. He discussed the exemption in detail and provided a recommendation to increase the maximum income limit. The City provides a property tax exemption in accordance with Real Property Tax Law section 467, to senior citizens with limited income. The senior citizens exemption was raised for the City in 2008 to \$28,899. Prior to that, the last revision was in 1995 raising the maximum to \$22,500. Chair Uebbing thanked Mr. Gabriel for his presentation. Councilmember Sutton thanked him as well and asked a few questions on the median income requirements and Mr. Gabriel said he would follow up with her on the answer. She also asked about disabled housing exemptions and Mr. Gabriel explained that there are only 2 – 3 applications. Councilmember Sutton thanked him for his presentation and said it was the most comprehensive presentation she has been a part of.

Chair Uebbing moved onto A Reassessment Discussion. City Assessor Tina Rados presented a full overview of reassessments in an effort to inform the City Council and general public ahead of a revaluation that will take place this fall for the 2024 City Assessment Roll. Ms. Rados said that her presentation will be on the City website for the public to view and learn from. Chair Uebbing encouraged residents to review her thorough work and explained how it is important for everyone to understand this process. Councilmember Polimeni said thanked Ms. Rados for her work and said that as a Professor, she teaches this apart of the local government class and thought this presentation really explains the process. Councilmember Unrath said that he appreciates that the process is as far as possible. Chair Uebbing discussed the motion that may be needed for the Senior Exemption, and Councilmember Sutton said it should go back to Ordinance. Chair Uebbing said it would be a continuing discussion.

Chair Uebbing moved on to the North Bloomfield Road discussion and asked Mr. Goodwin to review. Mr. Goodwin explained that the original plan for the North Bloomfield Road reconstruction included project administration costs being paid for via bond and included in the construction observation and inspection. Because the project was put on hold, a portion of the project administration is included in the final invoice for the engineering and design. A small budget amendment of \$8,717.75 from the Capital

Reserve to the Capital Fund to pay the final invoice. Councilmember Unrath motioned to approve the transfer, seconded by Councilmember Polimeni. Unanimously passed and carried onto full Council.

Chair Uebbing reviewed the Wholesale Water Agreement. Mr. Goodwin noted that the Towns have all been presented with the wholesale water agreement with the Towns of Canandaigua, Farmington, and Hopewell. The new proposed formula was developed to be fair to all parties and strengthen the partnership between the City and the Towns that purchase water while also ensuring that the short- and long-term capital needs of the Water Treatment Plant have the necessary funding. Mr. Goodwin noted that some tweaking may still happen and wanted to get the committee's feedback. Councilmember Polimeni asked how long the agreement will be? Mr. Goodwin said it will be for 25 years. She continued to ask if there were any stipulations on shortening the agreement. Mr. Goodwin said that page 2 of the agreement explained the protections till 2026 and the details around termination, should something happen, with a one-year notice to be given. Mr. Goodwin noted that changes around the 6 million gallons per day, which is the current cap, may need to change as well to potentially down to 4 million gallons. He noted that the agreement was written by himself with legal council and DPW and substantial changes has been made since in initial draft. Councilmember Polimeni asked if the Watershed has review and Mr. Goodwin said that they had not. The Mayor asked about a case scenario how a water main break in one of the towns would be billed through their meter and Mr. Goodwin said yes. Councilmember Unrath asked about the intake pipe and Mr. Goodwin noted that the City has one pipe and part of the reason to add the protections to capital as the plan outlines is should something happen, we would have the funds to cover any need. Councilmember Unrath motioned to approved the agreement and send it onto full Council, seconded by Councilmember Polimeni. Unanimously passed and carried.

Chair Uebbing reviewed the Maintenance Agreement with EMS. Mr. Goodwin met with Matt Sproul, Chief, Canandaigua Emergency Squad. Canandaigua Emergency Squad is in a secure position but does struggle to find reasonably priced repair and service opportunities relative to vehicle maintenance. In the past, the City has had fuel service agreements with the agency. EMS has a fleet of 15 ambulances and other smaller vehicles and proposed that the City provide labor equipment and necessary supervision to perform vehicle maintenance for the Emergency Squad. Councilmember Polimeni motioned to approve the agreement, seconded by Councilmember Unrath. Unanimously passed and carried onto full Council.

Councilmember Polimeni motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilmember Unrath. Unanimously passed and carried.

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Absent: Thomas Lyon, Chair

Councilmember Uebbing opened the meeting for the absent Chair Lyon due to illness. He reviewed the YMCA Special Event. The YMCA has requested a Special Event permit for their “end of an era” party on July 31<sup>st</sup>. They are requesting to have Atwater Place shut down for food vendors and will be using the county park and their parking lots for special activities. Mr. Goodwin said that this event is similar to a block party event. Councilmember Unrath motioned to approve the event, seconded by Councilmember Polimeni. Unanimously passed and carried.

Councilmember Polimeni motioned to adjourn to Executive Session needed to discuss pending litigation and lease of real property, seconded by Councilmember Unrath. Unanimously passed and carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.

*Next Meeting: August 1, 2023*