

**LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF FRIENDSHIP
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that pursuant to New York State Town Law Section 202-b, a public hearing will be held before the Town Board of the Town of Friendship, on the 17th day of August, 2022, at 6:00 p.m., at the Friendship Bingo Hall, located at 6 East Main Street, Friendship, New York, to consider proposed improvements to the Town of Friendship Sewer District.

Pursuant to a Map, Plan and Report prepared by Barton and Loguidice, Engineers, the proposed improvements to the Friendship Sewer District. The Town of Friendship owns and operates a Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) and sanitary sewer collection system. While the collection system continues to operate in a generally sound manner, multiple components of the WWTP show age-related deterioration and are in need of significant upgrades. Additionally, a Notice of Significant Non-Compliance for Ammonia Nitrogen discharge was issued to the Town by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in April 2020. In order to extend the life and long-term sustainability of its sanitary sewer system and improve treatment capabilities, the proposed project includes upgrades and rehabilitation to the current WWTP and collection system. Improvements are projected to generally include the replacement of the existing comminutor with a new headworks, construction/rehabilitation of the biological treatment process, new/rehab of the effluent disinfection system, and improvements to the sludge handling/disposal system. Collection system improvements include CIP pipe lining, sewer main replacement, and manhole rehabilitation.

The Town has determined that the cost of such improvements to individual users will be assessed upon a benefit basis.

The Map, Plan and Report under consideration by the Town Board shows that the estimated total cost of the proposed new improvements will be Eight Million Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$8,200,000.00).

All residents and property owners of the aforesaid Friendship Sewer District of the Town of Friendship may attend and be heard on the matters related to the proposed increase of the maximum amount to be expended on such improvements. Copies of the proposed Map, Plan and Report, showing the proposed improvements are available for review at the Town of Friendship Town Hall, located at 4 East Main Street, Friendship, New York 14739.

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**Patricia Schurr, Town Clerk
Town of Friendship**