

Town of Tupper Lake Water and Sewer District Consolidation Study

What Exists: Water & Sewer Local Laws & Regulations
4/13/2017



Typical Water & Sewer Local Laws/Agreements

- Intermunicipal Agreement (IMA)
- Sewer Use Law
- Water Law
- Water Connection Protocol for Homeowners/Contractors
- Sewer Connection Protocol for Homeowners/Contractors
- Contractor Qualification Requirements

Village/Town IMA for W/S Districts

- Existing IMA executed 9/1/05, updated from 9/10/01 agreement
 - Scope includes Village providing W/WW treatment from their facilities, Village providing operation and maintenance of Town systems
 - Village overseeing new service connection
 - Village billing Town customers for service
 - Term is 30 years; expires 9/1/35

Village/Town IMA for W/S Districts

- Issue: Existing agreement is dated and does not fully describe current arrangement between Village and Town
- Recommendation:
 - Review/update all existing terms/language
 - Incorporate Hand written additions on Village Copy
 - Water District #27 added Adirondack Preserve (Big Tupper)
 - Sewer District #1, Ext. 3 added “Becky Ave – Mark ?

DISTRICT NUMBER	EXTENSION	LOCATION
1		Broad St. Stetson Rd, Sunset Ave, Becky Ave. and Boushie Ave.
1	#3	BECKY AVE - MARK DWELLER

Town Sewer Use Law

Issue

- The Town does not have a Sewer Use Law that governs all its districts
- IMA suggests that Town customers must follow Village's law

Recommendation:

- Review existing Village Sewer Use Laws and update to ensure compliance with current requirements (SPDES permit, stormwater interconnection issues, etc.)
- Draft new Townwide Sewer Use
 - Law will supercede any prior resolutions, requirements noted in district formation documents, etc.

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- Draft new Townwide Water Use
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Town Connection Protocol for Homeowners/Contractors

Issue

- The Town and Village do not have a single document to provide to homeowners or contractors that detail the approval process for new connections
- Having this protocol will help ensure consistency and that new connections are done in accordance with the Village/Town requirements, that connection fees will be collected to cover expense, and that new services are properly documented

Recommendation:

- Draft new connection protocol

Contractor Qualifications

Issue

- Absent Town requirements for qualified vendors to install infrastructure, new W/S construction may not meet standards

Recommendation

- Consider establishing protocol to ensure only qualified contractors perform work on Town water/sewer system

Other Issues: Sewer Grinder Pumps

Issue

- Ownership and maintenance responsibility for GPs is not consistent, or well documented

Recommendation

- Consider standardizing ownership and maintenance responsibility for GPs and lateral piping from GP to sewer main as Town's responsibility
- Consider standardizing on the make/model of GPs to ensure all future connections are similar
- Town should have spare parts/pumps available and consider annual preventative maintenance test/inspection

Next Steps

- Summarize results of “What Exists” phase of Study in written report for May 11th meeting
- Portion of Executive Summary can be included in Press Release to inform public of progress to date
- Begin process of evaluating impacts Alternatives June 8th

Questions or Comments?



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