

WATER & SEWER DISSOLUTION PLAN

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The Village of Seneca Falls Water and Sewer Department operates the Water and Wastewater Treatment plants which service six areas in the village and town of Seneca Falls. These six areas are:

1. Village of Seneca Falls
2. Village of Seneca Falls Permissive Service Area
3. Town of Seneca Falls North and South Water District
4. West Seneca Falls Water and Sewer Districts
5. Bridgeport Sewer District
6. Cayuga Lake Water District #3

The Department is staffed with the following personnel:

1. Superintendent (.9FTE)
2. Deputy Superintendent (.5FTE)
3. 4 FTE Water/Sewer Maintenance Employees
4. 4 FTE Treatment Plant Operators
5. .75 FTE (PT) Treatment Plant Operator (Vacant)
6. 1 FTE Maintenance mechanic
7. 2.2 FTE Administrative Support

The Superintendent and Deputy Superintendent also oversee the street department.

The water and sewer departments are completely funded by the water and sewer fees paid by its users. The budget is self contained and adds nothing to the village budget.

Therefore, there is no tax burden associated with the department. Also all bonds and debts are being paid by the users.

The water and sewer department has its own equipment.

Should the village vote for dissolution, it is recommended the town assumes ownership of the water and sewer department and the six water and sewer districts.

The committee recommends the following process for the transfer of personnel. The .75 PT operator would be eliminated. The Superintendent position would become a full time position in the water and sewer department. The Deputy Superintendent position would become a full time position with water and sewer and would assume some plant operational

responsibilities. The combined impact on FTE's by adding the Superintendent's .1 and adding the Deputy Superintendent's .5 and eliminating the .75 part time operator results in a .15 reduction in FTE's. The transfer of personnel in this manner would have a minimal impact on the salary structure of the department.

All other personnel would transfer in their current positions.

Proceeding in this manner will insure institutional knowledge and current certifications are continued.

All equipment associated with the water and sewer department would also transfer to the town.

This transfer would be at no additional cost to the town, since its budget would continue to be self contained. The department would continue to be funded by the water and sewer rates. The transfer would not increase the work load on the department since it is currently servicing the village and town. The town would continue to use the present village water and sewer codes, which includes the continuation of the water and sewer commission.

During the transition period, after the dissolution vote, the town should use the time to review the water and sewer rates to develop a new rate structure for all users. The bonds and debt would continue to be paid for by the users.