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AMENIA WASTEWATER COMMITTEE

Public Meeting Thursday, April 13, 2023, 6:00PM – Amenia Town Hall

MINUTES – APPROVED

Present: Charlie Miller, Jim Wright, Paul Winters, Brad Rebillard (TBL), John Stewart

Absent: Bill Flood, Shannon Roback

Review and approval of April 6 minutes postponed until next meeting

Engineering. Jim spoke to Brent Kovalchik retired deputy mayor of Red Hook about their experience with C.T. Male and Jim McCarthy in Pawling about LaBerge. Although Male got a positive report so did LaBerge, and they will not only do a great engineering job but will be more helpful with grant writing, including targeting the right place to apply for grants. It was MVP to hire LaBerge. Jim pointed out that because of his experience in part as vice mayor of Red Hook for many years Brent will be a great personal resource to help steer us through our process.

HVA proposal. They seem to be the only firm around that does the water testing we require, although it is possible that they will test only where they manage. They test, collect samples and write reports. They choose locations and test for nitrogen and e coli. If these substances are above acceptable levels we will have access to more state and county money. MVP to hire them.

Charlie mentioned that we are already on the IUP (Intended Use Plan) and do not need to re-apply.

A door-to-door effort will be organized: Leo and Charlie will do Lake Amenia Road and Paul will do Railroad as he knows most of the inhabitants. At this point we will go with the financial estimate we have, although there will be possible changes.

At the next meeting we will examine proposals from 2 or 3 law firms – our project is a very narrow specialty demanding experience and expertise.

Next meeting: Thursday, May 4 @ 6

Respectfully submitted,

John Stewart (Secretary)