

York Town Board Meeting
February 13th, 2024
7:00 p.m.

Present: Supervisor Gerald L. Deming, Council Members: Frank Rose Jr., Amos Smith, Jason Swede and Lynn Parnell

Absent: None

Others: James Campbell (Town Attorney), Ben Gajewski (G.V. Conservancy), Dennis House, Davies Nagel, David Dermody, Stephen Hint, Andrew Walton, Dustin Geiger, George Worden Jr. (Highway Supt), Becky Lewis, Celia Lewis, Carl Peter (Zoning/Code Officer), Emily Conable, Kirk Richenberg, Tim Boyle (York Travel Center) and Henry Fuller.

Supervisor Deming opened the Town Board meeting at 7:00 p.m. welcoming back to the Board Mrs. Parnell and invited her to lead in the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES:

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Swede and seconded by Mr. Smith to approve the minutes of the January 9th Town Board meeting. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

BILLS:

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. Rose to approve all claims brought before the Board. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

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| • General Fund Claim | # 27-63 | \$ 576,374.79 |
| • Consolidated Water/Sewer | # 15-42 | \$ 500,131.53 |
| • Highway Fund | # 10-43 | \$ 54,504.15 |
| • Youth Fund | # 2-3 | \$ 180.00 |

Supervisor Deming reported that the invoice for the new salt barn is included in this month's claims in the amount of \$312,019.00. Mr. Deming stated that it would be his intention to use the remaining ARPA funds (\$192, 802.10) and some Solar funds (\$119, 216.90) to pay for the salt barn if the Board agrees.

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mrs. Parnell to designate \$192,802.10 from the remaining ARPA funds and \$119,216.90 from Solar funds to pay for the Highway Department Salt Barn. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

*Supervisor Deming stated we will now have a total of \$420,783.10 remaining in Solar funds

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR:

1) York Travel Center-Tim Boyle:

Mr. Boyle asked to speak with the Board this evening regarding a request for a Certificate of Occupancy (C of O) to be issued for the York Travel Center. Mr. Boyle indicated that the developer has an outstanding notice of violation with the DEC that they are currently working on to try to rectify. Mr. Boyle stated that they conducted the 1st of four tests today, where it did not perk, and based on the soil in this area, he expects the other three to be the same. These tests will determine what additional stormwater mitigation measures the DEC may require. DEC has given the travel Center 75 days to submit an acceptable engineered resolution and to make whatever site improvements may be necessary to rectify the matter. The owners have purchased a parking lot sweeper and oil/contaminate collection measures to assist temporarily until a more permanent solution is made and approved by DEC. Mr. Boyle commented that he hopes to have a remedy in 30 days, but they do have 75. A notice from the NYSDEC is taken very seriously and will certainly be resolved.

Mr. Boyle stated that the temporary permit from DEC runs from February 15th-May 29th, if a resolution is not in place by May 29th, the DEC may issue a \$37,000 per day fine, so they do not have a choice in rectifying the matter in the time frame they have been provided. Mr. Boyle stated that open conversations on options need to take place about a fix to the situation and with the potential fines they have a huge incentive to resolve the issue with DEC. Mr. Boyle expressed the reason he is here this evening is to ask of the Town Board a Temporary C of O to open the building.

Supervisor Deming inquired what would happen if the Board should grant the Temporary C of O and the May deadline comes and you still have the issue?

Mr. Boyle answered that DEC could extend the temporary permit or we would have to pay the fine. Ultimately, the final conditions must be met.

Councilman Swede asked what the ultimate fix could be?

Mr. Boyle replied if the property perks, we will be required to line the pond, which is roughly a cost of \$40,000 and put in an oil separator (\$15,000). Worst case, we may be looking at \$60,000. Mr. Boyle added that the entire ownership team has not cut any corners on this project and will continue to operate that way. The engineers are well respected. With the greater than 5-acre disturbance, we will comply with whatever DEC asks of us, so we can get the needed Waiver Letter and satisfy the Notice of Violation. We were hoping for a soft opening on Thursday February 15th if possible.

Councilman Smith asked, providing it opens and the matter is not resolved how does the Town step in at that point?

Mr. Boyle replied DEC will either grant a further extension or we will be dealing with a fine. Tomorrow we will know which way to go once we know if it perks.

Councilman Smith continued by saying, Mr. Boyle has to understand the situation he is putting the Town Board in. This project had opinions pro & con early on, and now if the Town grants a Temporary C of O and you are not in compliance within the 75 days, it puts us in a difficult position.

Mr. Boyle answered that the Travel Center is absolutely in compliance with what DEC has asked thus far, otherwise they wouldn't have signed off on a Temporary C of O.

Attorney Campbell commented that the Travel Center has received a letter from DEC that approves of temporary measures that will allow it to begin commercial operations from the standpoint of the DEC. Part of the difficulty is if the Town allows them to open with a Temporary C of O and then tries to shut them down if May 29th comes and goes without a final solution acceptable to DEC, that would be very difficult. In such situation DEC may fine them, but the Town has no say over whether a fine is levied by DEC. Mr. Campbell added that he feels it is critical that a Hold Harmless and Indemnity Agreement is signed, as well as the developer paying an amount of money to be held in escrow by the Town, so that the Town may impose and be paid a civil penalty for each day past May 29th, or any extension granted by the DEC, until the Notice of Violation is remedied to the satisfaction of the DEC. Mr. Campbell suggested a figure \$60,000.00 cash payment to the Town, which will be fully returned if the developer satisfied the DEC on or before May 29th. Attorney Campbell stated in order to render a Temporary C of O, you need to make sure the Town is covered. Mr. Boyle stated, in regards to Tim Horton's, the soft opening is tentatively scheduled for February 15th & the store itself, March 1st.

*Mr. Boyle added, despite the concern of the DEC and the outstanding violation, the issue of a potential spill at the fueling islands, which may come from overfilling of vehicles or damage at the pump, are worse case scenarios. In his opinion, he feels there is no significant risk.

Councilman Rose stated from what he read in the project documents, any discharge from the retention ponds is protected from going into the streams.

Mr. Boyle replied it is built to contain any spills from the dispensing equipment and pointed out once again that with DEC's Temporary C of O, they do not have an issue allowing the Travel Center to open until the violation is resolved.

Councilman Swede commented that the Town certainly needs to make sure we are protected, which Attorney Campbell agreed and stated once again the need to have a Hold Harmless and Indemnity Agreement.

Councilman Smith inquired if the size of the retention ponds is sufficient? Mr. Boyle replied that it is absolutely sufficient and added that they will know more tomorrow on how they will need to proceed. We do not have a choice in how the DEC wants us to rectify the matter, but a solution must be met.

Mr. Boyle commented that he does not have an issue with the Board requiring a Hold Harmless and Indemnity Agreement but does not want to go back to the owners to ask for \$60,000.00 escrow payment.

Councilman Smith stated if the current problem gets fixed then no money will be needed.

Zoning & Code Officer, Mr. Peter commented that the building itself is fine, but the menu sign still needs to be installed and the ladder leaning against the building removed.

Attorney Campbell stated that the matter for the Board is to decide whether to grant a Temporary Certificate of Occupancy from February 15th – May 29th.

Mr. Boyle stated once again the hope of opening this week for Tim Horton's and the store, on March 1st.

Becky Lewis asked, if the perk test is tomorrow, why not wait until that has been completed to make a decision.

Mr. Boyle replied that the engineer feels that it won't perk, but the goal is to get the store open. Mr. Boyle is asking the Town Board for a Conditional C of O for the whole store and stated he will know more after tomorrow what path they will be taking. Mr. Boyle added that currently there is no merchandise in the store, the focus is to get Tim Horton's open first to start generating some revenue. Mr. Boyle stated chances are if it perks we may still need a liner, which will take more time to complete, and added it is his job to get us in complete compliance with DEC.

Mr. Peter stated once again the building itself is ready, just remove the ladder in the drive- thru area, and if the Town Board is comfortable, he is as well.

Attorney Campbell read aloud the DEC document outlining their conditions and wording for their approval of a Temporary C of O.

Mr. Boyle stated the owners will do whatever is necessary to comply, they are not going to ruin their reputation by cutting corners.

Supervisor Deming asked the Board how they wish to proceed: Councilmen Smith stated that we do not want to be unreasonable but want to make sure the Town is covered.

Councilman Swede commented we can approve a Temporary C of O for the building, and perhaps at our next meeting in March approval for the gas.

Attorney Campbell suggested approval of a Temporary C of O pending a fully executed Hold Harmless and Indemnity Agreement, allowing the store to open, but waiting on approval for the gas.

Mr. Boyle replied that the Town does have a letter from DEC stating that they are fine with approval until May 29th. We have practical complications to deal with, which we will deal with otherwise it comes with tremendous ramifications.

Supervisor Deming asked, if we issue a Temporary C of O now until May 29th, is there any chance an agreement won't be completed?

Mr. Boyle stressed once again, we have no choice but to remedy the situation or fines will take place.

Supervisor Deming asked the Board if they feel comfortable granting a Temporary Certificate of Occupancy.

Councilwoman Parnell stated she would approve the Temporary C of O but questioned where the \$60,000 escrow comes into play.

Attorney Campbell answered if there is no extension from DEC money would be in an account for the town, to issue civil penalties for each day past either May 29th or any extension granted by the DEC, until the matter has been permanently resolved with the DEC.

Councilmen Smith, Swede and Rose all stated they would approve the Temporary C of O.

Supervisor Deming agreed as well to approve the Temporary C of O.

Mr. Boyle stated they will not pass the deadline and pay the hefty fine(s). We will have a solution within the next 30 days. The only reason for an extension may be due to the weather, if we should receive a great deal of snow.

Supervisor Deming asked the Board their thoughts on whether or not to require an escrow account to be set up with an amount of \$60,000 payment from the Travel Center to be used for civil penalties if the developer does not comply with the DEC. After some discussion:

Councilwoman Lynn Parnell stated Yes, we should require the escrow payment
Councilman Amos Smith stated No, we should not require the escrow payment
Councilman Jason Swede stated Yes, we should require the escrow payment
Councilman Frank Rose stated No, we should not require the escrow payment

Supervisor Deming stated No, we should not require the escrow payment based upon the documentation in DEC's letter, a resolution will take place or the Travel Center will encounter huge fines from DEC directly.

TEMPORARY C of O

Resolution offered by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. Swede to issue a Temporary Certificate of Occupancy to the York Travel Center provided that the developer sign and deliver a Hold Harmless and Indemnity Agreement, for a period of February 15th – May 31st, 2024, that is satisfactory to the Town Attorney. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

Attorney Campbell confirmed that NYS DEC documents reflect May 31st, 2024 as the deadline date, not May 29th.

Supervisor Deming asked Zoning/Code officer, Mr. Peter if he is comfortable with the Town Board's decision. Mr. Peter replied he is and if the situation is resolved by May 31st, then a Permanent C of O will take place thereafter. DEC does have the authority to extend the Temporary C of O though.

Mr. Boyle thanked the Board for allowing him to speak this evening and for their decision.

2) Kirk Richenberg

Mr. Richenberg asked to speak with the Board this evening on G. V. Conservancy, solar funds and water questions:

Q – Any Town Board member know what the Little Italy Nature Preserve is? Supervisor Deming replied that he did read the information that was given to us that is on file at the Livingston County Clerk's office but questioned the actual location because it did not have a specific location or tax map number to fully describe.

Q – What is the purpose of the filing? And I too question the location? Just a point of clarification, is Little Italy & Little Italy Nature Preserve Inc. the same thing and what was the reasoning for the filing? There are not any addresses or maps to verify.

Davies Nagel replied the document was filed by owner Mark Occhioni as an attempt to try and protect and preserve the 70 acres of land. The address/maps are on the website and Facebook pages, fully describing the area.

Supervisor Deming questioned when filing with County, why were no maps included, usually that is part of the filing document.

Q – Mr. Richenberg questioned what is being proposed, Little Italy or the Nature Preserve?

Attorney Campbell spoke to the fact that the owner(s) may have formed the Corporation to do a non-for-profit in order to protect and preserve the property long-term, but due to the lengthy red tape that always happens, it may have stalled in going further.

Mr. Nagel responded that Mr. Campbell is correct, the process became lengthy, and Mr. Occhioni did not go further with it.

Comment from Richenberg: In the letter submitted to the Board for the January 9th meeting you stated the challenges involved with transferring this property. The challenges faced by private individuals should not be the responsibility of the public and use public funds. It is unfortunate that the property was not able to obtain grant funding but that is not the responsibility of the taxpayers to utilize those funds.

Q – At the end of Spring Street, there is a sign on Little Italy, which is not inclusive of Dave’s property?

Mr. Nagel responded that we are doing the entire 70 acres. It is where the path was originally from the miners. We will have two different entrances and two different trailheads.

Q – Is there a guarantee it will be used for the same purpose going forward?

Mr. Gajewski replied it is certainly the intention of the Conservancy to secure this area. Becky Lewis added that there are emails confirming their intentions to just that.

Comment from Mr. Richenberg: It seems as though the majority of the support letters received by the town were generated by the Genesee Valley Conservancy. I am not in favor of the Board giving public funds, this will set a precedent going forward.

Q- What is the status of water pump on Flats Road?

Supervisor Deming replied that NYSDEC and the Attorney General’s office have conducted their review and stated they will have an answer by the end of the month.

Q – How Long have we known about the voltage problem?

Mr. Worden responded as far back as 2008.

Mr. Richenberg stated that this issue has gone on too long.

Supervisor Deming answered that it has gone on for a long time due to the costs involved to rectify, we attempted a number of times to obtain grant funding to assist in the matter but have yet to obtain any funding.

Q- Regarding the solar funds, has the developer agreed to anything like the other 2 projects pertaining to reduction of electric bills?

Supervisor Deming replied yes, there will be a reduction. Roughly \$2.19 per household. White Creek initially wanted to take \$500 per MW from our Host Agreement in order to use for the reduction of the electric bills, which we were not in agreement over, and White Creek eventually dropped the matter.

Attorney Campbell added that White Creek has agreed to a one-time payment of \$150,000 (split between the 3 fire companies) for emergency services purposes for equipment needs.

Comment from Mr. Richenberg- Over the years, the Town has spent money on Local Laws and Attorney fees for solar regulations that meant nothing. The solar companies say they are going to comply but ultimately, they may not have to.

Supervisor Deming and Councilman Smith stated that they disagree that the local laws were not worth the effort. The laws we have in place have been a benefit to us in this process.

Comment from Mr. Richenberg: The only ones that win are the lawyers.

3)D. Nagel/B. Gajewski-Little Italy:

Mr. Nagel reviewed with the Board the attached flyer:



SAVE!

Little Italy

Retsof, NY



For approximately 20 years the Little Italy Nature Preserve has provided the students of York Central and SUNY Geneseo, as well as the local population, an opportunity to observe and study a unique area. Once the home of the Senecas and the early salt mine workers, the area has now become an oasis for the natural world.



In order to keep these opportunities available to our community, a decision was made to move this area from private ownership to the stewardship of the Genesee Valley Conservancy. Below is the current proposed budget to make that happen.

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| 1. Land donations made: (~55 acres) & (~12 acres): | \$134,000 |
| 2. Funding needed: | |
| - Transfer Costs (survey, attorney, title): | \$ 11,000 |
| - Endowment to cover annual costs of \$1,150 (monitoring preserve, insurance; based on an annual withdraw rate of 3%): | \$ 40,000 |
| Total Needed | \$ 51,000 |



The Town of York currently has \$540,000 from solar projects set aside to be used for community benefit funds. Our proposal is to use a portion of that to pay the funding needed to permanently protect and preserve Little Italy for our future generations.

Your support would help make the case as the Town weighs this community investment on **Feb 13th**. Please email or write to the Conservancy so your voice can be shared with the York Town Board: Genesee Valley Conservancy, PO Box 73, Geneseo NY 14453 or john@geneseevalleyconservancy.org

Thank you for your consideration to help **SAVE** Little Italy! Dave Nagel, LINP



Genesee Valley Conservancy

Supervisor Gerald L. Deming
Deputy Supervisor Frank Rose Jr.
Councilman Amos Smith
Councilman Jason Swede
Councilman Norman Gates

To the York Town Board:

Please accept these letters of support of the proposed Italy Valley Nature Preserve.

We have enclosed three summaries for your convenience.

Summary A includes individuals who wrote their own letter of support on behalf of the project.

Summary B includes a list of respondents who are property owners within 2,000 feet of either the Nagle or Occhioni property.

Summary C includes individuals who signed our letter of support posted on our website between January 31 and February 8, 2024.

We appreciate your consideration.

Ben Gajewski,
Executive Director

To protect the habitat, open space, and farmland of the Genesee Valley region.

www.GeneseeValleyConservancy.org
PO Box 73 One Main Street, Genesee NY 14454
585-243-2190



Summary A – Letters written in support of the Little Italy Preservation Project

| Person | Address |
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| Holly Watson, Livingston County Historian | 5 Murray Hill Drive, Mount Morris |
| Glenda Van Ry, York-Leicester Kiwanis | 3175 Center Street, Piffard |
| Ned and Martha Edmonds | 2999 Mount Pleasant Road, Piffard |
| Marta and Vince Burroughs | 3500 Main Street, Piffard |
| Anne B. Hasler | 2829 Chandler Road, Piffard |
| Glenda Van Ry | 3175 Center Street, Piffard |
| Heather Nagel | 3558 Main Street, Piffard |
| Frederick Nagel | 8 Clay Court, Rhinebeck, NY |
| Gary Gaskin | 98 Chestnut Ridge Road, Rochester |

Summary B – Neighbors supporting the Little Italy Preservation Project

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| Joe Bucci, Jr. | 3667 Genesee Street, Piffard |
| Alan S. Cole | 2621 Genesee Street, Piffard |
| Nicholas Gianforti | 2589 Genesee Street, Piffard |
| Richard Brock | 3802 Main Street, Wadsworth |
| Mark J. Occhioni | 2408 Peoria Road, Leicester |
| Kurt Schneider | 3615 Retsof Road, Retsof |
| David M. Boughton, Sr. | 3581 Main Street, Piffard |

Summary C – Signed letter of support at www.geneseevalleyconservancy.org/save-little-italy

York Residents

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| Deborah Cisco | 3706 Tuttle Road, Piffard |
| Linda Bracchi | 3182 North Road, Piffard |
| Kathy Cunningham | 2817 Genesee Street, Piffard |
| Ashley and Timothy Clark | 2876 York Road East, Piffard |
| Donna Brian | 3801 Main Street, Piffard |
| Kylie Dries | 2543 Cowan Road, Piffard |
| Leah Vitale | 3176 Center Street, Piffard |
| John Cunningham | 2817 Genesee Street, Piffard |
| Stephanie Smith | 2114 York Rd West, Linwood |
| Gerald and Barbara Ayers | 2021 Linwood Road, Linwood |
| Rebecca Lewis and Roger Bruce | 1980 York Road West, Linwood |
| Lynn Tiede | 2302 Federal Road, Linwood |
| Anne Roth-Blizzard | 1891 Limerick Road, Linwood |
| Steve Carroll | 2786 Retsof Ave, Retsof |
| Jill Foote | 3442 Retsof Road, Retsof |
| Lynn Copeland | PO Box 83, York |

Livingston County Residents

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| Mariann George | 15 South Ave, Avon |
| Melissa Englert | 3301 Fowlerville Road, Caledonia |
| Monica Schillinger | 6944 Stagecoach Road, Conesus |
| Charleen Crump-Nesbitt | 63 Second Street, Geneseo |
| Shari DeTar | 5416 Upper Mount Morris Road, Leicester |
| Monica Kingston | 2202 Leicester Road, Leicester |
| Robert Ellis | 39 York Road, Leicester |
| Madeline Friedler | 42 South Street, Leicester |
| Marcia Sanford | 4855 River Road, Leicester |
| Renee Parks | 8 Oak Manor, Leicester |
| Cody Hamilton | 5175 South Street, Leicester |
| Cindy Parker | 2820 Jones Bridge Road, Mount Morris |
| Conrad Baker | 5102 Geneseo Mt Morris Rd, Mount Morris |
| Lisa Semmel | 5268 Wheelock Road, Mount Morris |
| Regina James | 9168 Oakland Road, Nunda |

Beyond Livingston County

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| Karen Snyder | 25 Randy Dr, Akron, |
| Conable Emily | 6853 Club Road, Perry |
| Linda Maurer | 213 71st Street, Niagara Falls |
| Rosemary McEwen | 354 Canfield Rd, Pittsford |
| Jill Gussow | 153 Averill Ave, Rochester |

Letter of Support from www.geneseevalleyconservancy.org/save-little-italy

Genesee Valley Conservancy
PO Box 73
Geneseo, NY 14454

RE: Establishing a Permanent Nature Preserve at Little Italy in York

I am writing to express my support to make the protection of and access to the Little Italy Nature Preserve permanent.

Little Italy is convenient, safe, and an amazing outdoor classroom near our school.

Town residents will continue to enjoy the property as we bring in an established local not-for-profit with experience in preserve management.

I support the Town Board using Solar Community Benefit Funds to transfer these lands to the Genesee Valley Conservancy and make Little Italy permanently accessible to the public.

Thank you for your time and considering my request.



LIVINGSTON COUNTY HISTORIAN'S OFFICE
HOLLY WATSON, COUNTY HISTORIAN
5 Murray Hill Drive, Mount Morris, New York 14510
Phone: (585) 243-7955 | Email: Historian@co.livingston.ny.us
Website: LivingstonCounty.us/162/County-Historian

January 22, 2024

This is a letter supporting a portion of the Town of York's solar community benefit fund to be applied toward the Genesee Valley Conservancy's acquisition of the Little Italy property.

Little Italy is a unique site in Livingston County. As the remnants of a company town associated with the former Retsof salt mine, the site illustrates the significance of salt mining as an industry in York and the Genesee Valley. Little Italy connects salt mining's beginnings and regional growth to the thriving industry that continues today with American Rock Salt in Groveland, currently the largest active salt mine in the United States.

The people who once occupied the homes in Little Italy were mainly immigrants from Italy who worked in the salt mine and railroad industry from the late 1880s until the first quarter of the twentieth century. Their hard work made these major industries possible, and many of their descendants proudly continue to live in the Genesee Valley today. The families at Little Italy also contributed by opening other businesses in the York area and establishing cultural legacies, such as the locally famous Retsof pepper. The Retsof pepper traces its origins back to Little Italy and is still widely grown today as an important heritage vegetable.

Thanks to its longtime private caretakers, Little Italy has been preserved as a historic and natural site. Though the homes no longer stand, the cellar holes and some artifacts of life in the village remain as vital educational tools. The public can also enjoy the site as a trail, affording a chance to get outside and explore wildlife. These existing attributes are a wonderful foundation for further work by the Genesee Valley Conservancy. The Town of York is fortunate to have such a historically significant site within its boundaries. As part of increasing its residents' educational and recreational opportunities, I support the Town of York allotting funds from its solar community benefit fund to assist with the preservation and interpretation of Little Italy.

If you have any questions regarding Little Italy, please feel free to reach out to this office.

Warmly,

Holly C. Watson
Livingston County Historian

**50th Anniversary
June 2017**



**York-Leicester
Kiwanis Club**

Town Board of York
c/o Supervisor Gerald Deming
2668 Main Street
P.O. Box 187
York, New York 14592-0187

February 5, 2024

Dear Board:

I am writing on behalf of York-Leicester Kiwanis Club to express Y-LK's support of making permanent the protection of and access to the area known as Little Italy. As you know, Y-LK is the local branch of the global service organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world one child and one community at a time. The owners' voluntary donation of the Little Italy land to the Genesee Valley Conservancy (GVC) provides an opportunity for meaningful change in our own backyard. What is now needed is for the Town Board to lend its support.

Through the years, Little Italy area has proven itself to be a valuable classroom site within walking distance from York Central School. In addition, it has long-served as a destination for local historians. Passing the land into the experienced hands of the GVC would protect and enhance the true value of the site for years to come.

Therefore, Y-LK supports the proposal for the Town of York's Board to make a one-time allocation of \$51,000 from the Solar Community Benefit Funds to cover the land transfer costs and to provide funds for the establishment of an endowment for future annual expenses.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Glenda VanRy'.

Glenda VanRy, Pres., Y-LK Foundation, P.O. Box 507, Piffard, NY 14533-0507

cc: Genesee Valley Conservancy, P.O. Box 73, Geneseo, NY 14454-0073

Little Italy

Edward Edmonds <nededmonds@gmail.com>

Sat 1/20/2024 10:10 AM

To: John Rutigliano <john@geneseevalleyconservancy.org>

Hi John,

I've just read Davies Nagel's article in the Livingston County News about funding the Little Italy conservancy project.

Little Italy is one of our favorite places to hike and we often recommend it to friends. We are surprised when people have never heard of it - don't know it's there and don't know its history.

With all the money coming in from the solar projects, it would seem to us to be a no-brainer to invest a good amount of that money in a York nature preserve. And Little Italy would be the perfect site for a preserve.

Wishing you well and keep up the good work,
Ned Edmonds

Little Italy

Martha Edmonds <marthacedmonds@gmail.com>

Fri 1/26/2024 10:30 AM

To: John Rutigliano <john@geneseevalleyconservancy.org>

John,

I am writing to encourage the Town of York to use some of the solar money available to help with funding for the Genesee Valley Conservancy to take over the Little Italy Nature Preserve. It is a lovely place for a short walk through the woods and local history. I am still amazed that so many locals have never been there. It would be good for the town, the school, and perhaps encourage visitors.

Thank you for all that you do.

Martha Edmonds, resident of the Town of York.

Sent from my iPhone

Genesee Valley Conservancy
PO Box 73
Geneseo, NY 14454

re: Establishing a permanent nature preserve at Little Italy in York

To whom it may concern;

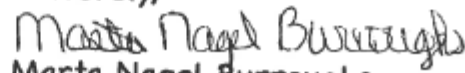
My name is Marta Nagel Burroughs and my husband and I live at 3500 Main Street, Piffard, NY in the Town of York. I am writing to you to encourage you to make the protection of and access to the Little Italy Nature preserve permanent.

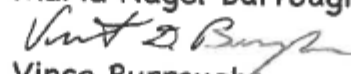
For 65 of my 73 years, I have lived within 1 mile of the area named Little Italy. My family and I have enjoyed watching the many deer going in and out of the area, we've spotted eagles and have enjoyed numerous walks and cross country skiing along the trails in Little Italy.

One of the things I like most about Little Italy is showing it to other people. Even some local residents are so surprised to see the reservoir and mostly the remains of the homes that made up the community for the early salt miners. If you catch a good day and are fortunate enough to be walking with someone who either grew up there or had family ties to the structures, the stories are magnificent.

Therefore, my husband and I support the Town Board using Solar Community Benefit Funds to transfer these lands to the Genesee Valley Conservancy and make Little Italy permanently accessible to the public as well as the generations to come. Thank you for your consideration regarding Little Italy.

Sincerely,


Marta Nagel Burroughs


Vince Burroughs

Little Italy, Retsof

Anne Hasler <annehasler@gmail.com>

Fri 2/2/2024 8:38 AM

To: John Rutigliano <john@geneseevalleyconservancy.org>

John, I received notice that Little Italy is under consideration for a conservatorship from the Conservancy. I feel this would be an excellent addition to its properties.

I attended a tour of this area 2 years ago. The history, of course, is fascinating and so important in understanding the development of Retsof and the salt mine. Also the natural terrain is a real treasure. Davies Nagel and other people have put so much effort into bringing this area to needed public attention .

Thank you for your consideration. I truly hope the collaboration works out, so that many others can enjoy this tract of land with its important legacy and natural beauty.

*Please note my new email address: annehasler@gmail.com

Town Board of York
c/o Supervisor Gerald Deming
2668 Main Street
P.O. Box 187
York, New York 14592-0187

February 5, 2024

Dear Board:

The purpose of this letter is twofold. First, I overwhelmingly support the proposal to establish a permanent nature preserve in the area locally known as Little Italy. The decision to move the area from private ownership to the stewardship of the Genesee Valley Conservancy (GVC) is obviously generous and thoughtfully forward-thinking on the part of the current owners. Second, I overwhelmingly support a one-time allocation by the Town of York's Board of \$51,000 from the Solar Community Benefit Funds to cover the transfer costs and to provide for the establishment of an endowment for future annual expenses.

For an extended period of time, the Little Italy area has been made available to York Central School and other individuals and groups. Interest in visiting has been both to explore the unique natural habitat and to observe the historical home of the Senecas, later settled by early mining families of Italian heritage. The site has long proven itself to be an ideal outdoor setting for such visitations. Via the transfer, the GVC will be in a position to oversee the protected area and to ensure its enjoyment for generations to come.

It is my hope that the members of the Town of York Board will prove to be as generous and thoughtfully forward-thinking as the land owners. A positive vote to allocate the \$51,000 in support of the ownership transfer and GVC's preservative management of the Little Italy site should be a landmark decision made on behalf of current and future citizens of the Town of York.

Sincerely,



Glenda VanRy, 3175 Center Street, P.O. Box 507, Piffard, NY 14533-0507

cc: Genesee Valley Conservancy, P.O. Box 73, Geneseo, NY 14454-0073

February 4, 2024

Dear Town of York Board members,

Over the course of my travels, I have been amazed by the amount of fascinating and unique local history every place has; every little town and corner of the world has their own story to tell. This has also led to me to wonder how many equally fascinating and unique histories have been lost because they weren't shared and transferred from one generation to the next. I've come to understand and appreciate that, when these histories are preserved, it is only because of the efforts and foresight of people, such as yourselves, who see the value in passing local stories on to future generations. Right now, our Town has a special opportunity to make such a preservation happen: one of the central pieces of our unique history (the former mining town of Little Italy) is available for preservation at the same time that the Town has significant funds available and allocated to be used on things that would benefit the community as a whole. Sponsoring the acquisition of Little Italy and its surrounding preserve would be an ideal use of this communal funding.

The acquisition of these parcels would also serve to lock into place an essential piece of a trail system that is being worked on right now, one that would create a spur connecting the Greenway to the Phoebe Snow Trail (other pieces of that spur are being worked on at this time, too). A lot of effort has been put into making this spur a reality. It would be great if we could see it completed in the near future; and getting this piece in place would be tremendous progress toward that goal.

In conclusion, please act on this opportunity to team up with the Genesee Valley Conservancy in the preservation of Little Italy and its addition to York's trail system by approving the funds needed to make this happen. The benefit of having this unique space available to our community for years to come is more than worth the investment.

Thank you,

Heather Nagel
York, NY

help save Little Italy

Frederick Nagel <Fnagel@earthlink.net>

Sun 2/4/2024 11:27 AM

To: John Rutigliano <john@geneseevalleyconservancy.org>

John,

Although I moved away from Livingston County many years ago, I still remember exploring the stone foundations of Little Italy in Greigsville. It's a little bit of intriguing history way off the main road. You have to walk to it, as it was before the advent of motor cars. There is the pond with its hand made dam and sluice. It is a completely overgrown village of another time in American History.

Not preserving such a place is like throwing one's history away, especially since the town's ethnic makeup still reflects these original inhabitants. Please help save Little Italy!

Fred Nagel
Rhinebeck, NY

January 28, 2024

Genesee Conservancy
P.O. Box 73
One Main Street
Geneseo, NY 14454

RE: Little Italy Purchase, York NY

I am writing in support of the proposed purchase of offered lands related to the Little Italy Preserve in York.

Based on review of publically available aerial mapping, and information provided by John Rutigliano, the approximately 70 acres of forested parcels will be a positive addition to the lands managed by the conservancy.

Information noted in the essay by John printed in the Livingston County News captures the investment between \$500 and \$1000 per acre. Presume that future efforts will enhance access and hiking opportunities as appropriate.

Regards



Gary Gaskin
98 Chestnut Ridge Road
Rochester, NY 14624
garykgaskin@gmail.com

Genesee Valley Conservancy
PO Box 73
Geneseo, NY 14454

RE: Establishing a Permanent Nature Preserve at Little Italy in York

My name is Joe Bucci Jr. and I reside at Geneseo, NY.

I am writing to express my support to make the protection of and access to the Little Italy Nature Preserve permanent.

Little Italy is convenient, safe, and an amazing outdoor classroom near our school.

Town residents will continue to enjoy the property as we bring in an established local not-for-profit with experience in preserve management.

I support the Town Board using Solar Community Benefit Funds to transfer these lands to the Genesee Valley Conservancy and make Little Italy permanently accessible to the public.

Thank you for your time and considering my request.

Sincerely,

Joe Bucci Jr.

[Your Name]



1/25/24

Date

Genesee Valley Conservancy
PO Box 73
Geneseo, NY 14454

RE: Establishing a Permanent Nature Preserve at Little Italy in York

My name is Alan S. Cole and I reside at 2621 Genesee St. Piffard NY
14533

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Sincerely,

Alan S. Cole
[Your Name]

1-23-24
Date

Genesee Valley Conservancy
PO Box 73
Geneseo, NY 14454

RE: Establishing a Permanent Nature Preserve at Little Italy in York

My name is Nicholas Gianforti and I reside at 2589 Genesee St. Pittsford, NY 14533

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Thank you for your time and considering my request.

Sincerely,

Nick Gianforti
[Your Name]

1/27/2024
Date

Genesee Valley Conservancy
PO Box 73
Geneseo, NY 14454

RE: Establishing a Permanent Nature Preserve at Little Italy in York

My name is Richard Brock and I reside at 3802 MAIN ST.
WINDSWORTH N.Y.

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Thank you for your time and considering my request.

Sincerely,

Richard Brock
[Your Name]

Jan 22-24
Date

Genesee Valley Conservancy
PO Box 73
Geneseo, NY 14454

RE: Establishing a Permanent Nature Preserve at Little Italy in York

My name is Mark J. Occhini and I reside at 2428 Boerhaave Rd Leicester, NY 14458

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Thank you for your time and considering my request.

Sincerely,


[Your Name]

1/27/24
Date

Genesee Valley Conservancy
PO Box 73
Geneseo, NY 14454

RE: Establishing a Permanent Nature Preserve at Little Italy in York

My name is Kurt Schneider and I reside at 3615 Retsof Rd.

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Thank you for your time and considering my request.

Sincerely,


[Your Name]

1-24-24
Date

Genesee Valley Conservancy
PO Box 73
Geneseo, NY 14454

RE: Establishing a Permanent Nature Preserve at Little Italy in York

My name is David Boughton and I reside at 3581 main st Pittard NY 14533

I am writing to express my support to make the protection of and access to the Little Italy Nature Preserve permanent.

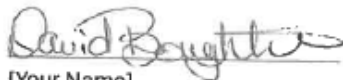
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Thank you for your time and considering my request.

Sincerely,


[Your Name]


Date



Genesee Valley Conservancy

February 13, 2024

Supervisor Gerald L. Deming
Deputy Supervisor Frank Rose Jr.
Councilman Amos Smith
Councilman Jason Swede
Councilman Norman Gates

To the York Town Board:

Please accept these additional letters in support of the proposed Italy Valley Nature Preserve.

We have enclosed three summaries for your convenience.

Summary A includes individuals who wrote their own letter of support on behalf of the project.

Summary B includes a list of respondents who are property owners within 2,000 feet of either the Nagle or Occhioni property.

Summary C includes individuals who signed our letter of support posted on our website between February 8, 2024 and February 13, 2024.

We appreciate your consideration.

Ben Gajewski,
Executive Director

To protect the habitat, open space, and farmland of the Genesee Valley region.

www.GeneseeValleyConservancy.org
PO Box 73, One Main Street, Genesee NY 14454
585-243-2190



Summary A – Letters written in support of the Little Italy Preservation Project

| Person | Address |
|-------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Pauline E. Burnes | PO Box 1026, Arkport, NY |
| Madeline Friedler | 5 Murray Hill Drive, Mount Morris, NY |

Summary B – Neighbors supporting the Little Italy Preservation Project

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|--------------|------------------------------|
| Sylva Palmer | 2581 Genesee Street, Piffard |
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Summary C – Signed letter of support at www.geneseevalleyconservancy.org/save-little-italy

York Residents

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|--------------------|------------------------------|
| Julianna Blizzard | 1891 Limerick Road, Linwood |
| Lee Gratwick | 1912 York Rd West, Linwood |
| Deborah Cisco | 3706 Tuttle Road, Piffard |
| Linda Bracchi | 3182 North Road, Piffard |
| Parker Geer | 2585 River Road, Piffard |
| Ariana Roessel | 2583 York Road West, Piffard |
| Ethan Hall | 2873 Genesee Street, Piffard |
| Jennifer DioGuardi | 4193 Retsof Road, Piffard |
| John Cunningham | 2837 Genesee Street, Piffard |
| Emily Ashworth | 3053 Chandler Road, Piffard |
| Justin Abbott | 2513 Genesee Street, Piffard |
| Elissa Abbott | 2513 Genesee Street, Piffard |
| Maxine Flint | 2206 Mitrano Lane, Piffard |
| Ryan Conway | 2869 Retsof Avenue, Piffard |

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|-------------------|----------------------------|
| Carmen Gallo, Jr. | 2820 Retsof Avenue, Retsof |
| David Rose | 2635 York Road West, York |
| Molly Cummings | 2635 York Road West, York |
| Celia Lewis | 1926 York Road West, York |
| Sandra J. Streb | 2647 Craig Road, York |
| Kathy Copeland | 2663 York Road West, York |
| Milissa Hubbard | 2663 York Road West, York |
| Pam Gilg | Box 131, York |

Livingston County Residents

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|------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Regina James | 9168 Oakland Road, Nunda |
| Corinne Aquilina | 2232 River Road, Caledonia |
| Michael Smith | PO Box 121, Geneseo |
| Bev Flood | 4458 West Lake Road |
| Paola Rios | 2561 Kingston Rd, Lot 48, Leicester |
| Michael Lynch | 4310 Courtney Drive, Geneseo |
| Corinne Aquilina | 2232 River Road, Caledonia |
| Bev Flood | 4458 West Lake Road, Geneseo |

Beyond Livingston County

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|-----------------|--------------------------------------|
| Debbie Uveino | 7768 Butler Rd, Perry |
| Kathleen Heaney | 299 Woodbine Ave, Staten Island |
| Allison Sugg | 74 Carriage Hill East, Williamsville |
| Kyle Semmel | 27 Browns Avenue, Scottsville |
| David Masonis | 8 Malin Lane, Penfield |
| Lynn Ann Smith | 41 Elm Street, Leroy |

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|-----------------|--------------------------------------|
| Mary Rutigliano | 5994 Broadway Road, Pavilion |
| Kathleen Heaney | 299 Woodbine Ave, Staten Island |
| Allison Sugg | 74 Carriage Hill East, Williamsville |
| Lisa Kaasik | PO Box 943, Shelter Island |

Pauline E. Burnes, RLA, ASLA
PO Box 1026
Arkport, New York 14807

Gerald L. Deming, Supervisor
Town of York, NY
PO Box 187
York, New York 14592

February 12, 2024

RE: Protection of the Little Italy Nature Preserve in the Town of York

Dear Mr. Deming,

I served as the Genesee Valley Trail Town Coordinator in 2022 and 2023. During that time the Genesee Valley Trail Town Committee Chair for the Town of York, Mr. Davies Nagel, led a hike and historical tour of the Little Italy Nature Preserve. This incredible treasure of historic relics and wildlife habitat is a great asset to the Town of York, which needs protection for current and future generations.

I am writing in support of the effort to make the protection of the Little Italy Nature Preserve permanent, by using Solar Community Benefit Funds to transfer these lands to the established non-for-profit Genesee Valley Conservancy. The Genesee Valley Conservancy is an well-respected organization with a track record of protecting thousands of acres of farmland and open space in the Genesee River watershed.

Transferring the management of the Little Italy Nature Preserve to the Genesee Valley Conservancy will benefit residents and visitors to the Town of York who will be able to enjoy the Little Italy Nature Preserve and this oasis of natural habitat of various plants and animals. The Little Italy Nature Preserve also serves as an outdoor environmental education classroom for the nearby school. The use of Solar Community Benefit Funds to protect this great environmental and historical asset in your community would further the effort to provide renewable resources in an area that has increasing pressure from development.

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding this letter of support.

Sincerely,

Pauline E. Burnes, RLA

Pauline E. Burnes, RLA
Member: American Society of Landscape Architects

cc: Davies Nagel, Chair, Genesee Valley Trail Town Committee, Town of York
Ben Gajewski, Executive Director, Genesee Valley Conservancy

York Central School

David M. Furetti, *Superintendent*

Paul J. Liess, Jr, *School Business Administrator*

Aubrey L. Krenzer, *Director of Curriculum & Instruction*



Lindsey M. Peet, *Middle/High School Principal*

Heather M. Kent, *Interim Elementary School Principal*

Megan C. Logsdon, *Committee on Special Education Chairperson*

February 12, 2023

York Town Board,

We are writing to you in support of the Little Italy Nature Preserve in Retsof. For many years the trails and local history have been an important part of the curriculum here at York CSD. Elementary and high school students have researched and learned about the rich history unique to our town and area. The trails provide opportunities to our students to learn and explore without having to travel long distances. This creates an excellent learning opportunity for all of our students, while educating them on the history of York.

It is our understanding that there is the opportunity to have the Little Italy Nature Preserve to be moved into stewardship with the Genesee Valley Conservancy. As a school district that would directly benefit from this, we would be in favor of this and hope that the York Town Board would also be in agreement to preserve our slice of history for years to come and students to be able to explore.

On Behalf of the YCSD Board of Education,

Steve Beardsley, President
Laura Geary, Vice-President
Christine Bianchi, Member
Kara Kane, Member
Marilyn Moore, Member
Kirsty Northrop, Member
Kevin Reed, Member

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The York Central School District rises to the challenges and provides opportunities for empowerment, exploration, growth and success.

Supervisor Deming asked Mr. Gajewski if the Conservancy has done projects like this in other towns. Mr. Gajewski replied they have not, there have been landowners willing to donate and foundations willing to fund projects but nothing as what is proposed to the Town of York. Mr. Gajewski continued by saying we knew solar funds were available and thought we should inquire as a model moving forward.

Supervisor Deming stated that several farm applications are funded through the Genesee Valley Conservancy, which Mr. Gajewski answered they are but are processed through Ag & Markets grant funding.

Councilwoman Parnell asked if the owners are transferring ownership of the land, which Mr. Gajewski replied they are, the Conservancy will own it outright to keep and preserve.

Attorney Campbell inquired whether there is a contract stating the purpose and future use of the property.

Mr. Gajewski answered if the Town wants an MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) stating the purpose and use going forward, we can prepare one, but the owners are gifting it to the Conservancy.

Councilman Swede commented that he fully supports the purpose of a continued use of Little Italy Nature Preserve but has reservations on using town funds to assist in the transfer.

Mr. Gajewski and Mr. Nagel responded that they understand his concern. Mr. Nagel added in the Comp Plan committee meeting, a woman addressed how impressed she was with our rural nature but commented that little is protected. Mr. Nagel stated that Mr. Occhioni's land is a jewel and situated next to York Central School believes it is a good investment by the Town. Mr. Nagel added that the woman expressed that protection of the rural nature could be a source of pride and unity. We now have this opportunity to save our history.

Councilman Swede inquired if there might be other financial sources.

Mr. Gajewski replied that this is a \$300,000 project for the Conservancy, with much work to be done once the transfer takes place, then we reach out for other assistance, and added that we didn't have a great deal of time to work with.

Mr. Fuller commented that this property has been owned by two private landowners with no work done and is very run down. There is not enough interest from this community to warrant the town giving \$51,000.

Mr. Fuller inquired how the YCS students get to the trail, having to cross Rt. 63, which is a huge hazard and liability. For a handful of people, the donation is not necessary.

Councilman Rose stated that Mr. Nagel and Mr. Occhioni are doing a great thing preserving our rich history but in York Central School's letter they expressed their support for the Town to make a donation, but they didn't offer any funding and they too received solar money. Mr. Rose commented it is very difficult to designate money when we don't own it.

Mr. Gajewski stated the Town could certainly own this, but we didn't think you wanted this scenario.

Councilman Rose expressed once again that he agrees we need to preserve our history.

Celia Lewis stated tht she feels this is a unique situation, very historically specific to this town for generations to come and supports the use of solar funds from the Town.

Supervisor Deming asked the Board their thoughts on whether we should financially support in whole or a portion or decline. Mr. Deming asked each Board member their decision.

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| Councilmember Lynn Parnell | No |
| Councilmen Amos Smith | No |
| Councilmen Jason Swede | No |
| Councilmen Frank Rose | No, not with taxpayer money |
| Supervisor Gerald Deming | No |

NEW BUSINESS:

1)Genesee Valley Conservancy/Dermody request:

Supervisor Deming stated that we received a request from the Genesee Valley Conservancy with an application for a Farmland Protection Implementation Grant. Mr. Gajewski stated that this year the Conservancy chose the farm owned by David & Brenda Dermody (Locust Lane Farm). It is required to receive endorsement from the local Town Board, in order to apply for such grant.

(a)Conflict of Interest:

Supervisor Deming asked the Town Board if any member has a conflict with the Locust Lane Farm application. Each member replied they did not have a conflict.

(b)Approval:

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. Rose to endorse the Locust Lane farm application to NYS Department of AG & Markets for a Farmland Protection Implementation Grant. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

ROLL CALL

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| Councilwoman Lynn Parnell | Aye |
| Councilman Amos Smith | Aye |
| Councilman Jason Swede | Aye |
| Councilman Frank Rose Jr. | Aye |
| Supervisor Gerald Deming | Aye |

Councilman Rose and Swede stated to Mr. Gajewski and Mr. Nagel if there are any other options to discuss regarding Little Italy to please reach out to us.

HIGHWAY REPORT:

Mr. Worden reported the following for the Highway Department:

- Spring work is right around the corner.
- Our newest employee is working out great, he is a quick learner.
- We have money in the budget for a new loader and have some quotes this evening.

Mr. Worden reported on the NYS OGS site we have quotes as follows:

-Milton CAT (950) w/ trade in (\$40,000) & 7-year warranty - \$204,458.57

-5 Star Equipment John Deere (644G) w/trade in (\$35,000) & 5-year warranty-
\$218,438.88

Supervisor Deming stated that the Board budgeted \$300,000 for a new loader and asked the Board how they wish to proceed.

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Smith & Seconded by Mr. Rose to accept the quote submitted by Milton CAT for a 950 GC 01B Wheel loader in the amount of \$204,458.57. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

WATER/SEWER REPORT:

Mr. Worden reported the following for the Water& Sewer Department:

- Sewer- they are underway with the UV project and will be pouring concrete tomorrow.
- We experienced water breaks recently in Piffard and have been updating that line now. Once the lab results come back with approvals, we can tie the residents in on the new line.

OLD BUSINESS:

1)BESS discussion:

Attorney Campbell reported that the Planning Board members received the Battery Energy Storage System proposed Local Law regulations recently but did not have the proper time to fully review. The Planning Board will review and make comment at their meeting the end of this month and submit to the Town Board to then proceed.

NEW BUSINESS continued:

2)Emily Conable request:

Attorney Campbell presented to the Board this evening proposed Local Law regulations to amend the boundaries of the Hamlet Residential District and to change a portion by re-designating the area to Hamlet Commercial District for two (2) properties, owned by Emily Conable. Mr. Campbell stated that the Board authorized him to prepare the Local Law wording at their January 9th meeting and he has referred the proposal to Livingston County Planning Dept for review as well.

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. Swede to schedule the Local Law Public Hearing to modify boundaries of the Hamlet Residential District, changing certain specified areas to Hamlet Commercial for Tuesday, March 12th, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

3)Davis Property (Rt. 63):

Mr. Campbell briefed the Board on the Davis property and the necessary clean up. Attorney Campbell spoke a little on how to solicit bids and the potential publication (notice) requirements. This will be a public works project, which we will have to pay prevailing wage for.

4)Signage Quotes:

Clerk Harris reported thanks to the efforts of Blaine VanRy who spearheaded obtaining quotes, the Board this evening has three quotes for new "Town of York" signage.

After a brief discussion, the Board noted that some quotes were more detailed than others. Clerk Harris stated that Mr. VanRy expressed to each company what we were looking for and what we currently have. What they submitted is what the Board is reviewing this evening. Quotes were submitted as follows:



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| 12191c | |
| DATE 12/12/23 | DATE REQUIRED |
| TERMS 50% Deposit | BALANCE C.O.D. |
| NOTE: | |
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TO: Blaine VanRy
 blainevanry@gmail.com
 585-880-7910

SHIP TO: Town of York Entrances

| QUANTITY | DESCRIPTION | UNIT PRICE | AMOUNT |
|---|---|-------------|--------------|
| 4 | Single Sided, V-Carved, 18# Signfoam 4 HDU(2"D, 34"H x 42"W) sign with Painted Lettering (not pictured) | \$ 1,540.00 | \$ 5,544.00 |
| 1 | Optional 23K Gold Leaf Lettering (See VERSION 1) | +\$ 395.00 | +\$ 1,580.00 |
| 4 | Aluminum Support Bars (25" x 2") | \$ 250.00 | \$ 1,000.00 |
| 4 | Set of (2) 4"Vinyl Clad, Primed Painted Posts with Painted Bevel top | \$ 575.00 | \$ 2,300.00 |
| 1 | Installation and Delivery - First Sign | | \$ 350.00 |
| 3 | Installation and Delivery - Subsequent, Same Day Installs | +\$ 200.00 | +\$ 600.00 |
| Volume Discount Applied 10% | | | |
| 8 YEAR WARRANTY on materials and finish of new dimensional HDU signs installed by Signlanguage Inc. | | | |
| SUB TOTAL | | | \$ 11,374.00 |
| SHIPPING & HANDLING* | | | INSTALL. |
| 8% TAX | | | NEED EXEMPT |
| 3.5% ADDED FOR PAYMENTS MADE BY CREDIT CARD* | | | TOTAL |
| PRICE QUOTES ARE VALID UNTR. MARCH 15, 2024 | | | 50% DEPOSIT |
| | | | BALANCE |



Signlanguage Inc. reserves the right to make color alterations to the original graphics in order to insure that our customers receive the high quality signage service.

DELIVERY: Due to tight access from this site, driver is required to use a backhoe.

CANCELLATION: Customer must provide 30 days advance notice to cancel. Cancellation fee: \$200. Can be subject to additional charges depending on the situation.

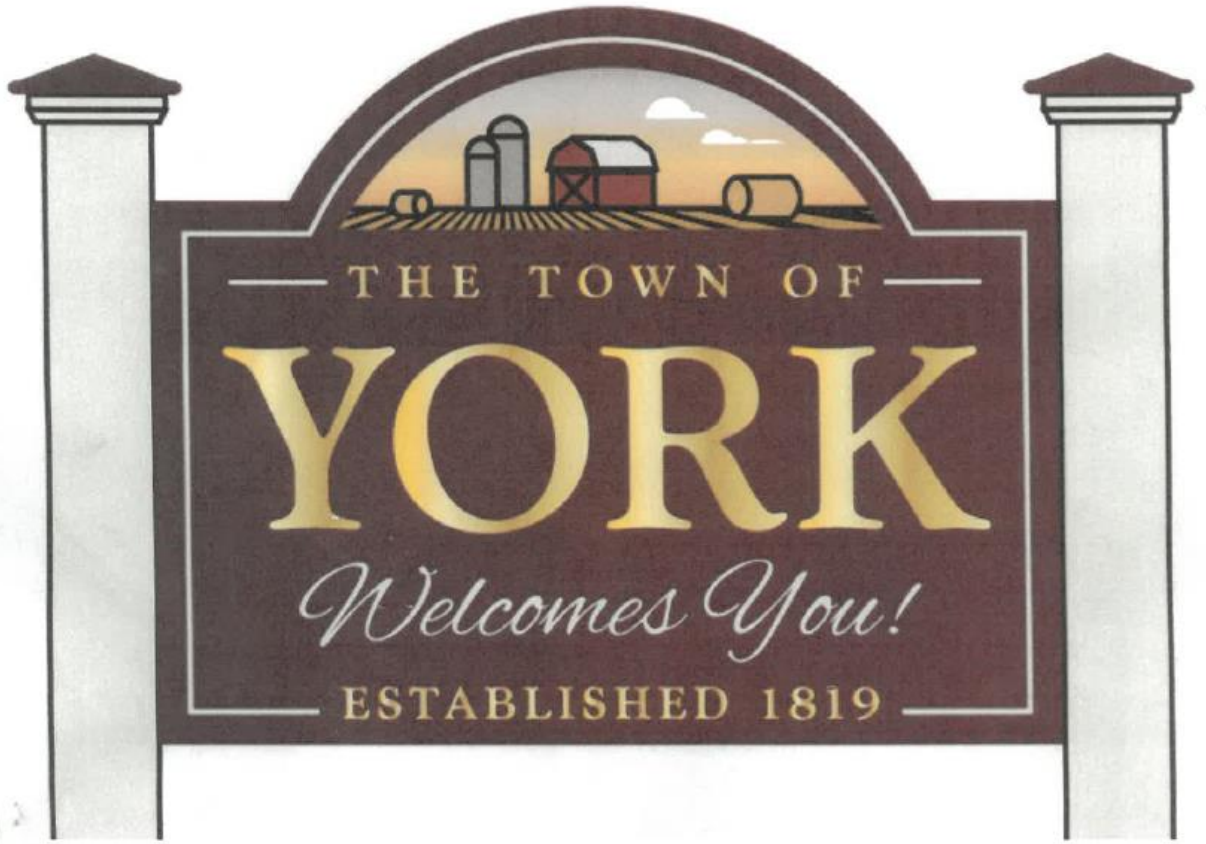
*SHIPPING & HANDLING: Additional fees may apply if shipping is required that require other signs to be ordered, weighed and processed.

In the event that Signlanguage Inc. has to change terms or prices, the buyer will be responsible for all such costs and respective adjustments shall apply to all orders placed on or after 12/15/23. Customer is responsible for all permits.

HOME PERSONAL SIGNS REQUIRE PAYMENT IN FULL, ACCOMPANIED BY A SIGNED INVOICE BEFORE SIGN WILL BE PRODUCED. ALL OTHER SIGN ORDERS REQUIRE A 50% DEPOSIT WITH SIGNED INVOICE BEFORE PRODUCTION, AND TOTAL BALANCE PAID UPON COMPLETION.

C/D: _____
 P/R: _____

CUSTOMER SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____



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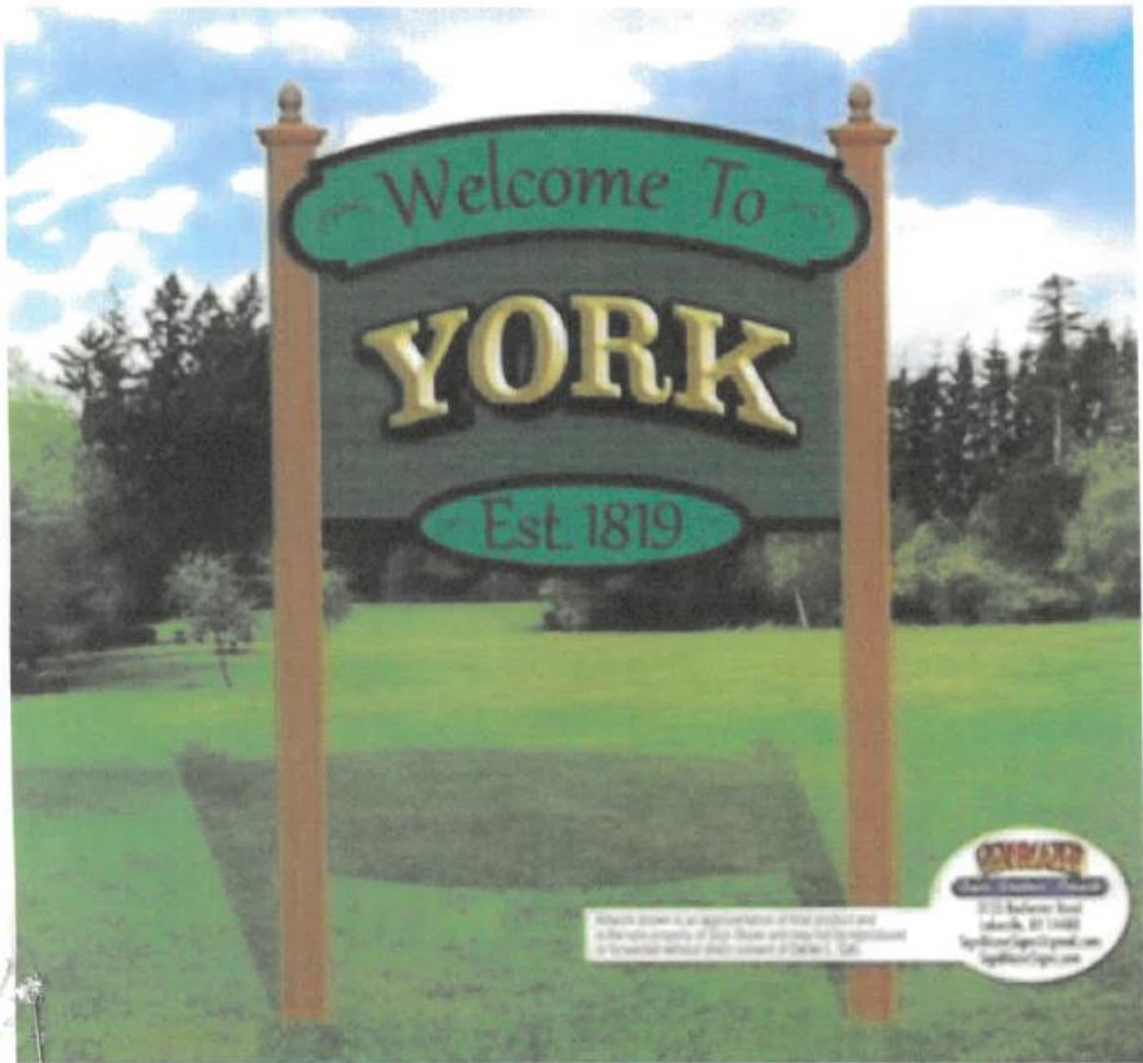
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Estimate

| Date | Estimate # |
|-----------|------------|
| 11/6/2023 | 7228 |

| Name / Address |
|----------------------------------|
| Town of York C/O Blaine VanRy |

| | | | Project |
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| Description | Qty | Rate | Total |
| 1" HDU - "YORK" dimensional prism faced lettering - for all 4 signs - painted gold then clearcoated | | 450.00 | 450.00T |
| 3/4" outdoor black PVC- "YORK" dropshadow and welcome border all 4 signs | | 180.24 | 180.24T |
| Body of signs - rate per square foot | 4 | 480.64 | 1,922.56T |
| High performance print with matching lam - printed background section for each sign | 4 | 178.87 | 715.48T |
| Pressure treated 4x4s - new | 8 | 35.00 | 280.00T |
| Vinyl post sleeves 10' then cut to length | 8 | 55.00 | 440.00T |
| Arched shape - aluminum composite for all 4 to overlap posts | 4 | 67.57 | 270.28T |
| Installation per sign- remove old posts and replace with new (set in concrete) add sleeves, caps and hang signs | 8 | 150.00 | 1,200.00T |
| Printed wood grain wraps for 8 posts | 8 | 79.00 | 632.00T |
| 3D printed post tops & finials- PETG plastic | 8 | 36.00 | 288.00T |
| 1/8" x 48" Aluminum straps to mount sign to posts with stainless deck screws | 8 | 45.00 | 360.00T |
| | | Subtotal | \$6,738.56 |
| | | Sales Tax (8.0%) | \$539.08 |
| | | Total | \$7,277.64 |



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in the appropriate of York. These and they are represented
to be true without their consent in York, MA.



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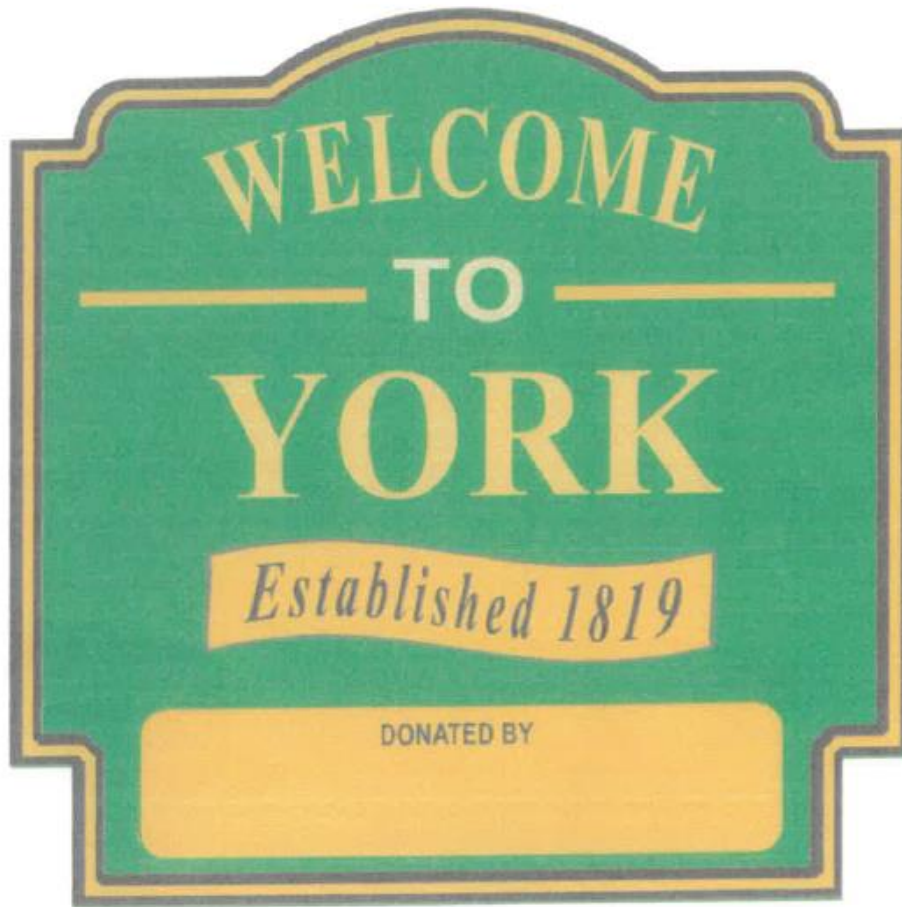
RE: Freestanding Sign

Design and create four 42"h x 42"w HDU one sided signa for the Town of York. Sign to be sandblasted-all the material around the lettering, line, banner and panel will be blasted away so to have the letters, line, etc. standing out. Colors are greens, imitation gold and black. The sign will consist of High Density Urethane, paints and vinyl.

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|----------|--------------------|-------------------|
| LABOR | Each sign \$750.00 | \$3,000.00 |
| INSTALL | | NOT INCLUDED |
| SUBTOTAL | | <u>\$3,000.00</u> |
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| TOTAL | | \$3,000.00 |

Custom Craft requires one half downpayment to begin job and the balance upon completion. This price does not include any fees or permits.

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sign is 42" x 42" and is made of HDU-high density urethane foam which does not rot, separate or splinter. a excellent replacement for wood.

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Swede and seconded by Mr. Smith to approve the quote submitted by Sign Language Inc. in the amount not to exceed \$11, 374.00, which includes Gold Leaf lettering. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

5)Justice Audit:

Councilwoman Parnell stated that she reviewed the Justices' books for the audit prior to the meeting but had questions on the audit format and wants to speak with the Court Clerk before approval can be made. The Board will table this until our March 12th meeting, giving Councilwoman Parnell time to meet with Mrs. Reitz.

ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. Swede to adjourn the Town Board meeting until the Public Hearing on March 12th at 6:30 p.m. Voted on and approved, Yes- 5, No- 0.

Town Board meeting closed at 9:18 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Christine M. Harris
Christine M. Harris, Clerk