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## Town of Niagara budget (cont.)

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Being open for business for much of 2021 meant the costs of doing business were greater. But a comparison to 2019 spending shows the town's expenses are more in line with what's expected, Malecki said.

Drescher & Malecki LLP are set to provide the town with a clean, unmodified opinion, which is the best opinion available from an independent auditor. It will likely be formally submitted in October, Malecki said, as the firm is still waiting for a few pieces of information unavailable until later this month.

But that information won't

change the outcome, Malecki said.

Beyond increasing expenses, Malecki said a few things to note from the audit are:

✓ Sales tax revenues jumped significantly as consumers in 2021, possibly fueled by the final stimulus package of the pandemic approved by Congress in March 2021, pumped about \$250,000 additional revenue into the town. This happened despite the Canadian border being closed to most travelers for much of the year.

✓ The town received another boost of roughly \$100,000 extra in mortgage tax income from property sales in 2021. Combined with the sales tax, the town received

more than \$350,000 extra revenue that wasn't forecasted when the budget was developed.

✓ Federal monies also made their way to the Town of Niagara bank accounts, with roughly \$350,000 split between the general fund and the Highway Department, which used the money to purchase a pair of new trucks, Malecki said.

The Town Board will hold its regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 20, at Town Hall, 7105 Lockport Road. Among discussion items will be a presentation recognizing the 100th business anniversary of Cooper Sign, which Councilman Marc Carpenter will recognize for longevity.

## CWM adjudicatory hearings continue on Sept. 14

The Niagara County environmental group Residents for Responsible Government Inc. announced a third New York State Department of Environmental Conservation adjudicatory hearing to determine the future of CWM Chemical Services in Porter will take place this month. Sessions will be available for viewing online and on audio via telephone.

Scheduled to take place from Sept. 14-16, the hearing is expected to address issues in the public interest, "consisting primarily of CWM's version of transportation costs, carbon footprint and economic impacts. Further hearings thereafter may include radiation risk, air emissions, noise/traffic, and real

estate impairment that would occur from massive landfill operations proposed by CWM," RRG stated in a release.

The adjudicatory hearings began earlier this year and have centered on issues requested by the state DEC Hazardous Waste Siting Board concerning CWM applications. The first session was held April 11-12 and featured discussion on whether CWM applications would deter more preferable economic development in the towns of Lewiston and Porter. A second virtual hearing took place July 6-8 and Aug. 31-Sept. 2. It addressed geology and hydrogeology risks related to the direction and speed of contaminated groundwater.

CWM, operated by Waste Management, has had pending applications with the state DEC for a number of years. The company ceased operations in 2015 with the closure of its residuals management unit one landfill and is now seeking state DEC approval to build a new RMU-2 landfill and return hazardous waste landfilling to Niagara County.

"A decision date cannot be predicted at this time. However, it is anticipated that all hearings

will be concluded this year with the final decision in 2023," RRG noted.

Residents are able to view the hearings online. Visit <http://www.webex.com/>, click "Join a meeting," and input the appropriate event number and password for the hearing. The event number for the Sept. 14 hearing is: 2350 952 9417; password: Sept14-10AM.

The hearing will also be accessible via phone. Dial 1-518-549-0500 and input access code 2350 952 9417 to listen to the proceedings.

If needed, the hearings would continue Sept. 15. To view the session, visit <http://www.webex.com/>, click "Join a meeting," and input event number 2358 721 4824; password: Sept15-10AM for the hearing. To listen by phone, dial 1-518-549-0500 and input access code 2358 721 4824.

Should it be necessary, the hearings will also take place Sept. 16. To view online, visit <http://www.webex.com/>, click "Join a meeting," and input event number 2356 295 8905; password: Sept16-10AM. To listen via phone, dial 1-518-549-0500 and input access code 2356 295 8905.

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