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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING POWER AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

The Power Authority of the State of New York (Authority) will hold a public hearing as detailed below on a proposed form of Contract for the sale of hydropower to Petri Baking Products, Inc., and Premium PPE, LLC and on the Contract Extensions for the sale of hydropower to New York State Electric and Gas Corporation and Rochester Gas and Electric Corporation.

Copies of the proposed Contract forms may be inspected at the Authority's office at the address below, or online at the Authority's Web site, [www.nypa.gov](http://www.nypa.gov).

Those wishing to make oral statements at the hearing are asked to provide to the Authority, in writing, in advance of the hearing, their name(s) and the name of the organization or group they represent. Oral statements should be limited to five minutes. Speakers should also bring two hard copies of their oral statements to the hearing.

Hearing Date: November 30, 2020  
 Hearing Times: 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.  
 Hearing Location: 535 Washington Street, 2nd Floor Conference Room  
 Buffalo, New York 14203

Written statements provided to the Authority by close of business on Tuesday, December 1, 2020 will also become part of the record of the hearing. For further information, including the address of other Authority offices at which copies of the proposed Contract forms may be inspected, contact:

POWER AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK  
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 123 Main Street, White Plains, New York 10601  
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**NY Power Authority**

## Board OKs change to town retirees Medicare plan

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will take place over the winter months to allow for a spring construction. "It would also allow the town, Dave Trane and his crew, weather-permitting, to get in and start construction of the actual roadway. That would be the first activity that you'll see out there once the Town Board approves the plan."

Lannon said a stormwater pollution prevention plan has been prepared and signed for submission to the state Department of Environmental Conservation for review. "We had a little back and forth on a couple of minor questions from the DEC. Those have since been all resolved and addressed."

Lannon estimated construction of the riverfront road for the park at \$474,000.

"This is with the town Highway Department essentially constructing the roadway," he said.

Lannon closed his discussion on the matter by informing the board he would forward the front end of the bid contract to Attorney for the Town Thomas Seaman for his review.

No board action was taken that night toward issuance of any bids for the town park project, with review of the site plan still to come.

In other news, the Town Board moved on adoption of its \$18,353,414 budget for 2021. It follows a public hearing on the plan held last Thursday, where Finance/Budget Officer Jacqueline Agnello presented a plan that forecasts cuts as well as some increases once adopted. Reviewing the numbers, Agnello said the A Lewiston general whole town account is \$2,922,831 in appropriations; \$2,141,626 in estimated revenues, \$49,283 in appropriated fund balance, and \$731,922 to be raised by taxes. This reflects a decline of \$6,990, down 0.9460%, and a total decreased tax rate of \$0.0160 - minus 1.89% - from the 2020 adopted plan.

In the part town tax - outside village account (DB-highway drainage), it shows \$3,104,146 in increased appropriations, \$2,717,796 in estimated revenues, \$82,000 in appropriated fund bal-

ance and \$304,350 to be raised by taxes. This reflects an increase of \$24,755, a change of 8.8539%, and a tax rate of \$0.0309, 7.96% from the 2020 adopted plan.

And in the town's SF fire protection account under special districts, it shows \$1,490,890 in appropriations, \$2,507 in estimated revenues, \$0 in appropriated fund balance and \$1,488,383 to be raised by taxes. This reflects a decline of \$12,532 (minus 0.8350%) and a total decreased tax rate of \$0.0342 (minus 1.67%) from the 2020 adopted plan.

Agnello presented tax rate examples for a \$200,000 assessed property in select Lewiston neighborhoods both above and below the hill, including the Village of Lewiston. Lewiston's assessed valuations of properties are not at 100% full assessment throughout the town, so there are some variations.

For a \$200,000 assessed property on Powell Lane, she said the total decrease in the flat rates was \$3.9201, reflecting a total decreased tax rate of \$0.0334. Divided by \$1,000 of assessed valuation, it shows a total dollar of tax rate decrease of \$6.68 and a total decrease of \$10.60 to the Town of Lewiston.

For a \$200,000 assessed property on North Hewitt Drive above the hill, she said the total decrease in the flat rates was \$3.92, reflecting a total decreased tax rate of \$0.0155. Divided by \$1,000 of assessed valuation, it shows a total dollar of tax rate decrease of \$3.10 and a total decrease of \$7.02 to the Town of Lewiston.

And for a \$200,000 assessed property in the Village of Lewiston, she said the total decrease in the flat rates was \$0, reflecting a total decreased tax rate of \$0.0160. Divided by \$1,000 of assessed valuation, it shows a total dollar of tax rate decrease of \$3.20 and a total decrease of \$3.20 to the Town of Lewiston.

A second public hearing held last Thursday involved consideration of a one-year contract for the fire protection districts, by town fire companies at the following rates: Sanborn - \$323,601; Lewiston No.

2 - \$323,601; and Upper Mountain - \$323,601. Lewiston No. 1 was not included, as it sees partial funding by the Village of Lewiston.

That contract was approved soon after by the board.

Commenting on the board's adoption of the budget Monday, Supervisor Steve Broderick said, "Jacquie worked hard, the department heads worked hard, I think everybody in the town worked hard. I think that everybody saw the writing on the wall; it's been a strange year altogether."

He noted the fire companies "were very cordial to not negotiating a new contract," opting to stick with the older one. "We (also) got a good response from all the non-profits that we support; they understood, so across the board we were good."

In other news from the session:

- The board approved the purchase of a new grinder pump for the Lewiston Police Department/town parks building at Swann/Herald roads. The pump was said to address standing water issues in the building as well as enable LPD to maintain its patrol cars. Funding for the \$3,500 grinder will come from the LPD equipment account.

- The board also approved resolution presented by Broderick for changes to the out-of-network provisions for the town retirees Medicare plans affecting those age 65 and older.

"We have numerous people that never use it; it's part of the plan that hasn't been used so we want to remove that," he said.

Broderick explained it would assist people who do not use it while also providing "considerable savings for the town," estimated at nearly \$25,000 according to attorney Seaman.

"It will not change any type of the benefits that the retirees are currently receiving," Seaman said.

- The board approved the hire of Cheryl Horn as secretary for the Bureau of Fire Prevention. Horn is scheduled to start Nov. 16 at \$14.43 per hour and will also serve as secretary to the Lewiston Environmental Commission.

## Completion of Porter Center Road Bridge project

Niagara County Legislator Irene Myers on Wednesday announced the replacement of the Porter Center Road Bridge over 6

Mile Creek in the Town of Porter is complete and the road will re-open to traffic by the end of the day, this Thursday, Nov. 12. The

bridge, located just south of Bralley Road, has been closed since July.

"Thank you to Public Works Commissioner Garret Meal, his team and our contractors for the successful completion of this project," Myers said. "I thank the public for their patience in dealing with the detour over these last several months."

Meal said the existing concrete structure was replaced with a new, four-sided precast concrete box.

The project was funded with the help of New York State's Bridge NY program.

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