

# CITY OF OGDENSBURG, NEW YORK

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Office of the Interim City Manager

**TO:** City Council

**SUBJECT:** Council Update

**DATE:** February 17, 2023 *ALS*

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## Grant Updates

### **Upcoming Submissions and Deadlines**

- Preserve NY Grant Program
  - Pre-application has been accepted for consideration for the Oswegatchie Pump House for the development of a *Historic Structure Report*.
  - **Deadline to submit – March 31, 2023**
  - Objective: identify, document, and preserve New York's cultural and historic buildings, structures, and landscapes. This program funds **consulting reports only** and will not fund capital repairs or construction costs, architectural plans and specifications, schematic designs, or construction documents.
  - Resolution to be presented to City Council February 27, 2023
- FEMA SAFER grant, **Now Open** (February 13, 2023)
  - The Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response Grants (SAFER) was created to provide funding directly to fire departments and volunteer firefighter interest organizations to help them increase or maintain the number of trained, "front line" firefighters available in their communities.
  - There is no cost share or match or position cost limit for the FY 2022 SAFER Program. The award budget will not account for any voluntary committed cost sharing or overmatch. The use of an overmatch is not given additional consideration when scoring applicants.
    - **Deadline to submit – March 17, 2023**

## Project Updates

**Main Street Pump Station** – Notice of Award has been issued to the three contractors for the rehabilitation of the Main Street Pump Station.

Contract 1 – General

Awarded to AJK Site Development Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$1,054,000

Contract 2 – Electrical

Awarded to Tel Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$361,825

Contract 3 – Heating, Ventilation, and Plumbing

Award to Hyde-Stone mechanical contractors Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$76,600

**East David Street Preliminary Engineering Report** – With funding awarded through a 2021 Community Development Block Grant, Engineering Planning Grant program, a draft Preliminary

Engineering Report (PER) has been completed by Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C. for East David Street. The approximately 1,700 feet of 6-inch and 8-inch ductile iron pipe along East David Street was identified as a problem area for water main breaks due to aging, failing infrastructure. Breaks in recent years have cost the City Department of Public Works (DPW) both time and money. Additionally, the City's sewer collection system consists of approximately 90 miles of sanitary sewer mains, 3,600 residential laterals, and 190 commercial users. There is approximately 1,300 feet of 8-inch vitrified clay pipe (VCP) sewer main along East David Street. The existing sewer main is not currently located a minimum of 10 feet from the existing water main, as recommended by Ten States Standards.

Target date to present the draft report and recommendations for future projects will be presented to City Council on March 27, 2023.

A target area income survey was conducted throughout the project area to help identify future funding sources. The survey was conducted in accordance with the CDBG Income Survey Guidelines including mailed survey and door-to-door canvassing. Unfortunately, the city did not obtain the required 90% response rate required to qualify the survey results.

**Shade Roller** – In accordance with the NYSDEC approved Interim Remedial Measures (IRM) Work Plan for metals remediation, Phase III of environmental cleanup commenced on July 29, 2022, with contract work items substantially completed on December 6, 2022. Project work included the removal of 25 tons of metal contaminated concrete, 458 tons of metals contaminated soil, and dewatering and treatment of 35,000 gallons of groundwater. Confirmation soil samples were collected from the excavation sidewalls and excavation bottom and found to meet Restricted Residential Soil Cleanup Objectives. The excavation was backfilled with certified clean fill imported from Hanson Quarry. Barton & Loguidice is currently in the process of completing the Metals IRM Construction Completion Report (CCR). The Metals Construction Completion Report (CCR) will be submitted to DEC (pending the City's review) at the end of March 2023. DEC review will likely take up to a month to review with approval anticipated end of April 2023.

In accordance with the NYSDEC approved PCB IRM Work Plan and USEPA Self Implementation Cleanup Plan, NRC Mobilized to the site on July 18, 2022 with contract work items substantially completed on January 30, 2023. Remedial activities resulted in the removal of 112 tons of hazardous PCB concrete, 447 ton on non-hazardous PCB contaminated soil, and dewatering and treatment of 7,000 gallons of groundwater. Confirmation soil samples were collected from excavation sidewalls and excavation bottom and found to meet Restricted Residential Soil Cleanup Objectives and EPA High Occupancy Use (PCB levels below 1.0 PPM). Excavation areas were backfilled with certified imported clean fill from Hanson Quarry. Barton & Loguidice have completed a draft of the PCB CCR and are waiting on disposal manifests from the contractor (NRC) to finalize the report. Similar to above, we would anticipate submitting end of March to DEC with approval anticipated end of April.

With the IRM work completed, B&L will be required to update the site Remedial Investigation (RI) Report (end of May). This will commence following DEC approval of the CCRs.

Once the RI is completed, we can move forward with the preparation of the Final Engineering Report, Site Management Plan, and completion of the site easement survey. Based on the outstanding items described above, completion of project work is anticipated this summer with a Certificate of Completion issued to the city in 2023.

**FEMA Projects** – The city has received Disaster Relief funds through DR4348 Lake Ontario Flooding and DR4480 COVID-19.  
DR4348 covers two projects

- PW 48 Repairs to the Paterson Street and Little Park Boat Launches
  - Project repairs are complete and the city has submitted all closeout documentation to request reimbursement (75% federal 12.5% state, 12.5% local).
  - Disbursement of \$228,663 is pending
- PW 148 Repairs to City Boardwalk
  - Project repairs are complete and the city has submitted all closeout documentation to request reimbursement (75% federal 12.5% state, 12.5% local).
  - Disbursement of \$187,349 is pending

DR4480 COVID-19 Pandemic

- Reimbursement of \$28,235 is pending

**Surplus Property Auction** – The City will hold an auction of surplus property on Thursday, March 2, 2023 at 2:00 PM in the City Council Chambers, City Hall. Parcels vary from small vacant lots, to buildable vacant parcels, and lots with residential structures. All parcels with structures must have a third-party electrical inspection and must meet all NYS building and safety codes before a certificate of occupancy can be issued.

Property is sold “as is”, “where is” by quit claim deed. Additional information on the auction and each property is available on the City’s website: [www.ogdensburg.org](http://www.ogdensburg.org), and a printed version of the materials is available to view in City Clerk’s Office (Monday – Thursday: 8 AM to 4 PM).

**Departments and Personnel**

**Department of Public Works**

- Main Street Pump Station
  - pump 1 soft start switch gone bad. Part has been ordered.
- Water break on 6 inch main in 100 block Lake Street
  - Repair completed February 16, 2023.
- Crews have taken advantage of weather and has been able to apply cold patch to temporarily address pot holes.
- Staff is completing office improvements at City Hall including sheetrock, painting and new carpet.

**Office of the Comptroller**

Sales tax deposits were received on February 14<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>

- February 14, 2023 - \$35,583.56
- February 17, 2023 - \$379.41

Presentation upcoming on February 27, 2023 regarding financial closeout of FY 2022.