

# CITY OF OGDENSBURG, NEW YORK

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Office of the City Manager

MEMO TO: City Council  
FROM: Sarah Purdy, City Manager *SP*  
DATE: January 17, 2019  
SUBJECT: Update 19/3

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**LAFAYETTE/SPRING STREET BRIDGE** - Last February City Council passed a resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit a BridgeNY grant application for \$1.5 million to the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) for rehabilitation work to the Lafayette/Spring Street Bridge, with this amount identified as what is needed to address repairs noted in the October 2016 General Bridge Inspection Report. Last November the City was notified that we did not receive an award. At that time, this announcement was reported to Council, along with the information that the application process had been competitive, and that the NYSDOT would present a debriefing webinar in January for applicants to receive feedback. The webinar took place yesterday, and Planning and Development Director Andrea Smith and I participated in it. We learned that the total amount of grant funds requested far exceeded the available funds. Here is the data:

- 259 bridge grant applications submitted statewide; 86 awarded
- \$379.2 million in application funds requested from Upstate communities; \$120.8 million in funds available for Upstate communities
- 5 bridge applications from communities within St Lawrence County; 2 applications awarded

If another BridgeNY grant opportunity arises, we will apply again. There was nothing defective about our application; it was just a crowded field.

## **PARKS AND RECREATION UPDATE** –

**Little Park Willow Tree** - Over the weekend, another willow tree at Little Park was damaged by beavers bringing the total tally to four. Due to safety concerns, DPW took the tree down on Tuesday. The department will be looking at various ways to prevent this type of damage in the future.

**Concession Request for Proposals** - Both the concession stand at the Dobisky Center and the concession pad in the Greenbelt RFP's have been updated and released to the public. They have been placed on the city's website and there will be legal ads in The Journal. Deadline for proposals is Monday, March 4.

## **PUBLIC WORKS UPDATE**

**Overtime** –

RC = Required or Contractual

	1/10 to 1/16
Sewer Beepers (RC)	8
On-Call Supervisors (RC)	4
Waste Water Treatment (RC)	8
Sander Beepers (RC)	12
WWTP	4
Water/Sewer/Fire Support	8.50
Snow and Ice	0
Comp Off Books	0
<b>TOTAL HOURS</b>	<b>44.50</b>
RC	32
Other	12.5

### Snow & Ice

- Nuisance storms as well as thaw and freeze cycles are negatively impacting our overtime budget.

### Waste Water Treatment Plant Update –

- **WWTP DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION**
  - Meeting schedule – Next meeting 1/30 – 9am
  - Meeting Notes for 1/16 meeting:
    - Project Schedule
      - East River Lift Station – The approach is to break the project into two phases. Phase 1 will include bidding, award and drawing approvals. This is slated to start early February. Phase 2 will be the construction process. We will start the Tuesday after Labor Day.
      - PLA Feasibility Study status – Council approved the Study on 1/14 and City staff conducted a kickoff meeting on 1/15. All requested information has been provided to Seeler Engineering and the feasibility study is under way.
      - Consent Order – we are staying in communication with the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC). EDR will be creating a draft letter / response to the DEC with our anticipated schedule and request for an extension to the compliance deadline in order to avoid the implementation of fines.
      - Rural Development (RD) Compliance – Federal shutdown is impacting RD’s review process but we are moving forward as much as possible.
- **WWTP Other Related Items:**
  - NYWEA article has been submitted.
  - The Village of Heuvelton’s decommissioning study is moving along quickly. Next meeting is scheduled for 1/30.

### Water Filtration Plant Update

- One of four filters are being cleaned every two weeks. Our next scheduled filter cleaning is January 25, 2019.
- Preliminary Engineering Report kick-off meeting is January 30, 2019.

### Buildings and Grounds Maintenance

- Spring Street Bridge – All but three of the lights are working. The three that are still out are unique and draw their power from the KV lines directly overhead. We cannot isolate them from the power source and will need National Grids assistance to work on these lights.
- Arterial Streetlights and Towers –All streetlights are working. The two towers are not as easy. They are 90’ tall and the lowering mechanisms are giving us issues. This will be looked at again after the first of the year and we will bring National Grid in for assistance if necessary.

### Equipment

- Truck #408 – Vehicle hit elevated manhole with belly scraper down. This snapped the main turn cylinder shaft and damaged vehicle drive shaft (carrier bearing and yoke). Vehicle is under repair and should have back up before the end of the week. Still waiting on main turn cylinder but unit is usable. A leak in the main lift cylinder was found and will be repaired in the spring when the truck can be put out of service.
- Skid Steer #440 – Parts ordered for full service.
- Having significant engine issues with Unit 7 (step van) - We are looking for a similar vehicle with the intent to approach management and Council on a replacement versus putting \$6,000 to \$7,000 into a vehicle that is over 30 years old.
- Truck #415 – Vehicle is experiencing issues with both lift cylinders. Getting parts later today and hope to be able to rebuild on night shift tonight.

Water / Sewer

- 1/11 – Repaired water service damaged by a commercial snow plow contractor in sub-zero weather. Great job by staff facilitating this repair.
- Performing water and sewer services as they arise.
- We are addressing sink holes.

Brush Pickup / Landfill Operations

- Christmas tree collection began after the first of the year and will continue for a couple weeks.

Trees

- Tree work continues.
- Clearing paper streets.
- Stumps / Top Soil – work is being completed as manpower becomes available.