

Public Hearing-Town of Macedon VS Condemnation of the Village of Macedon Waste Water Treatment Plant

Statement: Mayor, Village of Macedon

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Tonight, May 21, 2015 I am speaking as Marie Cramer-Mayor, Village of Macedon.

The Town had collected from their sewer users the money owed for sewer service for the entire year in January 2012, the Town Supervisor then threatened the Village board that without a contract the Town cannot pay for the service. The Village stated that technically if they do not pay for the service then they can be shut off. The Village had no intention at any point to shut off the service, but why would anyone think that if they do not pay for a service that the service would be still be provided?

Tonight's meeting is about condemnation, why would the Town board do this since they do not run a sewer plant? I can only come to one conclusion that it has been in the years in the making to get ready for a takeover of the Village of Macedon Waste Water Treatment plant.

All the litigation the Town Board has initiated and now their latest stunt of taking over sampling and payments from the Significant Industrial user, which I may add, it was the Village that identified this user NOT the TOWN thus making the sewer users to subsidize in a 20 year period approximately 2 million dollars that could have been used for continued upgrades, maintenance and operations of the plant. In my opinion, this is only a ploy to financial cripple and paralyzes the Village of Macedon including all sewer users so that the integrity of the Waste Water Treatment plant will be compromised. Now the Town has just removed \$120,000.00 from the sewer operating budget.

There is no public benefit for this take over (condemnation) except for trying to disable the largest asset the Village owns and operates. The State regulatory agencies do not have an issue with the way the Village has owned and operated the Waste Water Treatment plant since the early 1970's. Sure there have been a few minor notices of violations, which most treatment plants will get, but they are all easily rectified within a few days or weeks which, then satisfies the State regulatory agencies. There has never been in the history of the Village of Macedon owning and operating this plant that there were fines imposed.

All these actions done by the Town Board is only hurting this community, financially and emotionally.

Thank you.