

# BATAVIA CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL CONFERENCE MEETING

City Hall - Council Board Room One Batavia City Centre Monday, May 9, 2022 7:00 PM

# **AGENDA**

- I. Call to Order
- II. Invocation Councilmember Schmidt
- III. Pledge of Allegiance
- IV. New Business
- V. Water Infrastructure Improvement Act (WIIA) Grant Acceptance \*\*\*
- VI. Adjournment

\*\*\*Move to Tonight's Business Agenda



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### Memorandum

To: Honorable City Council Members

From: Rachael J. Tabelski, MPA, City Manager

Date: April 28, 2022

Subject: Water Infrastructure Improvement Act (WIIA) Grant Acceptance

The City provides the operation and maintenance of the Batavia Water Treatment Plant (WTP) on behalf of Genesee County since 2001 through an Operation and Maintenance Agreement, most recently executed in 2019. City staff operate the WTP, maintain the facility, and ensures that water transmitted from the plant meets or exceeds the minimum drinking water standards as established by the United States Environmental Protections Agency and the New York State Department of Health.

Over the last year the City has been working with GHD Engineers to identify improvements necessary at the plant. Currently the plant needs \$3,400,000 in improvements and investments to continue safe and efficient operations.

In November 2021 the City of Batavia, City Council approved a resolution to apply for a WIIA grant on behalf of the WTP and entered into an Intermunicipal Agreement with Genesee County to jointly apply for the grant.

On April 25, 2022 the City received official notification that we received a NYS Water Infrastructure Improvement (WIIA) grant in the amount of \$2,207,580 to assist with the following projects:

- Replace filter media in 9 of the City's 12 water filters to address significant calcification that has reduced their performance.
- Replace the existing 3 MGD low lift pump with a larger capacity 5 MGD pump in order to reliably meet maximum daily demands.
- Replace the 30 year old precipitators and associated framing, mixing system, motors and appurtenances due to deteriorated condition and failure.
- Replace and rehabilitate the lime feeder and ferric systems in order to reduce maintenance and improve reliability of these systems that are crucial to maintaining a safe water supply.



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- Improve heating and ventilation systems in order to mitigate the corrosive environment that is contributing to deterioration throughout the water plant.
- Rehabilitate Well A in order to improve reliability and possibly increase water supply.
- Improve the secondary backwash system in order to provide adequate backwash flow for all 12 filters, eliminate leaded pipe joints, and provide redundancy for the existing backwash system installed in the 1950s.
- Replace a portion of the WTP roof and repair the crumbling façade in order to protect WTP equipment that is currently subject to corrosion due to a deteriorated building envelop.
- Replace the existing transformer that powers the WTP controls and SCADA system and retain the existing transformer as an emergency backup.

As Genesee County assumes the responsibility for the cost of operations and maintenance of the plant they have partnered with the City to apply for Water Infrastructure Improvement Act (WIIA) grant. The City of Batavia acted as the lead grant applicant and the County was the co-applicant. The County has agreed to fully fund the Water Treatment Plant projects (quarterly reimbursement) as previously agreed upon in the 2019 Operation and Maintenance agreement between the County and the City.

Therefore, I recommend that the City Council of the City of Batavia accept the WIIA Grant Award and authorize the City Council President to execute the grant documents.

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## A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE WATER INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT ACT (WIIA) GRANT AWARD, TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT TO EXECUTE THE GRANT AGREEMENT

### **Motion of Councilmembers**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Batavia has provided the operation and maintenance of the Batavia Water Treatment Plant to Genesee County since 2001 through an Operation and Maintenance Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the City as the operator of the Water Plant manages, operates and maintains the facility so that water transmitted from the plant meets or exceeds the minimum drinking water standards as established by the United States Environmental Protections Agency and the New York State Department of Health; and

WHEREAS, the City of Batavia received a \$2,207,580 NYS Water Infrastructure Improvement (WIIA) grant to assist with multiple project in the Water Treatment Plant; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Batavia was a co-applicant to the grant with the full authorization and support of Genesee County partnering as an applicant; and

**WHEREAS**, The City of Batavia will act as the lead grant applicant and execute the necessary grant documents to accept the funding award; and

**WHEREAS**, the County will fully fund the Water Treatment Plant projects on a quarterly reimbursement base to the City of Batavia as previously agreed upon in the 2019 Operation and Maintenance agreement between the County and the City.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City of Batavia City Council accepts the grant award and authorizes the City Council President to execute all necessary documents to receive the grant.

Seconded by Councilmember and on roll call

MAUREEN A. COLEMAN
President and CEO

April 25, 2022

Eugene Jankowski Council President City of Batavia 1 Batavia City Centre Batavia, NY 14020

Re: City of Batavia

Project No. 19057

Batavia Water System Improvements

**Grant Only** 

Dear Council President Jankowski:

On behalf of Governor Kathy Hochul, I am pleased to inform you that your community has been awarded a NYS Water Infrastructure Improvement (WIIA) grant for the above referenced project.

Your WIIA grant has been awarded in an amount not to exceed \$2,207,580, based on information provided in your application, including total estimated eligible project costs. The Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC) will determine the actual amount of your grant when the project is complete and EFC confirms the final project costs. Your grant may be reduced if total project costs are less than anticipated or if your project receives grant from another source.

Please confirm your acceptance of the grant award and intent to proceed with this project by completing and signing the enclosed form and e-mailing it to <a href="mailto:nyswatergrants@efc.ny.gov">nyswatergrants@efc.ny.gov</a> no later than **May 13, 2022.** Without your confirmation, we may bypass your project and award these grant funds to another community.

As means of advancing this project, members of our EFC team will contact you to guide you through the program requirements and related processes, and to answer any of your questions. Your grant award will expire on September 30, 2023.

Should you be interested in pursuing DWSRF financing, including amounts available through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, also known as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL), a project listing must be received no later than June 17, 2022. Please see EFC's website at <a href="https://efc.ny.gov/dwsrf-apply">https://efc.ny.gov/dwsrf-apply</a> for more information on listing your project.

We appreciate your interest in the WIIA program. We look forward to working with you on your water quality improvement project.

Sincerely,

Maureen A. Coleman President & CEO

**Enclosure** 

cc.: City of Batavia, Bill Davis, Superintendent City of Batavia, Manager Rachael J. Tabelski, City Manager GHD Consultin Services Inc, Stephen Waldvoge, Project Director

## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND ACCEPTANCE OF WIIA GRANT AWARD**

Please confirm your community's acceptance of the WIIA grant by signing below. Please e-mail the completed form to <a href="mailto:nyswatergrants@efc.ny.gov">nyswatergrants@efc.ny.gov</a> no later than **May 13, 2022.** 

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City of Batavia Project No. 19057 Batavia Water System Improvements Grant Only

The Awardee intends to	proceed with this p	roject and acce	pts the WI	IA award.	
		(Signature of Authorized Representative)			
Eugene Jankowski Jr		(Print Name)			1
City Council President		(Title)	5/9/22		(Date)
	Submit Y	our Response			