

June 6, 2022

Operations Committee: 5-9-2022

RESOLUTION NO. 216-2022

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT APPROPRIATING AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING A FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR THE EVALUATION OF BIOSOLID PROCESSING AND MODIFYING THE 2022 BUDGET FOR THE PLANNING OFFICE**

By Mr. Reagen, District 1 and Mr. Acres, District 8;  
Mr. Fay, District 9; and Mr. Arquiett, District 13

**WHEREAS**, on May 2, 2022 Resolution No. 181-2022 adopted the recommendations made by the ARPA Committee regarding the uses of the \$20.9M in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds provided to St. Lawrence County, and

**WHEREAS**, on May 9, 2022 a presentation was given to the Board of Legislators regarding the collection, transportation, and disposal of biosolids produced in municipalities around the County, and

**WHEREAS**, biosolids are the nutrient-rich byproduct of wastewater treatment process which can be beneficially reused and there are twenty (20) wastewater treatment plants in St. Lawrence County that generate biosolids, and

**WHEREAS**, the smaller plants haul to larger municipal treatment systems in the County and the larger treatment plants haul sludge to the DANC landfill in Rodman or Casella in Franklin County, and

**WHEREAS**, municipalities pay for transportation and disposal and these costs and the escalation associated with management of biosolids has caused local officials to consider alternatives, and

**WHEREAS**, a feasibility study could provide an analysis that evaluates the costs of operations and maintenance, examines existing costs of municipal wastewater treatment plants that would participate, estimate revenue from salable material and recommend funding options, and

**WHEREAS**, the potential creation of a centralized biosolids processing facility could provide many benefits including mitigating costs for residents by reducing the price of sewer treatment, producing a salable product that could be used by farms and other residents as fertilizer, assisting in extending the life of the landfill that DANC operates in Rodman, and job creation, and

**WHEREAS**, the study could also evaluate alternative for the processing of biosolids such as mobile dewatering verses fixed location and equipment types, a location for the facility, and consider a variety of ownership and operating models, and

**WHEREAS**, environmental concerns and product demand would also be evaluated in a feasibility study,

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**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract appropriating American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds for the purpose of funding a feasibility study for the evaluation of biosolid processing, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the amount authorized for the feasibility study is not to exceed \$30,000 and these funds will be utilized from the Water and Sewer Development and Repair category of the allocation of ARPA Funds, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Treasurer is authorized to modify the 2022 Budget, as follows:

**INCREASE REVENUE:**

N1940895 57000 ARP5	N ARP 5.5 Revenue Water Sys	\$30,000
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**INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:**

N1981304 43007 ARP5	N ARP 5.5 Water Sys Program Payment	\$30,000
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**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that any funds not spent in 2022 be rolled over through 2024 and be fully expended by 2026, in accordance with the U.S. Treasury Final Rule.

STATE OF NEW YORK                    )  
  ) ss:  
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE         )

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 216-2022 Entitled “Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract Appropriating American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds for the Purpose of Funding a Feasibility Study for the Evaluation of Biosolid Processing and Modifying the 2022 Budget for the Planning Office”, adopted June 6, 2022, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe  
Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk  
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators  
June 7, 2022