

**A worksession of the Town Board of the Town of Williamson, County of Wayne and State of New York was held in the Town Hall Conference Room and was called to order at 7:00 PM on February 1, 2005 by Supervisor James D. Hoffman. The following were**

PRESENT: Supervisor – James D. Hoffman  
Councilman – Charles R. Monsees  
Councilman – Anthony Verno  
Councilman - G. Elliott Warren

ABSENT: Councilman – Gary Orbaker

John Manahan, Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator, Bill Dobie, Outside Water Department, Michael Schaffron, Labella representative, Paula Dolan, Deputy Town Clerk and the undersigned Town Clerk were also present.

Michael Schaffron with Labella was asked by The Board bring them up to date on the condition of the Herbert Hill reservoir. In 2001, The Board had requested Labella to do an evaluation of the repairs. At that time, an underwater investigation was done and photos were taken to determine the repairs. After the completion of the this evaluation, Labella found the 2 beams were deteriorated, approximately 20% of the paint inside the tank had peeled off, the roof was in acceptable condition but was spongy, and there were exterior cracks. The cost at that time to make the repairs was estimated at \$118,000.00. The water in the tank was tested for lead and showed it contained a small percentage. Mr. Schaffron estimated the cost of replacing the roof would be \$15,000.00. It was also projected at that time; the Upland Reservoir would be constructed within the next five years. The Board reviewed the recommendations, and decided to do enough repairs to keep the Reservoir going but the repairs were never completed.

Mr. Schaffron has recently reviewed the repairs and what it would cost to make these repairs. He recommended to sand blast the steal beams, install an improved paint system approved by the Health Department, repair the cracks with concrete, allowance for floor repair, and either replace or repair the roof. The cost for the repair would be approximately \$165,000.00 to include 15% for contingencies and 25% for legal and engineering. The longevity of the repairs would be approximately ten to twenty years if maintained properly. In order to make the repairs needed, the Reservoir would have to be shut down for at least three months.

Mr. Schaffron recommended that the job be bid out as three bids but the Town would need someone to oversee the project.

Bill Dobie recommended constructing a new tank next to the existing tank instead of putting money into a 100 year old tank.

The Board discussed repairing the existing tank versus constructing a new tank. Mr. Schaffron advised The Board it would cost \$1.00 per gallon of water it held to build new.

The Board agreed to consult the Financial Advisor as to the existing bonds the Town has to still pay on, revenue from water sales, the Water Reserve Fund and the projected usage from large companies and outside needs.

Supervisor Hoffman made a motion, seconded by Councilman Monsees, to enter into Executive Session for discussion regarding Legal reasons at 8:23 PM. The motion was carried.

Councilman Monsees made a motion, seconded by Councilman Verno, to return to Open Session at 8:37 PM. The motion was carried.

Councilman Verno made a motion, seconded by Councilman Warren, to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 PM.

Marlene A. Gulick  
Town Clerk