

April 5, 2022

The Mina Town Board met on the above date for a special meeting. Supervisor Brumagin called the meeting to order at 9:00 am. The following members and guests were in attendance:

Present: Rebecca Brumagin.....Supervisor  
Steve Burmaster.....Councilman (9:03 am)  
Ernie Roache.....Councilman  
Brian Sullivan.....Councilman

Absent: Dick Watrous.....Councilman

Attended by: Bill Himelein (Highway Superintendent), Marty Proctor (County Legislator), Matt Zarbo, (Engineer, Barton & Loguidice) (via phone)

Supervisor Brumagin asked the Town Clerk to read the published legal notice on the Special Meeting to consider a “Findley Lake Water Quality and Stormwater Management System Improvement Project” grant application.

Supervisor Brumagin gave background information on a potential stormwater management system grant stating that congressional earmark funding recently became available. She shared that the amount that is being considered for this project is a total of \$2,500,000 and that the Town would need to commit to a minimum of 20% of the total amount if the grant is awarded. Supervisor Brumagin and Superintendent Himelein have discussed some of the possible stormwater projects this funding could benefit.

Supervisor Brumagin asked Matt Zarbo Professional Engineer from Barton & Loguidice to join the discussion via phone. Mr. Zarbo, who has experience with submitting these types of applications, answered questions raised by town board members. He also reported that infrastructure projects normally fair well with this type of funding. He informed the Town Board that Congressman Tom Reed will be able to select 15 projects this year and the Town should know in late August which applications Congressman Reed will submit to Congress for approval. Congressional Earmarked Projects are approved when the 2023 budget is signed.

Councilman Burmaster made a motion, seconded by Councilman Roache, to adopt the following resolution for a “Findley Lake Water Quality and Stormwater Management System Improvement Project” grant funding request:

Town of Mina  
Board Resolution #14-22  
Findley Lake Water Quality and Stormwater Management System Improvement Project  
Dated: April 5, 2022

**WHEREAS**, Findley Lake is a New York State Department of Environmental Conservation listed impaired waterbody located in the Town of Mina with high phosphorous loading that regularly experiences harmful algal blooms (HABs); and

**WHEREAS**, the Town proposes to undertake a large scale stormwater management system improvement project that will help manage, reduce, and treat runoff to various local waterways including Findley Lake; and

**WHEREAS**, the project will also aim to eliminate significant non-point sources of runoff pollution and construct in-waterbody treatment practices focused on nutrient loading reduction; and

**WHEREAS**, the project will include the replacement of critical antiquated existing stormwater culverts and facilities, construction of stormwater ponds/wetlands, green infrastructure, new containment structures for non-point sources, streambank restoration, and in-waterbody nutrient controls; and

**WHEREAS**, U.S. Senators and U.S. House of Representatives Members are now accepting preliminary requests for the Congressionally Directed Spending Grant Program for Fiscal Year ending 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of the Congressionally Directed Spending Grant Program is to identify high-impact projects that can reach completion with assistance from the federal government; and

**WHEREAS**, grant requests focused in the water infrastructure category within the federal program are limited to projects that are publicly-owned or owned by a non-profit entity; and

**WHEREAS**, the various system improvements proposed by the Town of Mina are estimated to cost approximately \$2,500,000; and

**WHEREAS**, a minimum 20% cost share for any local water infrastructure grant funded through the Congressionally Directed Spending Grant Program is a requirement;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT:**

**RESOLVED** that the Town Board of the Town of Mina does hereby approve the submission of a letter of interest for a total \$2,500,000 project of which \$2,000,000 will be requested as a Congressionally Directed Spending Program Grant entitled Findley Lake Water Quality and Stormwater Management System Improvement Project and if approved, the Town of Mina will be responsible for funding a minimum 20% local cost share not to exceed \$500,000.

The motion carried.

Brumagin – Aye  
Burmaster – Aye  
Roache – Aye  
Sullivan – Aye

To accompany the grant application, Supervisor Brumagin will request letters of support from elected officials, pertinent governmental departments and the Findley Lake Watershed Foundation.

**Other Business/Actions:**

- Two council members reported they will not be able to attend the regular town board meeting scheduled for April 14<sup>th</sup>. It was decided to move the meeting to April 21, 2022 at 7:00 pm.
- As there was no further business to come before the board, Councilman Roache made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:13 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherrie Tanner  
Town Clerk