

TOWN OF WEST SENECA



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TOWN SUPERVISOR

To: Fellow Town Board Members

From: Sheila M. Meegan, Town Supervisor

Date: July 24, 2013

Re: Resolution Regarding Snow Removal and De-Icing of Erie County Roads

Kindly adopt the attached resolution with regards to snow removal and de-icing of Erie County Roads.

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Resolution Regarding Snow Removal and De-icing of Erie County Roads

WHEREAS, the Town of West Seneca, recognizes that plowing and de-icing Town, as well as, County roads, is in the best interest and safety of its residents, and

WHEREAS, Erie County and the 25 towns within the County have negotiated contracts which assure that the majority of the County roads within the Towns would be maintained according to the same snow and ice control methods used on all Town roads, and

WHEREAS, such methods have been approved by the Erie County Department of Public Works, and

WHEREAS, in the past, all costs of manpower, equipment and materials have been calculated to the satisfaction of all parties, and

WHEREAS, any issues that have arisen during snow and ice control in previous years have been resolved by all parties involved, and

WHEREAS, a new contract between the Towns and Erie County is currently being negotiated, and

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2013, there was a tentative agreement between the Towns and Erie County which included a 3 year term with an annual increase of 5.0% as was past practice, and

WHEREAS, this agreement was considered fair and within the budgeting confines of Erie County, and

WHEREAS, on April 16, 2013, Erie County made a counter proposal to increase the contract from 3 years to 5 years and to reduce the monetary increase to 0.5%, and

WHEREAS, the County proposed rate is one the Towns cannot afford, and

WHEREAS, the budgetary planning for 2014 is going to be starting in many municipalities, and

WHEREAS, the deadline for Towns to order road salt de-icer is now past.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of West Seneca calls on the Erie County Executive and the Erie County Legislature to help resolve the issue between the Erie County Department of Public Works and the 25 Towns within the County of Erie with regards to snow removal and de-icing of County roads within the Towns that is fair and equitable to all parties, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk of the Town of West Seneca transmit copies of this resolution to Erie County Executive Mark Poloncarz, Erie County Legislator Joseph Lorigo and Erie County Department of Public Works Commissioner John Loffredo, and other Towns within Erie County.