



From the Desk of

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A reminder that the Board of Ethics workshop is tonight at 7:00 p.m. in Town Hall. The Board will be considering changes to the current Code of Ethics.

On February 29th at 7:00 p.m. there will be a Town Hall meeting to discuss the quality of the water in Hampton Manor. Members of the Town Board and senior staff from the Department of Public Works will be available to discuss options for improving the water in the Manor. We will provide an overview of possible options and listen to residents' views on the water situation. We also want to discuss the best way to move forward to arrive at a decision. At the end of the day, any changes will be decided by the residents of Hampton Manor.

We're moving ahead with our analysis of the sewer rate increase that must be implemented to pay for the debt service on the permanent financing for the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Closing on the permanent financing will take place in August and then we'll have to start making payments. We're looking at all options to mitigate the impact on residents, including raising the cost for commercial users, increasing the capacity available to Schodack residents and businesses, exploring whether existing financing can be rolled into the permanent WWTP financing at a lower interest rate, and searching for grants to offset some of the costs. At the March Town Board meeting a public hearing will be scheduled on the rate increase. That hearing will be held before the April Town Board meeting and the rate increase will be passed at the May meeting.

Thanks to the Water Department for their work during the bitterly cold holiday weekend! They handled a number of calls from residents with frozen pipes, and repaired a water main break on Friday night. Special thanks to Foreman Tom Kennedy.

Congratulations to the Clinton Heights Fire Department and Chief of the Department Seth Tracy on their installation banquet last Saturday night. It was a great event! The department is entering its 106th year serving the residents of East Greenbush. Congratulations to all the officers and honorees!! One highlight of the night was watching Congressman Paul Tonko on the dance floor. Excellent foot work and another great speech from the Congressman.

