

Ballston Lake Sewer Update - 7/28/16

Update on our application for reduced interest rate

We have recently received an update on the status of our application to the NYS Clean Water Revolving Fund for reduced interest rate bonding which we would like to share with the community.

Bad News – Our project did not make the cut for 2016

As reported previously our ranking for the current federal fiscal year put us just below the cutoff line for 50 % reduced interest on our bonding. The cutoff line was established at 43 points and our project received 42 points in the ranking. We had hoped that other projects above the line would fall by the wayside and we would be pushed upward in the list. It now appears that this is not going to happen.

Good News – It is likely our project will make the cut for 2017

We have however also received some very positive news. At the town board “agenda” meeting on July 26th Delaware engineering reported that things look very positive for the upcoming fiscal year, which starts on October 1st. With the new funding and updated list of projects the cutoff line for 2017 has been set at 59 points in the published draft plan. Delaware submitted documentation of BLIA’s continued water sampling and documentation of the residents’ support in the passage of the referendum and the Town’s formation of a sewer district. The ranking committee reevaluated our application and we have been advised via email that our project’s ranking has been changed to 103 points which would

appear to put us considerably above the cutoff line for leveraged borrowing. The re-ranking was done after the publication of the draft plan so our increased ranking does not yet show. We expect that when the final plan is released which will occur around October 1st our project will be formally approved for the 50% reduced bond interest rate we have been seeking. Nothing is cast in concrete until the final plan is released but things are looking very good at this point barring any unforeseen events.

More Good News – We might be able to apply for a grant

We had also reported that based on a change of rules we were able to submit a grant request. At our last communication we reported that this grant could be up to 25% of the cost of the project. The rules for this program have changed and grants can now be as large as 60% of the cost of the project. Of course submitting an application doesn’t guarantee that we will receive anything, but this is another positive sign. It is unknown when we might hear about a grant. There is no documented schedule. It could be later this year or even into next year.