

Memorandum

Date: February 7, 2023

To: Town Board

From: Ray Burger, Planning Director

Subject: Planning Department Update

Application materials and other documents for some of the items below can be found at:

<http://dryden.ny.us/>

Send public comments to planning@dryden.ny.us with project address in the subject line.

Ithaca Area Wastewater Treatment Facility (IAWWTF): Aging boilers at the facility are being replaced but the project is headed over budget. The original project was approved last year but now another \$255,000 (Dryden share is \$5049) is needed to finish the job. A Public Interest Order (PIO) to support this will be considered at the February 9 Town Board meeting. Renewing a cooperative agreement between the Village of Cayuga Heights Wastewater Treatment Plant and the IAWWTF will also be considered at this meeting.

Safe Streets for All grant: Dryden joined 9 other municipalities in Tompkins County to apply for a \$600,000 grant (20% match required) to develop Safety Plans for each jurisdiction. We were awarded the grant in January and the City of Ithaca will lead the effort. Having these Safety Plans is a prerequisite for applying for federal infrastructure money to improve the safety of our roads.

2171 Dryden Road, Scottie's Auto applied to amend their site plan: Scottie's Auto received a Special Use Permit in 2021 and the accompanying site plan called for about half of their parking to be located behind the building. They are now applying to shift some of that parking to the front. The planning board reviewed the amended site plan at their January meeting and recommended its approval with certain stipulations. This will be considered at the February 16 Town Board meeting.

Town of Dryden welcomes a part-time Code Enforcement Officer: The Town is fortunate to be able to add Bill Knickerbocker, with his 25+ years of code enforcement and fire service experience, to the town staff.

Planning Department activity for TOWN for January

Dwelling Units 1 (SFH)

Building permits: 25
Zoning permits: 2
Special Use Permit Reviews: 0
Site Plan Reviews: 1
Variance reviews: 0
New businesses: 0
Fire safety inspections: 2
Building inspections: 24
Certificates of Occupancy/Compliance: 24
Subdivisions: 0
Violation notices: 1
Complaints: 1
Fire calls: 0
Training hours: 0

Planning Department activity for VILLAGE for January

Dwelling Units 0
Building permits: 4
Zoning permits: 0
Special Use Permit reviews: 0
Site Plan Reviews: 1
Variance reviews: 0
New businesses: 0
Fire safety inspections: 0
Building inspections: 10
Certificates of Occupancy/Compliance: 1
Subdivisions: 0
Violation notices: 0
Complaints: 3
Fire calls: 0