

DRAFT for Oct. 17, 2024

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN TO SPEND A \$175,000 GRANT FROM THE NYS ENERGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (NYSERDA) ON AN ENERGY AUDIT AND GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSION REDUCTION ACTIONS AT THE TOWN HIGHWAY BARN

WHEREAS the Town of Dryden has been registered as a NYS Climate Smart Community since 2016, and this summer has been newly recertified at the Bronze Climate Smart level, and

WHEREAS that recertification also earned the Town points in NYSEDA's Clean Energy Community (CEC) Program, bringing it to the Advanced 7000-point level, and qualifying the Town for a \$175,000 grant, and

WHEREAS the grant recognizes the Town's achievement of 19 high impact actions to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions since joining the Clean Energy Community program in 2018, and

WHEREAS this new grant brings the total grants earned by the Town in the Clean Energy Communities program to more than \$315,000, with earlier grants earmarked for projects such as insulation and electrification of the DPW office building, and adding a plug-in hybrid vehicle (EV) to the town fleet, and

WHEREAS Clean Energy grants can only be spent on actions that can reduce GHG emissions, and

WHEREAS the Town of Dryden Climate Action Plan, adopted as part of the 2022 update to the Town's Comprehensive Plan, calls for a reduction of GHG emissions from municipal operations; and

WHEREAS the Town Highway Department Barn/Garage is an aging town asset that may be upgraded to reduce its energy use and GHG emissions, and

WHEREAS NYSEDA grants can cover an in-depth study valued at up to \$25,000 to recommend potential energy upgrades at such a municipally owned building, and

WHEREAS for long range planning, the DPW would like information about possible energy conservation measures and a building conditions assessment for the Highway Barn/Garage, and

WHEREAS the balance of the grant can be spent on high impact upgrades recommended in the energy audit, such as replacing inefficient garage doors,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Dryden Town Board authorizes the Town Supervisor to enter a contract with NYSERDA to spend the earned \$175,000 grant on an energy audit of the Town Highway Barn/Garage and any recommended energy upgrades at the facility that can be covered by the balance of the grant after the cost of the audit.