

July 11, 2016

Madam Mayor,

Your commitment to the project to bury the overhead wires is clear. You have stated it is the number 1 project in the Comprehensive Plan. You have also stated that everyone you talk to supports it.

As I understand it, the Board has two options to consider when passing a referendum to proceed. The first is Mandatory and the second is Permissive.

A Mandatory referendum requires a vote of registered voters to decide whether to proceed with this project. A Permissive referendum does not require a vote but could be challenged by a petition raised by the public capturing the signatures of 20% of registered voters. If successful, then the Board would be forced to hold a public vote. Obviously, the latter adds more time to the process regardless of the outcome.

Many taxpayers have expressed their concern at meetings such of these and in the *TI Sun* over the cost of this project.

Based on the foregoing, I call on you and the Board to have the courage of your commitment and pass any bond resolution associated with this project on a mandatory basis. In other words, **require a public vote** to pass the referendum.

Ensure the Village's elected officials clearly and unequivocally have the mandate of their constituents to proceed. Anything less may suggest that you do not believe you genuinely have that mandate.

Thank you for the opportunity to speak.

Paul Luck
632 John Street
Clayton, NY 13624