PUBLIC HEARING OF THE TOWN BOARD TOWN OF DUNKIRK
IN THE MATTER OF THE INCREASE AND IMPROVEMENT OF FACILITIES IN THE ELRSD
202-B
SEPTEMBER 15,2026

The Town Board of the Town of Dunkirk held a Public Hearing at 5:15 p.m. on Tuesday, September 15,2026 at the Town Hall, 4737 Willow Road, Town of Dunkirk, New York with Supervisor Miller presiding.

PRESENT: Supervisor Miller
Councilmember Crane
Councilmember Leone
Councilmember Pagano
Councilmember Price

OTHERS PRESENT: Rebecca Yacklon, Town Clerk, Deputy Clerk, Attorney Jeffrey Passafaro, Ryan Mourer, Code Enforcement Officer, Braden Carmen, Dunkirk Observer, Sue Hazelton, Roger Urbanik, Bonnie Urbanik, Tom McTigue, Macy Thompson, Mark Dixon, Bill Jakubowski, Pete Miller, Allison Lang, Jay Warren, Barbara Warren, Irene Strychalski, Colby Garza, William Amenheimer

Roll Call & Pledge to the Flag was taken prior to this Public Hearing.

PROOF OF POSTING & PUBLISHING
Town Clerk- Rebecca Yacklon provided proof of posting & publishing.

In the Matter of the Increase and Improvement
Of Facilities in the East Lake Road Sewer District,
Town of Dunkirk, County of Chautauqua,
State of New York

Under Section 202-b of the Town Law

ORDER CALLING PUBLIC HEARING
TO BE HELD SEPTEMBER 15, 2026
At 5:15 PM.

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Dunkirk, in the County of Chautauqua, New York, as the governing body of the East Lake Road Sewer District, requested and obtained from CPL, Licensed Engineers, licensed in the State of New York, a preliminary map, plan, and report for the

increase and improvement of facilities of the District consisting of the replacement of all grinder pump stations and controls; pressure valves; rehabilitation of cleanouts, air/vacuum release manhole, and gravity sewer manholes; all of which have deteriorated over the years; and including lands or rights in land, furnishings, equipment, machinery, and apparatus required therefore; and pursuant to the direction of the Town, the Engineers have completed and filed with the Town Board such map, plan, and report, dated August 2026 for said improvement of facilities, and have estimated the maximum cost thereof to be One Million, Four Hundred, Ninety Thousand ($1,490,000.) Dollars, which amount shall be raised by levy and assessment against the lands and properties located in said water district, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the direction of the Town, the Engineer has completed and filed with the Town Board such preliminary map, plan, and report for such increase and improvement of facilities of the district, and as estimated the total cost thereof to be an estimated maximum amount of One Million, Four Hundred, Ninety Thousand ($1,490,000.) Dollars; said cost to be financed by the issuance of serial bonds of the Town in an aggregate principal not exceeding said amount, offset by any federal, state, county, and/or local grant funds received, and

WHEREAS the expense of said increase and improvement of the facility shall be financed by the issuance of serial bonds of the Town in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed One Million, Four Hundred, Ninety ($1,490,000.) Dollars, said amount to be offset by any federal, state, county, and/or local grant funds received, and unless paid from other sources or charges, the costs of said increase and improvements of facility shall be paid by the assessment, levy, and collection of special assessments from the several lots and parcels of land within the district for such purpose in the same manner, and at the same time, as other Town charges, to pay the principal and interest on said bonds as the same shall be come due and payable, except as otherwise provided by law, and be it further

NOW THEREFORE, be it

ORDERED that a Public Hearing be held by the Town Board of the Town of Dunkirk at the Town Hall, 4737 Willow Road, Dunkirk, New York 14048, on the 15th day of September, 2026 at 5:15 p.m., to consider said increase and improvement of facilities of the District, and to hear all persons interested in the subject thereof concerning the same, and for such other and further action on the part of the Town Board with relation thereto as may be required by law; and be it further

ORDERED that this resolution shall constitute the declaration and reaffirmation of the Town's official intent, to reimburse the expenditures authorized in this resolution with the proceeds of bonds, notes, or other obligations, as required by United States Treasury Regulations, § 1.150-2; and be it further

ORDERED that the Town Board shall also consider all matters relating to the State Environmental Quality Review Act at said Public Hearing as it pertains to said project; and be it further

ORDERED that the Town Clerk shall post and publish this Order calling for a Public Hearing as required by law.

August 18, 2026

By Order of the Town Board of the Town of Dunkirk

PURPOSE OF THE PUBLIC HEARING

The §202-b hearing addressed approval of the map, plan, and report needed to pursue grant funding for repairs or replacement of 86 grinder-pump systems in the East Lake Road Sewer District.

OPEN COMMENTS

Resident Tom McTigue of Cedar Cliff Dr. asked the Board to reconsider a gravity sewer system, including potential connection alternatives toward East Lake Road or the sewer plant.

Councilmember Crane replied that engineering alternatives had been reviewed. The gravity option was described during discussion as approximately $6 million, while the proposed grinder-pump project was estimated at $1,490,000; and grant availability would not adequately offset the gravity-system cost.

Macy Thompson owner of property in the East Lake Road Sewer District, questioned whether grant funds would cover the full project, why taxes might increase, why town funds could not be used, and why the pumps had not been replaced earlier.
Supervisor Miller said grant award information was not expected until December and that any balance beyond grants would be financed through borrowing.
Attorney Passafaro explained that costs would be assessed only to properties in the special sewer district, rather than townwide.
Councilmember Price explained that the pumps were installed in 1982, existing models and parts are no longer manufactured, and the Town has kept the system operating through repairs and spare

pumps; and replacing pumps as a coordinated project would be more economical than repeated staggered replacements.

The hearing was closed after the Board clarified that it was limited to the §202-b grant/project matter and that Macy Thompson could arrange separate meetings for broader concerns.

ADJOURNMENT

DULY MOVED by Councilmember Pagano, seconded by Councilmember Price to adjourn the Public Hearing Meeting at 5:33 P.M. The motion was carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rebecca Yacklon
Town Clerk