Town of Hounsfield

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**CLARIFYING FINAL ORDER OF MARCH \_12\_, 2025**

**Resolution #2 of 2025**

**Town of Hounsfield Water Service Area No. 8**

 At a Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Hounsfield, held at the Town offices, 18774 County Route 66, Salt Point Road, Watertown, New York, on March 12\_\_, 2025, there were:

**PRESENT:**

Supervisor Beth Arthur

John LaDuc

Dawn Nier

Christopher Lee

Courtney Brown

**ABSENT:**

 **WHEREAS,** the Town Board of the Town of Hounsfield has agreed to create Water Service Area No. 8 to provide a water supply and distribution system to Town residents, and has accepted the final Official Map, Plan, and Report of the Town Engineer; and

 **WHEREAS,** following the adoption of the Final Order it was determined that a question had been raised regarding the rights and responsibilities of the Town and property owners relating to laterals following construction; and

 **WHEREAS,** the Town Board adopts this Clarifying Order to clarify any points of confusion regarding ownership of water service laterals following completion of construction.

 **NOW THEREFORE**, on motion duly made and seconded, this Board makes the following determinations, and it is hereby Ordered:

 1. The above recitations together with all paperwork, including the Final Map, Plan, and Report are incorporated herein and are part hereof.

 2. Both the original Notice of Public Hearing, Order setting the Public Hearing, and this Clarifying Order were duly published and posted as required by law and are otherwise sufficient.

3. This Clarifying Order is adopted as required by NY Town Law §209-q and is subject to a permissive Referendum.

4. Following the initial installation of the infrastructure, **ownership of the water service laterals shall remain with the Town of Hounsfield**. The Town shall have the responsibility of maintaining, operating, repairing, and replacing the same. As the owner of the laterals, the Town shall make repairs in emergency circumstances, and maintain, operate, repair, and/or replace the lateral when the Town deems necessary. In such situations, any monies expended by the Town shall be taken only from the funds specifically belonging to Water Service Area No. 8.

5. Within ten (10) days after adoption of this Clarifying Order, and so long as referendum is not required, the Town Clerk shall file a certified copy of the Final Order with the NYS Department of Audit and Control, Albany, NY, with the pending application for the approval of the NYS Comptroller.

 The foregoing Resolution was offered by Board Member Courtney Brown and seconded by Board Member John LaDuc and upon a roll call vote of the Board was duly adopted as follows:

Supervisor Beth Arthur YES \_\_\_\_X\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

John LaDuc YES \_\_\_\_\_X\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Dawn Nier YES \_\_\_\_\_X\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Christopher Lee ABSENT YES \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Courtney Brown YES \_\_\_\_\_X\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Dated: March \_12\_, 2025 \_Brenda Bockus\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 **Brenda Bockus, Town Clerk**