

A Resolution to Authorize Drain Wastewater Testing, Enfield Highway Facility

RESOLUTION #2026-_____

Whereas, the Town of Enfield has for many years collected and stored drain wastewater at its Highway Facility and authorized the wastewater’s periodic transport by a professional hauler to the Ithaca Area Wastewater Treatment Facility (IAWWTF), having done so to satisfy New York State environmental regulations; and

Whereas, officials at the IAWWTF notified the Enfield Highway Superintendent in late 2025 through communication with the professional hauler that the IAWWTF will no longer accept Enfield’s trucked wastewater unless the Town secures a valid Trucked Wastewater Permit, the application for which requires the satisfactory testing of a representative sample of this wastewater by a certified laboratory, tests analyzing the wastewater for a wide range of potential pollutants; and

Whereas, Microbac Laboratories, Cortland, NY (Microbac) is one such certified laboratory; and

Whereas, Microbac Laboratories on May 29, 2026 quoted the Town of Enfield a cost of \$2,332.25 for its providing this one-time testing service, testing that a Microbac representative believes satisfies all requirements specified by the IAWWTF; and

Whereas, the list of pollutants to be tested and testing methods to be employed under the Microbac proposal awaits final approval by management of the IAWWTF; and

Whereas, even should the tests performed by Microbac indicate the wastewater sample fails to meet the pollutant standards acceptable to the IAWWTF, test results may identify the degree to which the Highway Facility’s drain wastewater may be pretreated to satisfy the IAWWTF criteria; and

Whereas, the Town of Enfield’s obtaining a Trucked Wastewater Permit holds the potential for saving the Town considerable expense in the long-distance hauling of highway drain wastewater to alternate facilities for the indefinite future; therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Enfield Town Board hereby authorizes the Supervisor to execute an agreement with Microbac Laboratories for (one-time) testing of stored drain wastewater at the Enfield Town Highway Facility, the Board’s authorization based on the Microbac Service Proposal of May 29, 2026, testing adequacy subject to final review and approval by management of the Ithaca Area Wastewater Treatment Facility; and be it further

Resolved, that this Board authorizes the Supervisor to amend and execute any revised service agreement with Microbac Laboratories as revisions dictated by IAWWTF management may require, so long as the testing agreement’s final cost remains within the limits of this Resolution; and be it further

Resolved, that this Town Board authorizes the expenditure of no more than \$2,700.00 from its contingency account for Microbac Laboratories to perform the tests authorized under this or any amended agreement.

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