



Office of The Mayor

September 5th, 2018

Residents of Snow St, Rensselaer St, Congress St, Oak St, Carr St, Parsons Ave, and Fairbanks Rd:

I want to make you aware of an upcoming construction project in your area of the Village that should be breaking ground this week.

For many years, the issue of water pressure in this part of the Village has been a constant struggle for residents and for Village employees. Thanks to the work of former Mayor Borge and with the assistance of the engineering firm MRB Group, the Village received a SAM (State and Municipal) grant for \$350,000 from the office of state Senator Kathy Marchione back in March of 2017 to address this issue. After planning the project, putting it out for bid, speaking with the contractors, and making final adjustments, we are ready to do the work!

Here are some details about the upcoming work:

- This project will have an impact on nearly 20 properties located on and nearby Snow Street.
- A new water main will be installed along Snow Street, as well as on part of Congress Street. This will connect in to additional, existing water mains in the area.
- Work should begin this week, and we hope to have it complete within a month. When work is finished, the roads will be patched up and be opened as normal. We will give the work a year to settle, and are planning to do final paving work next summer.
- There will be some detours throughout the progress, but you should still be able to travel to and from your house. Most work will only take up one side of a road at a time.
- The only time your water should have any interruptions/changes in service will be near the end, when contractors will switch each house's water line to the new water main. At that time, either the contractor or engineer's field representative will be knocking on each door to inform residents, and the procedure ideally should take under an hour for each home. The Village will leave a letter in your door notifying you that the switch has been made.
- When each house's water line has been switched over, the process could stir up some dirt and sediments in the line, which may show up in your water. If this happens, just let it run for about 5 minutes or until the cloudiness goes away.

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This project is the first of two major steps we have been planning to provide a long term solution to the water pressure issues in this area. The second step will be to replace the pump station. Our initial goal was to try to use the grant for both projects, but the cost of the snow street project, along with some last-minute changes that required extra work relocating some storm drains along Snow and Congress Streets, will likely use up all of the funds from this grant. We are still working to find ways to fund the new pump station, and hope to provide an update on this in the middle of 2019 or sooner.

If you have any questions, feel free to call the Village office at 518-686-7072 or email me at mayor@hfvillage.org. We apologize for the inconvenience of this construction, but are very excited to finally be taking a major step forward to addressing the water pressure needs in this area of the Village.

Sincerely,

Robert J. Allen
Mayor, Village of Hoosick Falls