

A Time Line for The Covington Water Project.
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This is a summary of the time line for the proposed Water Project, using the Minutes of the monthly meetings of the Town Board.

July 2010. Wyoming County forms a committee to study the engineering for bringing water to needed areas of Wyoming County. They were to look into the possibility of Perry expanding water availability towards Covington. They were to look into tapping into Monroe County water through Pavilion.

March 2012. Wyoming County applies for a \$50,000 grant to form “Wyoming County Water Resource Agency”.

June 2015. Discussion at the Board Meeting on having a meeting open to the town to begin the discussion of municipal water.

August 2015. Open house for the New Town Hall. Questionnaires available for municipal water.

February 2016. Board informed about a cheese factory proposed at Noblehurst Farm in the Town of York.

Supervisor Davis informed the Board that municipal water for Covington was discussed in the Legislature in Albany. There was a discussion of income surveys that would be needed to move forward with a water project.

March 2016. Supervisor Jerry Davis had discussions at the County about getting water into Covington.

April 2016. The Town of York for placing a water storage tower on Peoria Road in the Town of Covington approaches the Town of Covington. Town of York’s wants the tank and land to be tax exempt.

May 2016. Supervisor Jerry Davis met with Stephen Perkins discussions on municipal water. Stephen Perkins is the Wyoming County Water Resource Agency Administrator.

June 2016. Supervisor Jerry Davis met with Stephen Perkins about forming a Water District. There was a discussion at the Board Meeting about setting up accounts and funding to start moving towards a water project.

July 2016. Met with Stephen Perkins regarding Genesee County’s interest in being a source of water for Wyoming County.

August 2016. Pavilion, York are in the water discussion. Supervisor Jerry Davis will keep the Board informed.

September 2016. Highway Superintendent Michael Bell received plans for the proposed water tank on Peoria Rd. from Clark Patterson Lee. Clark Patterson Lee is an Architectural firm that specializes in municipal infrastructure projects in New York State.

October 2016. Supervisor Jerry Davis started discussions with Jerome Grasso on an income survey for the water project. Jerome Grasso works for Municipal Solutions. Municipal Solutions specializes in providing services in sourcing funding for infrastructure projects.

Supervisor Jerry Davis will talk with Clark Patterson Lee and Municipal Solutions and report back to the Board on the water project.

July 2017. David DiMatteo made a presentation to the board concerning the York Water Tower. David DiMatteo is the Town's Attorney. DiMatteo and Roach, Warsaw, NY. The Town of York proposal is for a water storage tank on Peoria Rd., they want the tank and land exempted from taxes. The Board said no. After further discussion, Mr. DiMatteo suggested that this might be a possible source of water for the proposed water district. He would approach York on this.

The Town board moved forward with forming Water District #2.

May 2018. The Town Board approved Municipal Solutions to work on the water project.

September 2018. David DiMatteo finished the Water Petition and will meet with the steering committee. The Town Board approved a steering committee. The steering committee is to canvass the area for the proposed water district, collect signatures either in favor or against the proposed district. They are to work with the Wyoming County Water Resource Agency to refine and define the district.

October 2018. Water Committee meets and works on the petition.

November 2018. Signed petitions are presented to the Board. After a discussion the Board finds that petition supports the Water District and votes to proceed with the Water District.

December 2018. Waiting on the water district income survey.

January 22, 2019. A public hearing on Water District #2.

February 2019. A public meeting before the regular Town Board Meeting. Rick Henry, David DiMatteo and Stephen Perkins explained how the Water District was determined and answered questions.

At the regular Board Meeting that followed the Town Board voted unanimously to proceed with Water District #2.

The town voted to use moneys that were received from CDBG grant to pay Clark Patterson Lee to perform preliminary emergency engineering for the Water District. The money from the CDBG is a Community Block Grant that was used to help M & T Trucking with an expansion project. The Town had to use these funds by April 1, 2019 or they would be forfeited to New York State. \$164, 583.

The Town Board knows that there is an interest in municipal water. Finding a source that is available and affordable was a major concern. The Town of York and the Town of Covington eventually agreed that the Water Tower and land would be tax exempt. The Town of York agreed that as part of the agreement they would make available 50,000 gallons of water per day to the Town of Covington Water District #2. We felt from our discussion that this provided us with best place to start. Stephen Perkins supported our decision and moved the Town of Covington's water project towards the head of the list of projects within Wyoming County.

We know that this seems to be taking forever. The first project is the hardest. It is a learning curve that is unbelievable for everyone involved. We hope that once we are able to get the Water District through all the beginning obstacles, the future will be like a row of falling dominos.