

Sewer Report - May 11, 2026

The team meets two times per month to discuss operations, maintenance, and future planning. Those in attendance include H2O Innovation, Red Hook Village DPW, Delaware Engineering, Mayor Smythe, Trustee Allen, and Village Clerk Cavanaugh.

At our April 16th meeting we were visited by the USDA who had investigated the site for potential energy and cost savings. They expressed genuine admiration for the operations team and really celebrated the work that was being put in. We received a few good tips moving forward - for the most part, they observed the plant was running nearly as well as it could, by their standards.

Aside from the USDA report, the team discussed a newly installed alarm system within the WWTP. It has been effective in monitoring the plant, though it needs tweaking. Over the past month there have been two alarms notifying the staff of the issue immediately. Because of this new notification system, neither matter became significant. As the alarm system has become integral to smooth operations, we are receiving a quote for enhancing it.

At the most recent April 27th meeting we primarily discussed the future - including renegotiating energy prices, incorporating solar technology, and with other cost-effective considerations for future operations.

In the very near future, the Village will be installing a new EQ tank - essential for current operations, the cost covered by a Dutchess County Grant. This will continue to ease the pressures on the current system. Simultaneously, Delaware Engineering is developing plans for the roll out of an expanded sewer system.