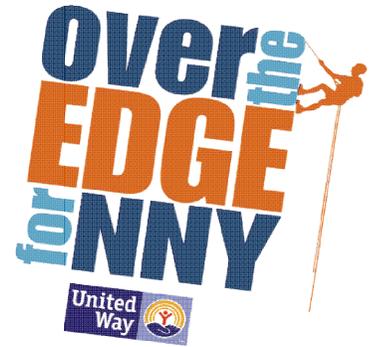


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**United Way – Over the Edge**

This year, Alfreda Augustus (payroll) from the Comptroller's office, has volunteered to represent the City of Watertown in the United Way's 4<sup>th</sup> Annual *Over the Edge* fundraising program. To help her reach her \$1,000 donation goal, during April and May, we will be holding a "Pie in the Face" raffle and a "Guess that baby" contest. For the raffle, tickets will be available for a \$1 donation per ticket to 'pie' your choice of the participating members of management. To add a fun twist, the member of management that raises the most in ticket sales, will have the opportunity to pie Alfreda. In May, for a minimum \$1 donation, you will have the chance to match the City employee to the baby picture. If you are willing to volunteer to take a pie – or two - in the face or provide a baby picture for this worthy cause, please contact Alfreda!



To read all about Alfreda's reason for wanting to 'go over the edge' or better yet help her reach her donation goal, visit her fundraising page:  
<https://nny-overtheedge.com/alfreda-augustus/>

**Engineering Department**

**Huntington Street Sidewalk and Handicap Ramps – CDBG Phase 3 & 4**

Contractor, Concrete Slipform Inc., has begun work on sidewalk reconstruction along Huntington Street. Work is progressing extremely quickly with over 1,000 feet of sidewalk removed and partially formed.

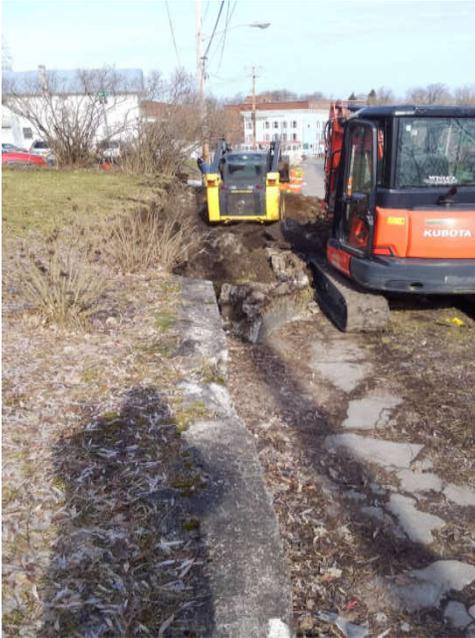
Day 1 - Approximately 100' excavated of both the walks and the old wall on the first day of construction.

Day 2 - All the wall, stairs excavated. Walks removed from Lee Street – Rutland Street S. (550 linear feet).

Day 2 – Excavated from Rutland Street N 150' toward DOCO Printing 808 Huntington.

Day 3 - Setting forms – Excavation completed through Central Street and continuing. Driveways have been stoned for continued use.

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**Arsenal Street Bridge Reconstruction**



Work is progressing on the Arsenal Street Bridge Project with construction of the temporary bridge approaches. Staff has been coordinating with NYSDOT on logistics and utilities being installed for the City.

**Purchasing Department**

A combined DPW and Police Department online auction was held in February that resulted in total sales of \$10,350.00. Two vehicles and miscellaneous items were sold. We are in the process of putting another auction together that will include DPW, the Fire Department, and the Waste Water Filtration Plant.

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**Planning Department**

**Huntington Street Sidewalk Reconstruction**

Sidewalk reconstruction work continued along the 900 blocks of Huntington Street this week as walks in disrepair along the 900 block have been removed and concrete has been poured on the 700-800 blocks.



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**North Hamilton Street Playground**

With playground installation work completed, Parks and Recreation staff have begun site restoration and grading activities. Final grading and seeding will take place prior to the official ribbon cutting scheduled for May 20, 2019.

**Comprehensive Plan**

Steering Committee members worked with Staff and Elan Planning to revise and wordsmith the plan's draft Vision Statement at the committee's fifth meeting, which occurred on Wednesday, April 10, 2019. Committee members also provided feedback on 10 Planning Principles for the City that will guide recommendations moving forward. The next Steering Committee meeting will occur at 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 1, 2019, in Council Chambers at City Hall.

**Water Department**

**Water Treatment**

The Soda Ash Rehabilitation project is making forward progress with a meeting with BCA Architects & Engineers to finalize expectations and engineering roles.

A location was selected for an auto flushing hydrant on the southwest side of the City.

To improve levels of disinfection by-products, weekly flushing at four locations throughout the City has resumed and will continue on Tuesday mornings till cold weather returns in the fall.

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The fence installation at the coagulation basin off of Route 3, was completed.

**Distribution**

Distribution crews and water administrative staff were very busy all week with service shut-offs for unpaid water/sewer bills. Distribution crews also had more than forty DSNY locations and repaired a service on Broadway.

**Hydroelectric**

Engineering met with Pat Salvador, City safety consultant, regarding access for the hydro plant canal and fore-bay areas. Discussed were safety requirements during the Canal Maintenance Project and for Maintenance Operators that work at the plant daily. Operators will be receiving proper safety training to use any new equipment installed.



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**Comptroller's Department**

**Sales Tax**

The March sales tax revenue was down \$91,635 or 6.06% compared to last March. In comparison to the original budget projection for the month, sales tax was down \$98,612 or 6.49%. The year-to-date actual receipts are up \$371,854 or 2.73%, while the year-to-date receipts on a budget basis are up \$309,105 or 2.26%.

	<u>Actual 2014- 15</u>	<u>Actual 2015- 16</u>	<u>Actual 2016- 17</u>	<u>Actual 2017- 18</u>	<u>Actual 2018- 19</u>	<u>Variance</u>	<u>% Inc/(Dec)to Prior Year</u>
July	\$ 1,412,829	\$ 1,509,325	\$ 1,536,214	\$ 1,573,554	\$ 1,606,413	\$ 32,859	2.09%
August	\$ 1,247,954	\$ 1,494,788	\$ 1,435,666	\$ 1,498,230	\$ 1,573,047	\$ 74,817	4.99%
September	\$ 2,206,655	\$ 1,683,486	\$ 1,982,777	\$ 1,918,505	\$ 2,226,468	\$ 307,963	16.05%
October	\$ 1,405,774	\$ 1,339,731	\$ 1,295,166	\$ 1,381,534	\$ 1,423,970	\$ 42,436	3.07%
November	\$ 1,398,402	\$ 1,375,619	\$ 1,355,551	\$ 1,435,650	\$ 1,466,279	\$ 30,629	2.13%
December	\$ 1,540,727	\$ 1,351,562	\$ 1,752,250	\$ 1,754,106	\$ 1,718,512	\$ (35,594)	(2.03%)
January	\$ 1,261,235	\$ 1,332,286	\$ 1,363,372	\$ 1,360,442	\$ 1,384,533	\$ 24,091	1.77%
February	\$ 1,059,321	\$ 1,084,467	\$ 1,087,663	\$ 1,163,558	\$ 1,149,846	\$ (13,713)	(1.18%)
March	\$ 1,295,074	\$ 1,426,339	\$ 1,548,314	\$ 1,511,911	\$ 1,420,276	\$ (91,635)	(6.06%)
April	\$ 1,286,204	\$ 1,333,096	\$ 1,313,100	\$ 1,392,815	\$ -		0.00%
May	\$ 1,288,547	\$ 1,348,173	\$ 1,325,536	\$ 1,383,659	\$ -		0.00%
June	<u>\$ 1,726,963</u>	<u>\$ 1,789,321</u>	<u>\$ 1,821,198</u>	<u>\$ 2,051,011</u>	<u>\$ -</u>		<u>0.00%</u>
YTD	<u>\$ 17,129,685</u>	<u>\$ 17,068,193</u>	<u>\$ 17,816,807</u>	<u>\$ 18,424,974</u>	<u>\$ 13,969,343</u>	<u>\$ 371,854</u>	<u>2.73%</u>

	<u>Original Budget 2018- 19</u>	<u>Actual 2018- 19</u>	<u>Variance</u>	<u>%</u>
July	\$ 1,580,816	\$ 1,606,413	\$ 25,597	1.62%
August	\$ 1,505,144	\$ 1,573,047	\$ 67,903	4.51%
September	\$ 1,927,358	\$ 2,226,468	\$ 299,110	15.52%
October	\$ 1,387,909	\$ 1,423,970	\$ 36,061	2.60%
November	\$ 1,442,275	\$ 1,466,279	\$ 24,004	1.66%
December	\$ 1,762,200	\$ 1,718,512	\$ (43,688)	(2.48%)
January	\$ 1,366,720	\$ 1,384,533	\$ 17,813	1.30%
February	\$ 1,168,928	\$ 1,149,846	\$ (19,083)	(1.63%)
March	\$ 1,518,888	\$ 1,420,276	\$ (98,612)	(6.49%)
April	\$ 1,399,243	\$ -		0.00%
May	\$ 1,390,044	\$ -		0.00%
June	<u>\$ 2,060,475</u>	<u>\$ -</u>		<u>0.00%</u>
YTD	<u>\$ 18,510,000</u>	<u>\$ 13,969,343</u>	<u>\$ 309,105</u>	<u>2.26%</u>

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**Sale of Excess Hydro-Electricity**

The City has received the monthly hydro-electricity production and consumption data from National Grid. In comparison to last March, the sale of surplus hydro-electric power on an actual to actual basis was down \$184,034 or 31.32%. In comparison to the budget projection for the month, revenue was down \$39,193. The year-to-date actual revenue is down \$1,347,044 or 39.27%, while the year-to-date revenue on a budget basis is down \$421,803 or 16.84%. The hydro-electric facility was planned to be shut down in August and September for planned capital improvements.

	<u>Actual</u> <u>2014-15</u>	<u>Actual</u> <u>2015-16</u>	<u>Actual</u> <u>2016-17</u>	<u>Actual</u> <u>2017-18</u>	<u>Actual</u> <u>2018-19</u>	<u>Variance</u>	<u>%</u> <u>Inc/(Dec)to</u> <u>Prior Year</u>
July	\$286,952	\$321,539	\$ 73,815	\$ 644,519	\$ 4,063	\$(640,456)	(99.37%)
August	\$293,338	\$ 11,805	\$ 278,611	\$ 308,911	\$ 1,201	\$(307,710)	(99.61%)
September	\$ 38,778	\$ 14,857	\$ 22,118	\$ 129,629	\$ 46,149	\$ (83,479)	(64.40%)
October	\$296,432	\$260,804	\$ 208,586	\$ 219,082	\$ 323,260	\$ 104,179	47.55%
November	\$331,977	\$393,589	\$ 396,753	\$ 610,656	\$ 572,955	\$ (37,701)	(6.17%)
December	\$502,018	\$542,231	\$ 470,259	\$ 332,344	\$ 249,645	\$ (82,699)	(24.88%)
January	\$246,137	\$380,018	\$ 481,938	\$ 243,768	\$ 171,405	\$ (72,362)	(29.69%)
February	\$158,920	\$440,304	\$ 325,684	\$ 353,929	\$311,149	\$ (42,780)	(12.09%)
March	\$154,182	\$634,598	\$ 418,328	\$ 587,558	\$403,524	\$ (184,034)	(31.32%)
April	\$577,742	\$555,833	\$ 688,018	\$ 728,661			
May	\$192,410	\$275,751	\$ 711,278	\$ 584,892			
June	<u>\$638,045</u>	<u>\$162,659</u>	<u>\$ 681,514</u>	<u>\$ 59,631</u>			
YTD	<u>\$3,716,931</u>	<u>\$3,993,988</u>	<u>\$4,756,903</u>	<u>\$4,803,579</u>	<u>\$2,083,351</u>	<u>\$(1,347,044)</u>	<u>(39.27%)</u>

	<u>Original</u> <u>Budget</u> <u>2018-19</u>	<u>Actual</u> <u>2018-19</u>	<u>Variance</u>	<u>%</u>
July	\$ 261,365	\$ 4,063	(257,302)	(98.45%)
August	\$ -	\$ 1,201	\$ 1,201	#DIV/0!
September	\$ -	\$ 46,149	\$ 46,149	#DIV/0!
October	\$ 345,543	\$ 323,260	\$ (22,283)	(6.45%)
November	\$ 460,506	\$ 572,955	\$ 112,449	24.42%
December	\$ 409,952	\$ 249,645	\$ (160,307)	(39.10%)
January	\$ 331,270	\$ 171,405	\$ (159,865)	(48.26%)
February	\$ 253,801	\$ 311,149	\$ 57,348	22.60%
March	\$ 442,717	\$ 403,524	\$ (39,193)	(8.85%)
April	\$ 641,924			
May	\$ 538,455			
June	<u>\$ 420,467</u>			
YTD	<u>\$4,106,000</u>	<u>\$2,083,351</u>	<u>\$(421,803)</u>	<u>(16.84%)</u>