

APPENDIX C  
Correspondence



**ORANGE COUNTY  
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**Steven M. Neuhaus**  
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October 31, 2014

Town of Monroe Planning Board  
Attn: Mary Bingham, Chairperson  
11 Stage Road  
Monroe, NY 10950

Re: PIN 8759.23 Construction of Larkin Drive West  
Proposed Road Corridor Project

Dear Chair Bingham and Planning Board Members:

The Orange County Department of Public Works, Department of Planning, Town of Monroe, Village of Monroe, and the Village of Kiryas Joel have been working over the past several years on a project to extend Larkin Drive. The extension of Larkin Drive, also called Larkin Drive West, would connect State Route 208 with County Route 105, intersecting with Forest Avenue and Schunnemunk Road along the way.

The new road would provide a convenient route around the center of the Village of Monroe, diverting traffic from CR 105, Forest Avenue, and Spring Street. It will also provide an alternate route of travel for emergency vehicles during congested travel periods on NYS Route 17

This project is currently in the design phase. A design report is expected to be issued within the next few months. A copy of the proposed road corridor is enclosed with this letter for your review and use in the review of site development projects in and around the corridor.

Thank you for your anticipated cooperation in this matter. Should you have any questions regarding the project, please do not hesitate to contact this Department.

Very truly yours,

Chris Viebrock, P.E.  
Acting Commissioner of Public Works

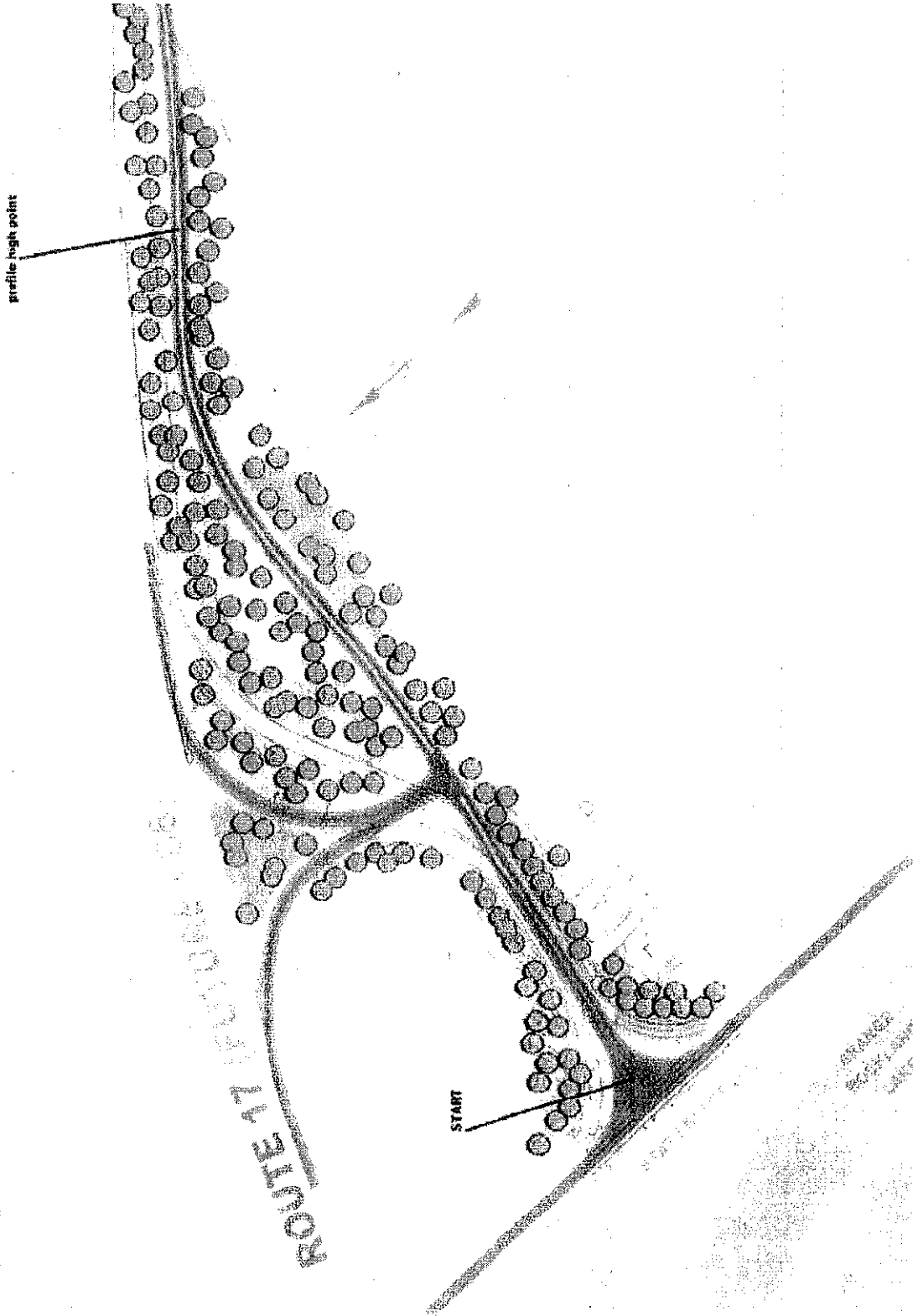
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Enclosures (4)

cc: Harley E. Doles, III, Town of Monroe Supervisor  
David Church, Commissioner of Planning  
John Czamanske, Deputy Commissioner of Planning

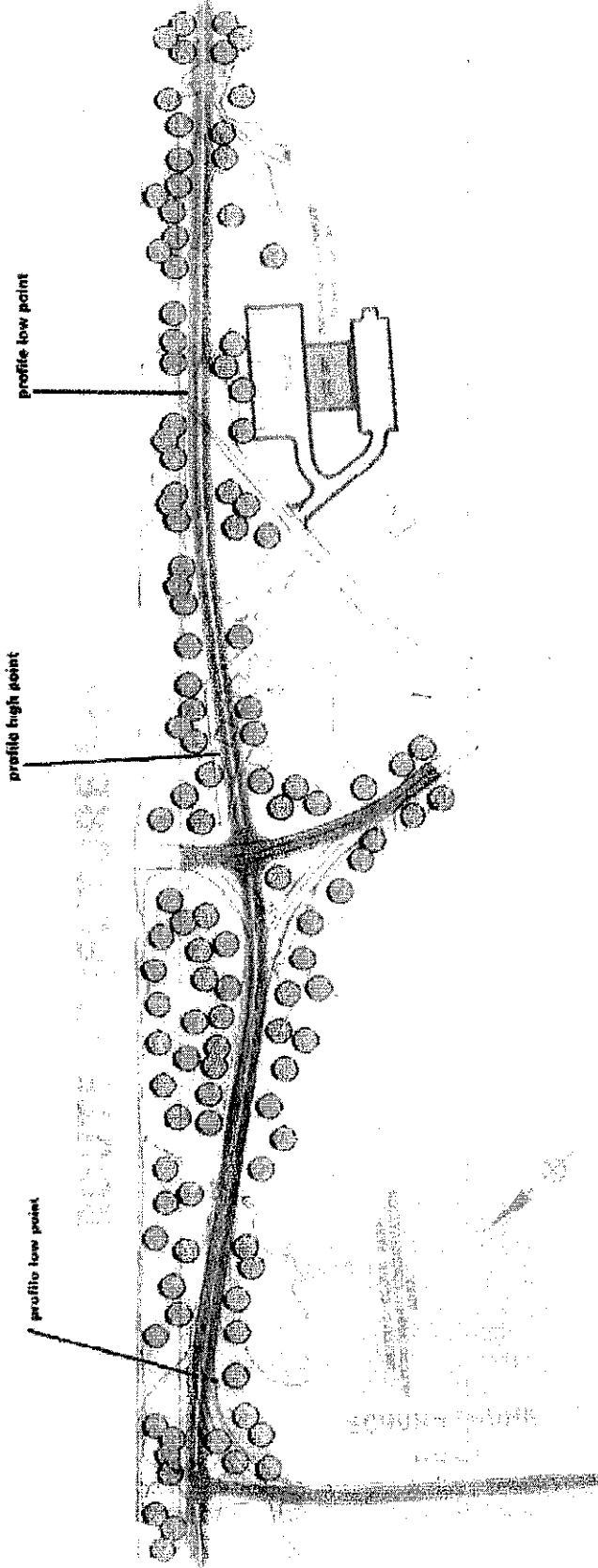
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**LARKIN DRIVE WEST  
PREFERRED ALIGNMENT**



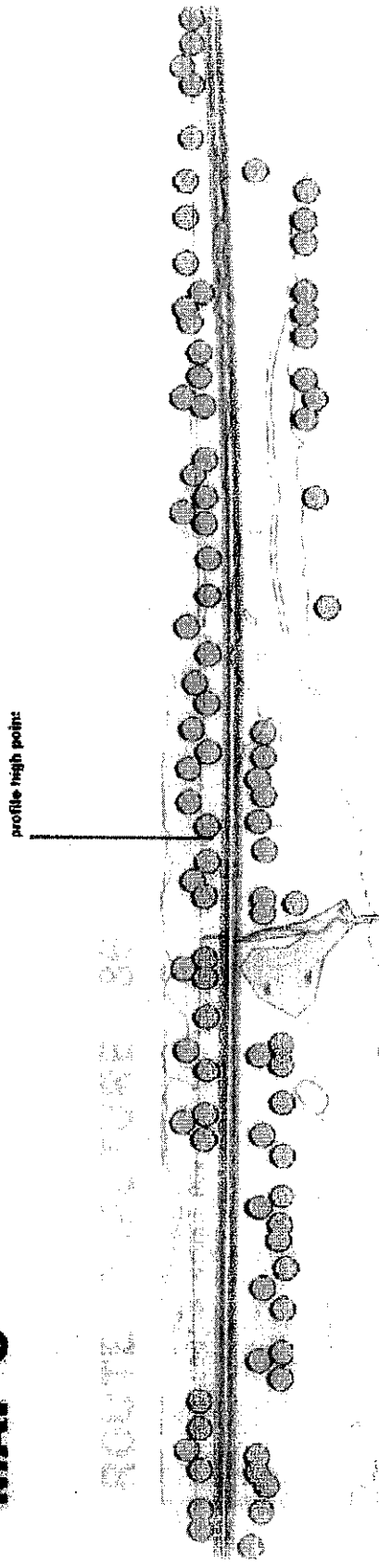
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**LARKIN DRIVE WEST  
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# MAP-3

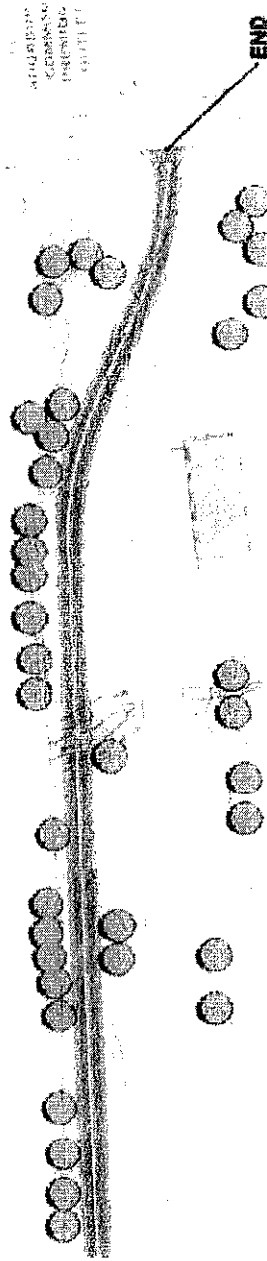


ROUTE 105 TO NYS ROUTE 208

## LARKIN DRIVE WEST PREFERRED ALIGNMENT

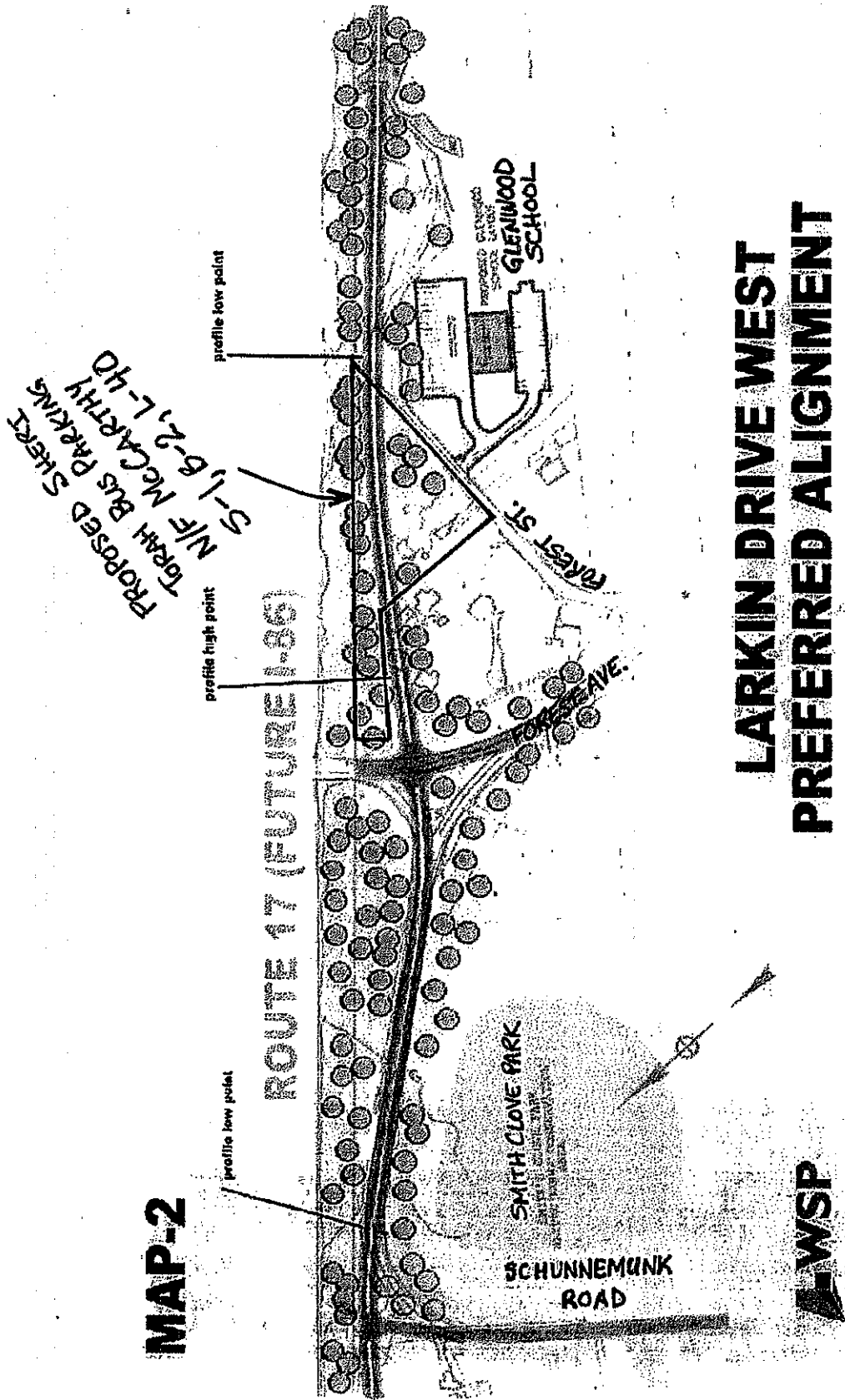


# MAP-4



# LARKIN DRIVE WEST PREFERRED ALIGNMENT





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**Subject:** FW: KJ Annexation Data Collection

**From:** Ann Cutignola  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 30, 2014 1:02 PM  
**To:** [gskjkj@gmail.com](mailto:gskjkj@gmail.com)  
**Cc:** [fwells@timmillerassociates.com](mailto:fwells@timmillerassociates.com)  
**Subject:** KJ Annexation Data Collection

Dear Mr. Gedalye Szegedin

As you are aware, Tim Miller Associates is preparing the environmental documentation for the pending annexation of properties into the Village of Kiryas Joel.

I need to discuss how community services will be provided to the newly annexed properties so I need some information on the existing services provided to Village Residents including police protection, fire prevention, EMS, Hospital and medical services, public works and schools.

Would you please forward this request to the appropriate persons or provide contact information for me to contact them?

I will also need a copy of the Village Budget.

For the Police Services please provide;

- the number of police calls per year
- The number of police officers
- service ratio (police officers to population served)
- the typical response time to a site in the Village
- the location of police station(s)
- your current equipment levels (number and type of vehicles)
- any anticipated department staff or facility expansion or equipment procurement plans
- Contact information and an introduction to the Chief of Police

For Fire prevention please provide;

- the number of emergency calls per year
- your current manpower and equipment levels (number and type of vehicles)
- the typical response time to a site in the Village
- any anticipated department staff or facility expansion or equipment procurement plans
- any overlap in jurisdiction, or backup service provided by neighboring communities
- Contact information and an introduction to the Fire Chief

For EMS please provide;

- your current manpower and equipment levels (number and type of vehicles)
- Volunteer or Paid status
- the number of emergency calls per year
- the typical response time to a site in the Village
- The nearest hospital
- any overlap in jurisdiction, or backup service provided by neighboring communities



For the Department of Public Works please provide;

- the number of road miles that the Village maintains;
- the number or percent of private roads
- the allocation for Highway maintenance in the Village Budget
- Contact information and an introduction to the Highway Supervisor

For the Kiryas Joel Private Schools please provide;

- an introduction to the Executive Director of the United Talmudical Academy
- the total number of schools and grade range
- the total number of students and gender by school
- Do the private schools follow the public school format – K thru 12? If not Until what age or grade?
- How is the private school funded?
- What services does the public Kiryas Joel School District provide to private school students?
- What is the financial agreement between the public school and private school?
- Do other Hasidic Students that do not live within the Village attend the private schools? Do they pay the same tuition?
- Is there any school bussing required or provided?

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Ann

**Ann Cutignola, AICP**  
*Senior Planner*

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# חברה הצלה דקריית יואל

## KIRYAS JOEL VOLUNTEER E.M.S. INC.

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Admin. Office: 845-371-4141 Fax: 845-746-4255

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To Whom It May Concern;

Kiryas Joel Volunteer EMS is the sole provider of Emergency Medical Services to the community within the Village of Kiryas Joel, which is our primary jurisdiction.

Our organization consists of six ambulances, seventy basic volunteer responders and twenty paid on call paramedics. Our volunteers are on duty twenty-four hours a day. We have one paramedic on duty at all times and in addition we have five paramedics that are available on very short notice and during critical or mass casualty incidents.

Our dispatch center is open twenty-four hours per day and staffed by one of our volunteers or volunteer dispatchers. Kiryas Joel EMS responds to approximately 4500 emergencies yearly, including motor vehicle accidents, acute illness and injuries. Our typical response time is less than two minutes for our basic responders and three minutes for our paramedics.

We have a mutual aid agreement with our surrounding communities. We respond to a request of mutual aid to our neighbors on a weekly basis. However we only request for mutual aid on rare occasions or during mass casualty incidents.

The closest hospital to our Village is Orange Regional Medical Center. We have a great relationship with the hospital staff. Many of our patients are transported there. We also work closely with St Anthony's Medical Center in Warwick NY, Good Samaritan Hospital in Suffern NY and Westchester Medical Center in Valhalla NY.

Feel free to contact me with any questions that may arise.

Sincerely,

Israel Knobloch, Administrator

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**Subject:**

FW: KJ Annexation Data Collection - Fire Dep

**From:** Gedalye Szegedin

**Sent:** Tuesday, February 04, 2014 5:33 PM

**To:** Tim Miller; Fred Wells

**Subject:** KJ Annexation Data Collection - Fire Dep

For Fire prevention please provide;

- the number of emergency calls per year - Year 2013 --1,300
- your current manpower 6 Paid Firefighters and 58 Volunteers  
Equipment levels (number and type of vehicles) - 3 engines (pumpers), 1 ladder truck, 1 rescue truck, 1 mini pumper all fully Equipped
- the typical response time to a site in the Village – First Responders 90 seconds - Equipment 4-7 Minutes
- any anticipated department staff or facility expansion or equipment procurement plans - New Ladder Truck - Fire House Substation
- any overlap in jurisdiction, or backup service provided by neighboring communities - Orange County Mutual Aid Membership
- Contact information and an introduction to the Fire Chief – Joshua Blumenthal (845) 629-5217

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**Subject:** FW: KJ Annexation Data Collection - schools

**From:** Gedalye Szegedin

**Sent:** Monday, February 10, 2014 3:26 PM

**To:** [tim@timmillerassociates.com](mailto:tim@timmillerassociates.com); Fred Wells

**Subject:** KJ Annexation Data Collection - schools

For the Kiryas Joel Private Schools please provide;

- an introduction to the Executive Director of the United Talmudical Academy

There are 3 private religious schools which serve students residing in the Village of Kiryas Joel:

- 1) United Talmudical Academy (UTA) 845-783-5800
- 2) V'Yoel Moshe (also known as Sheri Torah) 845-492-3323
- 3) Bnei Yoel 845-782-7240

- the total number of schools and grade range

Each one of the 3 non public schools operates programs for children beginning at the age of 3 (nursery), age 4 (kindergarten), age 5 (pre 1A) age 6 (first grade) and continuing through 12th grade.

- the total number of students and gender by school

The latest enrollment data that we have is for 2012. We are updating our records and will forward it when it's received.

The 2012 data totals are:

- 1) UTA boys- 2927
- 2) UTA girls (also known as the Bais Rochel School)-3025
- 3) Sheri Torah boys- 1241
- 4) Sheri Torah girls- 1044
- 5) Bnei Yoel boys- 854
- 6) Bnei Yoel girls- 775

- Do the private schools follow the public school format – K thru 12? If not Until what age or grade?

Yes, each of these schools operate with grades similar to the Public School format, but they may also include a grade called "Pre 1A" which is usually placed between K and 1<sup>st</sup> grade.

- How is the private school funded?

Each private school is funded mainly through tuition payments and private donations. The school may also be the recipient of funds from the NY State Education Department for mandated services (such as attendance and testing) and grants for food programs.

- What services does the public Kiryas Joel School District provide to private school students?

The Kiryas Joel Union Free School District is responsible to provide private school students with transportation, textbooks, remedial services (such as our Title 1 reading program) and special education related services (therapy, as required). All of these services are provided consistent with NY State law and program regulations.

- What is the financial agreement between the public school and private school?

Of the 3 private schools serving Kiryas Joel residents, only UTA has its non public schools located within the Village of Kiryas Joel. As such, the School District and UTA have a number of contracts and leases for space that relate to the above noted programs. Bnei Yoel and Sheri Torah have campuses located in the Monroe Woodbury Central School District.

- Do other Hasidic Students that do not live within the Village attend the private schools? Do they pay the same tuition?

All students that meet the criteria for enrollment in the non public schools are admitted, regardless of the location of their home. Tuition rates are set for each private school by their Board and administration, taking into account the number of children each family has in the school and their financial ability to pay. I do not believe that non residents are charged a different tuition rate.

- Is there any school bussing required or provided?

School busing is provided by the KJ School District, as mandated by NY State law, to UTA students beginning at the age of 5, until they complete high school. Parents of students attending the other 2 schools have not thus far requested busing from our school district. We provide busing for a maximum of 188 days, from September 1<sup>st</sup> through June 30<sup>th</sup>. All students, regardless of how close they reside to their school, are given bus service ( called "universal busing"). Currently, our busing is performed by a contract vendor, Focus in Chinuch, Inc.

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**Subject:** FW: Public Safety

**From:** Gedalye Szegedin  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 20, 2014 4:58 PM  
**To:** [tim@timmlerassociates.com](mailto:tim@timmlerassociates.com); Fred Wells  
**Subject:** FW: Public Safety

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**From:** Uri Schuster  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 19, 2014 1:44 PM  
**To:** [gskjkj@gmail.com](mailto:gskjkj@gmail.com)  
**Subject:** Public Safety

Response in red  
For the Police Services please provide;

- the number of police calls per year **Approximately 3500 calls a year**
- The number of police officers **45 public safety officers**
- service ratio (police officers to population served)
- the typical response time to a site in the Village **Priorities 3.5 min Non priority 8 min**
- the location of police station(s) **170 Schunnemunk Rd**
- your current equipment levels (number and type of vehicles)  
**13 vehicles**  
**1 command center**  
**1 ESU truck**  
**5 generator light towers**  
**500 Metal barricades**  
**3 Security booths**  
**Surveillance System**
- any anticipated department staff or facility expansion or equipment procurement plans  
**as the community grows we anticipate the an expansion to meet the required needs**
- Contact information and an introduction to the Chief of Police **Moses Witriol 845-783-3498**

**Uri Schuster**  
Financial Support Services  
16 Meadowbrook Lane  
Monsey NY 10952  
(845)659-8436  
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**M E M O R A N D U M**

**TO: Town Board                      DATE: February 24, 2014**  
**FROM: Peter J. Martin, Ph.D. Comptroller**  
**Subject: Answers to Questions Raised at the 2-10-14 TB Meeting**

**KJ Contract Payment**

I am happy to report that as of February 14<sup>th</sup> all funds due to the Town from the Village of Kiryas Joel have been deposited. The first payment for 2014 will be due in August in the amount of \$60,000.

**Town Wide Tax Collection**

The town wide tax is paid by residents of the villages and the town outside the villages. In 2014 the town wide tax of \$3,278,557 was paid as follows:

Town Outside the Villages	\$1,476,544	Percent of Levy 40.2%
Village of Monroe	\$1,166,418	Percent of Levy 31.7%
Village of Kiryas Joel	\$854,570	Percent of Levy 23.3%
Village of Harriman	\$177,282	Percent of Levy 4.8%

The town wide tax rate is levied on the taxable assessed value of all parcels within the Town of Monroe. Hence, the parcels subject to the requested annexation into the Village of Kiryas Joel that currently pay the town wide tax as parcels in the town outside the villages would continue to pay this same tax as parcels within the Village of Kiryas Joel.

The subject of tax collection always begs the question about wholly tax exempt parcels. The following is a breakdown of the percentage of wholly tax exempt parcels:

Town Outside the Villages	3.2%
Village of Monroe	3.0%
Village of Kiryas Joel	2.5%
Village of Harriman	3.2%

**Department of Social Services**

Legislator Mike Angnostakis discussed the distribution by municipality of social services that are provided by or supervised by Orange County. The 2012 Annual Report posted on the Orange County website does not provide the breakdown of services by municipality to which Legislator Angnostakis referred. I have requested that a report be provided by DSS indicating the distribution of services provided by municipality.

## **Mayor Welle's Concern About Refuse District Charges**

I have reviewed expenses that have been charged to the refuse district. I will offer the town board a budgetary amendment to reverse the charges in question and move them to an appropriate account before closing the books for 2013.





## My View: There's data, there's context and there's bigotry

By **Joel Petlin**

March 09, 2014 - 2:00 AM

In the world of education, data is constantly gathered and utilized. Everything from student grades and attendance to staff evaluations and budget projections requires the review of data. Often, however, the data must be put into context or it may be misunderstood. For example, if I told you that a 15-year-old student scored a 48 on a standardized math exam, you would assume that student failed. However, if I further informed you that this student is multiply handicapped and is working at a second-grade level, that should change your perception about the student.

Context matters and raw data is often misleading and can be misapplied. This is frequently done by those with an agenda in order to add weight to their argument. It can even be a cover for one's true agenda, hidden behind a seemingly solid statistical analysis.

Such was the case of a recent Town of Monroe Board meeting Feb. 10, where County Legislator Mike Anagnostakis passionately spoke during the public comment period. Though he actually represents the residents of the Towns of Newburgh and Montgomery, he claimed to be speaking for all of Orange County. He displayed a copy of the Orange County budget and then claimed to have data showing that residents of the Village of Kiryas Joel are receiving more social service funds than a number of other municipalities combined. To thunderous applause from over 200 residents present for the meeting, he raised the specter that everyone's children and grandchildren would have to pay for even higher social service costs if land is annexed into the Village of Kiryas Joel. There is only one problem with his analysis — it's completely mistaken, lacking other relevant data and proper context.

The first flaw in his argument is the recognition that in order to compare the outlay of expenses for residents by municipality, you need to take into account the entire expense budget, not just from a line or two for a single government agency. He focused on the Department of Social Services and excluded, I believe purposefully, the expenses incurred by other Orange County programs. For example, the majority of any government budget is for the salaries and benefits of its employees. Of the more than 2,000 workers employed by Orange County, not a single one is a resident of the Village of Kiryas Joel. Similarly, more than \$5 million of tax dollars will be spent this year to support the county's Valley View Nursing Home. The number of Kiryas Joel residents at Valley View — zero.

The same analysis applies to county costs for other important programs and services.

The criminal court system, the Family Court system, the county jail, substance abuse programs, gang violence programs, at-risk youth, homeless shelters and myriad other

programs and services are used by other residents throughout Orange County — with practically no costs on behalf of the residents of Kiryas Joel.

When it comes to education, more than 99 percent of Kiryas Joel's 10,000 children attend private religious school, paid for by tuition and donations and at no cost to the county taxpayers. In contrast, each year New York state sends more than \$43 million to the Monroe Woodbury School District to educate their 7,200 students, at a cost of more than \$6,000 per student. For the 10,000 students educated in Kiryas Joel, the state is saving more than \$60 million in educational aid. Even more is saved when you calculate the support from the state and the county for subsidizing the tuition at SUNY Orange, where not a single Kiryas Joel resident attends.

Another obvious piece missing from the legislator's presentation is the revenue side of the budget. He neglected to inform the public how much comes in to the county coffers each year from Kiryas Joel residents through property taxes, mortgage tax, recording fees and sales tax. He neglected to mention all the jobs that are created in the construction trades for building in Kiryas Joel — almost all of which is performed by Orange County residents living outside of Kiryas Joel.

The most troubling part of the legislator's diatribe was when he attempted to defend the county paying for social services elsewhere in Orange County — to the exclusion of Kiryas Joel. He said "Anyone that is poor, deserves help, deserves to get that help. There's no question about that. The question is, is there money going to areas where it doesn't deserve to go, because there isn't a real poor need there."

This bigoted and ignorant comment received the loudest applause of the night. He seemingly suggests that poor residents of other municipalities deserve public assistance, but the poor of Kiryas Joel do not. He therefore implies that only communities where wealthy families reside should be eligible for annexation. This proposition is both morally repugnant and constitutionally flawed. The annexation petitioners from Monroe and the residents of Kiryas Joel deserve no less equal protection under the law than the residents of Newburgh and Montgomery.

The environmental review process under SEQRA was designed to allow for a complete analysis of environmental impacts. To hijack this process or use it as an opportunity for political grandstanding is wrong and should be rejected. I urge the residents of Monroe and the rest of Orange County to wait for the release of all the data and not let bias and bigotry overtake the process.

-- Joel Petlin is the school superintendent for the Kiryas Joel School District and has been an administrator in the district for more than 20 years.

# An open letter to parents in the Monroe-Woodbury School District

PUBLISHED MAR 21, 2014 AT 12:12 PM (UPDATED MAR 21, 2014)

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I respect public education, having attended public schools for most of my educational life, as well as in my professional career, working for a public school district for over 20 years. I understand that good schools not only create good citizens, but also define entire communities. Ask any realtor: Your most expensive investment (your home) is valued by the quality of your children's public school.

More than just English and math courses, public education should provide all the tools needed for students to be prepared for college and career. Well rounded public school students need exposure to music, art, drama, sports, debate, advanced sciences and technology, in order to have a solid foundation for their future.

All of these exist in the programs of the Monroe-Woodbury School District. In fact, more than just having these programs, M-W students have excelled in them, winning state championships and national prizes in numerous sports and academic competitions. For all of these achievements, you have much to be proud of.

It is therefore quite disconcerting to see such a shift in focus, and downright fear and anger by the M-W family, over the proposed annexation of land into the Village of Kiryas Joel. Don't misunderstand me: I completely understand many of the concerns of neighbors regarding the environmental impacts of annexation.

What I do not understand, however, despite a careful review of letters, legal opinions, you-tube clips and published interviews, is how the annexation, if approved, will have a catastrophic impact on M-W schools.

Point 1: Nothing has to change

The petitioners for annexation live in the M-W School District boundaries, and even if their municipal boundaries are amended, this land is still in M-W's jurisdiction.

School districts boundaries rarely follow along municipal borders, and there are many other parts of towns and villages currently in the M-W District.

One of the concerns was "how will we be able to manage an influx of population in this area?"

The simple answer is: The same way that it's being managed now.

Over 150 Hasidic families live in this area today. As reported in this newspaper, 10 children from among these families are classified for special education.

The other Hasidic children from this area receive transportation and textbooks, and none attend the M-W

public schools. The combined annual cost of all of these services is less than the estimated \$1 million in M-W property tax generated by these families.

If the dreaded influx of additional families would occur, what would change this simple equation? Even if there were to be more special needs students, and more children in need of books and buses, the taxes on additional homes would offset the cost of the services.

I wonder if the M-W Annexation Committee considered the revenue offset of additional taxpayers?

Point 2: The Board of Education has the option to solve this “crisis.”

N.Y. State Education Law sets out the method by which school districts may alter their boundaries. At any time, even today, the M-W Board could decide that it no longer wants to be responsible for providing educational services to this area, and could petition that the boundaries be altered.

If the Kiryas Joel School District Board of Education would concur, then M-W would not have any further tuition costs for these special needs students, nor transportation and textbook costs for the areas non-public school students.

There are those that argue that M-W could not sustain a \$1 million tax revenue loss from the loss of this land, causing all the remaining M-W taxpayers to pay more in their taxes. Or worse, this could mean a loss of programs like participation in the successful “Odyssey of the Mind” competition.

Once again this calculation ignores the “expense side” of the equation. The removal of expenses for those living in this area would have the net effect of balancing the budget - a loss of revenue (taxes) is matched by a loss of expense (educational services).

The most significant change if the M-W Board votes to alter its boundaries, would be the fact that these Hasidic families would no longer be eligible to vote in M-W elections, nor serve on the MW Board of Education. This would end the debate over whether M-W will become a district like East Ramapo in Rockland County, where their Board of Education is controlled by members of the Hasidic community.

Point 3: Though many felt that M-W was the best entity to direct the environmental review, the district should not be entangled in this process.

While both M-W and KJ school districts are interested in the outcome of the annexation petition, neither should be controlling the process. The letter from the DEC rejecting M-W's request for “lead agency status” should be viewed by the district as a blessing. No school district has any SEQRA experience beyond what they may do for their own facilities, and certainly not for a municipal annexation.

The cost of engineers, planners and attorneys to prepare an environmental impact statement would easily have cost M-W taxpayers more than \$300,000. In this economic climate, with tax caps and gap elimination adjustments that reduce state aid to schools, it is irresponsible to incur these costs.

Of course, both districts should participate in the environmental review, with whoever is eventually designated as the lead agency. Both our districts could provide valuable information on our programs and

services.

But I do not believe that any school district should be involved in determining who should live in their district, how land should be zoned or municipal boundaries drawn. It is our obligation to best serve the students that cross through our doors, no matter their race, religion or economic status.

By way of example, I do not believe that the M-W Board took any interest in the large scale development being constructed at Woodbury Junction, though clearly that project will generate a far greater impact to classrooms in M-W Schools.

Beginning in 1989, the M-W Board of Education determined that it was in their best interest to support the creation of the Kiryas Joel School District. We are indebted to them, particularly to the late Roberta Murphy, Orange County legislator and M-W Board president. She had the vision to understand that both districts would be stronger if allowed to provide the services necessary for their own communities.

Over the last 25 years, our administrators have worked closely with their M-W counterparts- business officials, transportation supervisors, special education directors and of course, superintendents- sharing ideas, programs and cross-contracts for services. There is no need to alter this spirit of cooperation.

I urge the M-W Board, officials and parents to refrain from viewing this moment as an attack on the MW schools. I have every reason to believe that the students of Monroe-Woodbury will continue to excel in scholastic achievements and athletic competition for decades to come.

Respectfully,  
Joel Petlin, superintendent

Kiryas Joel School District



- Home
- Advertising Options
- Coffee Room
- Community Calendar
- Simcha Listings
- Baruch Dayan Emes
- Ride Sharing
- Tehillim List
- Local Weather
- Phone Numbers
- Nichum Aveilem - Daily
- Hashovas Avaida
- Tefilla Downloads

## Monroe Officials: Kiryas Joel Annexation Would Have Minimal Effect On Town, School District Property Tax Rates

(Thursday, April 3rd, 2014)



The proposed annexation of 507 acres from the Town of Monroe into the Village of Kiryas Joel will have little to no effect on property tax rates for town and Monroe-Woodbury School District landowners, according to a preliminary analysis by Monroe Town Comptroller Peter Martin.

Martin explained his findings to about 30 people during a public discussion Wednesday evening scheduled by Monroe Town Supervisor Harley Doles to provide "politics-free answers" to questions about the "true cost of annexation."

Outside the meeting, more than 100 people assembled in the Monroe Senior Citizens' Center parking lot for an "anti-meeting" organized by United Monroe, which opposes the annexation.

"Quite simply, we knew that we would not be hearing the truth inside that meeting and we knew the reason why the meeting was called in the first place was to spew more propaganda to attempt to confuse the public and present misinformation," United Monroe's Emily Convers said.

Convers told residents at the "anti-meeting" that United Monroe has hired Zarin & Steinmetz of White Plains to represent the ad hoc citizens group legally. She said the law firm will send a letter on Friday to the state's Department of Conservation stating the Village of Kiryas Joel is not qualified to serve as the lead agency in the mandated State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) of the proposed annexation.

The Town of Monroe and the Village of Kiryas Joel are both vying for sole lead agency status in orchestrating the SEQR. The DEC, which has already rejected the Monroe-Woodbury Central School District's request to be lead agency, is expected to decide this month whether the town or the village will lead the analysis.

On December 27, Kiryas Joel notified Monroe that it had received an annexation petition from 141 owners of 177 parcels spanning 507 acres seeking to join the village. According to Monroe's town assessor's office, the 177 parcels have a composite taxable value of over \$8.3 million, almost 4 percent of the town's total assessed property valuation. Most of the land is unoccupied and west of Kiryas Joel in an area now zoned by the town for minimum three-acre residential lots.

With at least 22,000 people now living within the 700-acre plus village, many fear an additional 500 acres at existing multi-family residential zoning within Kiryas Joel could add another 15,000 residents, creating a two-square-mile city of 40,000 residents in an otherwise suburban area. Even before the proposed annexation surfaced, the Orange County Planning Department projected the village's population would double by 2025. This annexation, opponents say, would dramatically accelerate and exceed that population forecast.

Martin, a former town councilman who now serves as town comptroller, said if the 177 parcels are annexed into the village, a portion of taxes these landowners now pay to the town will go to the village but, otherwise, they will still pay town taxes for town-wide services. He said the town would lose \$12,848 in annual property tax revenues and \$11,579 in yearly highway tax revenues for a combined total under \$25,000.

Since the town collected about \$3.5 million in property tax revenues in 2013, the loss of \$25,000 is negligible, Martin said. "The proposed annexation will not affect the tax rate and, therefore, taxpayers will see no effect in their property taxes," he said.

Martin said the annexation could benefit town financially. For instance, he said, roads in the annexed area will become Kiryas Joel's responsibility, reducing Monroe's road budget while generating revenue because the town has a contract with the village to provide plowing and road maintenance services.

(Source: [MidHudsonNews](http://midhudsonnews.com/News/2014/April/03/KJ_annex-03Apr14.html)  
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# KIRYAS JOEL UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

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May 6, 2014

Ms. Eleni Kikiras Carter, Board President  
Monroe-Woodbury Central School District  
278 Route 32  
Central Valley, NY 10917

Re: KJ Annexation Committee

Dear Ms. Carter,

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to address you and the Annexation Committee at your last meeting on April 28, 2014. I hope that our dialogue was productive and that we have further opportunities to work together in the future.

At the end of the meeting I was given a requested list of 20 items - many of which requiring research, data compilation and document production- covering a five-year period. Clearly, this list was generated prior to our meeting, during which I attempted to focus our discussion on the actual fiscal impact that M-W would face in the event of KJ annexation.

Moreover, the list is replete with requests for budget information and student data involving the Kiryas Joel School District's services to our public and non-public school population. This information would only be confusing to your Committee because it in no way represents any of the issues that your District is currently facing - nor would face in the future. As you well know, our District was created in 1989 to serve the special needs students of Kiryas Joel. Our State Aid ratios, expenses per pupil,



classification rates, grant allocations, class sizes and a host of other issues, are unique to our school district. For example, we contract with a vendor to provide buses for all public and non-public school students, while M-W has a fleet of buses and union contracts with drivers. In addition, the State aids transportation expenses utilizing a calculation that includes a non-allowable pupil decimal-unique to each district. There is, therefore, no co-relation to project your "post-annexation" costs by utilizing our current transportation expenses.

As I pointed out at our meeting, using your counsel's letter to DEC (January 29, 2014) as a roadmap, only two of the five listed programs/services are relevant to the discussion. Remedial education (Title I), LEP instruction (Title III and Part 154) and textbooks/technology (NYSTLL) are all programs that are 100% reimbursed by State and Federal formula (non competitive) grants. These programs and services will therefore have no tax impact on M-W, regardless of how many students will potentially be living in the area where petitioners have requested annexation.

For your convenience, I am attaching copies of documents obtained from the NYSED website showing that M-W has current federal grant availability of \$535,926 for remedial education (Title I) and \$928,785 for LEP services (Title III). These funds are generated in part by low-income students in both your public and private schools. I am not aware if your district currently funds these programs at two of the non-public schools in your district- Sheri Torah and Congregation Bnei Yoel School, attended by both M-W and KJ resident pupils.

I am also attaching a copy of your 2013-14 Instructional Material Aids run from the State Aid website. Part II, line 2 reports a total of 741 M-W resident students enrolled in non-public schools. Line 6 reports an apportionment of \$58.25 per student for textbooks. Line 13 reports an apportionment of \$14.98 per student for software. Line 16 reports an apportionment of \$6.25 per student for library books and line 20 lists an apportionment of \$24.20 per student (reduced by a weighting factor of .549) for computer hardware. The total M-W apportionment for textbooks, software, library and hardware (lines 6, 13, 16, and 22) is \$868,481. Of this total amount available, in 2012-13 M-W spent a total of \$632,762 (line 45) in total instructional aids.

In the event that additional non public school students will reside in the area where petitioners have requested annexation, M-W will be the recipient of additional apportionments, commensurate with the increase in the number of non public school students. This is true in the case of both Federal Title I and Title III formula grants, as well as with the allocation for NY State Instructional Material Aids. None of these

expenses will impact your tax levy for your general fund. Moreover, I am aware of no requirement to fund these programs/services in excess of the Federal/State allocations.

In light of the above, the only remaining two issues in the event of annexation are special education and transportation. Here too, our special education costs would not be instructive to your Committee because they are based on a model not offered by your district. Nearly all of our full day special needs students are served in self-contained settings in 8:1:1 classes at our public school. M-W resident students in need of this level of service are sent to schools outside of your district, including the NYS School for the Blind, NYS School for the Deaf, Orange-Ulster BOCES and the Kiryas Joel Public School. As pointed out at our meeting, the M-W Committee on Special Education currently places 10 of your students in self-contained classes in Kiryas Joel and an additional 4 M-W students are in non public schools and receiving related services (therapy) from our district, on a tuition basis. What I did not point out at the meeting was that M-W is the recipient of a grant allocation of \$2,133,962 under IDEA-Part B, Section 611, which is utilized as a partial offset for M-W special education expenses. Please see the attached copy of your Grants Finance Summary from the NYSED website which documents your allocation.

On the subject of transportation, M-W currently provides buses to girls residing in the "annexation area" to three non public schools, and contracts for transporting boys and girls to our public school. A total of five (5) buses are used for this service. Our records indicate that the UTA boys schools has a total of 85 M-W residents, UTA girls school has 104 M-W residents, Sheri Torah has 101 and Bnei Yoel has 59. This data was gathered from BEDS information from NYSED Information and Reporting.

In terms of demographics (question #19) 2013-14 BEDS data indicates an enrollment of 1539 students in Sheri Torah Boys School, 1395 students in Sheri Torah Girls School, 933 student in Bnei Yoel Boys School and 830 students in Bnei Yoel Girls School. Both of these non public schools are located in your district, with their student population residing in both our districts. I am also attaching a summary printout from the NYS Department of Health's website on vital statistics. Table 54 breaks down live births by school district for ten years (2002-2011) and Table 55 breaks down this data by municipality. Over the past decade, births in your district have increased 2% (439 to 448) for an annual average of .2% while in Kiryas Joel they have increased 42% (662 to 939) for an annual average of 4 to 5%.

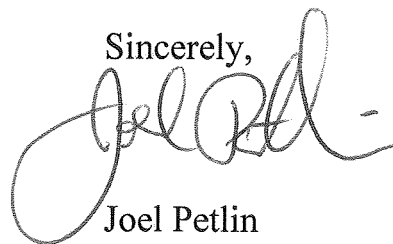
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In reading the annexation coverage in the Photo News and other media, the articles, letters to the editor and online comments continue to express a fear and anger at the effects of the annexation on M-W. Allow me to restate the point I raised at our meeting: if and when the municipal annexation is approved, the Kiryas Joel Board of Education is prepared to work with the M-W Board to alter our school district boundaries accordingly, consistent with Section 1507 of NY State Education Law. The straightforward procedure is explained in the attached printout from the NYSED website. I have proposed this practical solution, with the consent of my Board, as a way to demonstrate our desire to cooperate with our neighbors and to show our appreciation for when your Board stood beside us to create the Kiryas Joel School District, 25 years ago.

Mark Twain famously once observed that one should get their facts first “and then you can distort them as much as you please”. It is my hope that the facts I have submitted to the M-W Annexation Committee will be used to accurately portray the real impact of the proposed annexation. As I have stated before, I am not advocating for or against annexation. I am merely asking Monroe-Woodbury to fairly present the actual fiscal and programmatic impact to their taxpayers - based on facts and not based on fear.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Joel Petlin  
Superintendent

Cc: Dr. John MacDonald, Committee Chair  
Dr. Ed Mehrhof, Superintendent  
Kiryas Joel Board of Education  
Monroe Photo News, Editor

#### Attachments

1. Summary of Allocations 2013-14
2. Summary of Approved Federal Projects
3. State Aid Run 2013-14 IMA
4. BEDS Report 2013-14- Student Count by District
5. Live Births Report 2002-2011
6. Procedures for Alteration of School District Boundaries

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## GRANTS FINANCE

DATE RUN: 05/01/14

## PROGRAM SUMMARY OF ALLOCATIONS, BUDGETS AND CARRYOVER

SED CODE: 441201060000

PROJECT YEAR: 2013-2014

AGENCY NAME: MONROE-WOODBURY CSD

FUND NAME FUND CODE	CARRYOVER FROM 2012-13 *	ALLOCATION	TRANSFER/ REALLOCATION	TOTAL AVAILABLE	APPROVED # BUDGET %	EXCESS	POI CAF INTO
TITLE I A&D IMPROV ACAD ACHMT F/DISA 0021	29,301 F	506,625	0	535,926	507,904 0	0	
TITLE IIA, TEACH/PRIN TRNG/RECRUITMT 0147	43,660 F	161,500	0	205,160	161,500 0	0	
TITLE IIIA IMMIGRANT EDUCATION 0149	0	30,575	0	30,575	0	0	
TITLE IIIA, LEP 0293	285,593 F	643,192	0	928,785	724,447 0	0	

\* = PRIOR YEAR PROJECT IS OPEN (O) OR FINALIZED (F)

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SED CODE: 441201060000 AGENCY NAME: MONROE-WOODBURY CSD

CF300 GRANTS FINANCE  
RUN DATE: 5/01/14 AGENCY SUMMARY OF APPROVED PROJECTS

FUND	PROGRAM NAME	BUDGET AMOUNT
0021142265	TITLE I A&D IMPROV ACAD ACHMT F/DISA	\$507,904.00
0032140687	IDEA-PART B, SECTION 611	\$2,133,962.00
0033140687	IDEA-PART B, SECTION 619	\$48,414.00
0147142265	TITLE IIA,TEACH/PRIN TRNG/RECRUITMT	\$161,500.00
0293142265	TITLE IIIA, LEP	\$724,447.00
5500142265	ARRA - RACE TO THE TOP	\$79,900.00
5560140009	ARRA - RTTT REPLICATION GRANTS	\$111,814.00
	AGENCY BUDGET TOTAL	\$3,767,941.00

NOTE: THIS REPORT DOES NOT INCLUDE PROJECTS/AMENDMENTS THAT HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED TO THE PROGRAM OFFICE BUT HAVE NOT YET RECEIVED APPROVAL.

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District Name: MONROE-WOODBURY CSD  
 District Code: 441201  
 Data as of: 05/02/2014 12:00 AM

State Aid: 2013-2014  
 Today's Date: 05/02/2014

## 2013-14 INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIAL AIDS (IMA)

Glossary

PART I: INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS AID INDICATORS:  
 (1 = YES, 0 = NO)

IF INDICATORS A, B, C AND D ARE ALL SET TO "1" (YES), THEN ALL IMA ARE BASED ON FORM A SCHEDULE C DESIGNATED EXPENSES AND AID AMOUNTS ARE DISPLAYED AT ENT 8A, 15A, 18A AND 29A. IF ANY OF THE INDICATORS ARE SET TO "0" (NO), THEN ALL IMA AMOUNTS ARE BASED ON ST-3 ELIGIBLE EXPENSES AND AID AMOUNTS ARE DISPLAYED AT ENT 8B, 15B, 18B AND 29B.

NOTE: DISTRICTS THAT COMPLETED SCHEDULE C (INDICATOR A = 1), BUT FOR WHICH INDICATOR B AND/OR C OR D = 0, MAY WISH TO REVIEW /REVISE SCHEDULE C DESIGNATED EXPENSES.

A	WAS FORM A SCHEDULE C COLUMN 3 COMPLETED?	(IF SCHEDULE C ENT 3E > 0, THEN 1, ELSE 0)	1
B	ARE TOTAL DESIGNATED IMA EXPENSES IN SCHEDULE C # 3E LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO TOTAL ST-3 ELIGIBLE IMA EXPENSES IN # 1E?	(IF SCH C ENT 3E < = SCH C ENT 1E, THEN 1, ELSE 0)	1
	B.1 TOTAL DESIGNATED IMA EXPENSES	(FORM A SCHEDULE C, 3E)	632,762
	B.2 TOTAL ELIGIBLE ST-3 IMA EXPENSES	(FORM A SCHEDULE C, 1E)	632,762
C	LIBRARY AID INDICATOR: IS FORM A SCHEDULE C # 3C DESIGNATED LIBRARY EXPENSE LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO SCHEDULE C # 1C ST-3 ELIGIBLE EXPENSES?	(IF SCH C ENT 3C < = SCH C ENT 1C, THEN 1, ELSE 0)	1
D	ARE TOTAL IMA BASED ON DESIGNATED EXPENSES GREATER THAN TOTAL IMA BASED ON ST-3 ELIGIBLE EXPENSES?	(ENT 40)	1

## PART II: CALCULATION OF TEXTBOOK AID

1	2012-13 RESIDENT PUBLIC SCHOOL ENROLLMENT	(BEDS)	7,130
2	2012-13 <u>RESIDENT NON-PUBLIC ENROLLMENT</u>	(BEDS)	741
3	2012-13 PRIVATE SCHOOL AND ROME/BATAVIA ENROLLMENT (SEC 4405)	(STAC)	37
4	2012-13 RESIDENT CHARTER SCHOOL ENROLLMENT	(BEDS)	0
5	TOTAL RESIDENT TEXTBOOK ENROLLMENT	(ENT 1 + ENT 2 + ENT 3 + ENT 4)	7,908

6	MAXIMUM <u>TEXTBOOK</u> APPORTIONMENT	(ENT 5 * \$58.25, ROUND)	460,641
7A	ST-3 ELIGIBLE TEXTBOOK EXPENDITURES	(IF BIG 5, ST-3 SCH A4B [A2110.48, A2330.48] ENT 177 + ENT 209, ELSE, ST-3 SCH A4B [A2110.48, A2280.48, A2330.48] ENT 177 + ENT 199 + ENT 209)	328,308
7B	FORM A SCHEDULE C DESIGNATED TEXTBOOK EXPENSES	(FORM A SCHEDULE C # 3A)	328,308
8A	2012-13 TEXTBOOK AID BASED ON DESIGNATED SCHEDULE C EXPENSES	(IF INDICATORS A, B, C & D ARE ALL SET TO 1, THEN LESSER OF ENT 6 OR ENT 7B, ELSE 0)	328,308
8B	2012-13 TEXTBOOK AID BASED ON ST-3 ELIGIBLE EXPENSES	(IF INDICATORS A, B, C & D ARE ALL SET TO 1, THEN 0, ELSE LESSER OF ENT 6 OR ENT 7A )	0
NOTE: 2013-14 TEXTBOOK AID WILL BE FROZEN APRIL 30, 2014			
PART III: CALCULATION OF COMPUTER SOFTWARE AID			
9	2012-13 PUBLIC SCHOOL ENROLLMENT WITHIN DISTRICT	(BEDS)	7,122
10	2012-13 NONPUBLIC SCHOOL ENROLLMENT WITHIN DISTRICT	(BEDS)	4,657
11	2012-13 CHARTER SCHOOL ENROLLMENT WITHIN DISTRICT	(BEDS)	0
12	TOTAL ENROLLMENT DISTRICT OF ATTENDANCE	(ENT 3 + ENT 9 + ENT 10 + ENT 11)	11,816
13	MAXIMUM <u>SOFTWARE</u> APPORTIONMENT	(ENT 12 * \$14.98, ROUND)	177,004
14A	ST-3 ELIGIBLE SOFTWARE EXPENDITURES	(ST-3 SCH A4B [A2630.46] ENT 238)	184,494
14B	FORM A SCHEDULE C DESIGNATED SOFTWARE EXPENSES	(FORM A SCHEDULE C # 3B)	177,004
15A	2012-13 SOFTWARE AID BASED ON DESIGNATED SCHEDULE C EXPENSES	(IF INDICATORS A, B, C & D ARE ALL SET TO 1, THEN LESSER OF ENT 13 OR ENT 14B, ELSE 0)	177,004
15B			0

2012-13 SOFTWARE AID BASED ON ST-3 ELIGIBLE EXPENSES

(IF INDICATORS A, B, C & D ARE ALL SET TO 1, THEN 0, ELSE LESSER OF ENT 13 OR ENT 14A )

NOTE: 2013-14 COMPUTER SOFTWARE AID WILL BE FROZEN APRIL 30, 2014

PART IV: CALCULATION OF LIBRARY MATERIALS AID

16	MAXIMUM LIBRARY MATERIALS APPORTIONMENT	(ENT 12 * <u>\$6.25</u> )	73,850
17A	ST-3 ELIGIBLE LIBRARY MATERIALS EXPENDITURES	(ST-3 SCH A4B [A2610.46] ENT 220)	119,960
17B	FORM A SCHEDULE C DESIGNATED LIBRARY EXPENSES	(FORM A SCHEDULE C # 3C)	73,850
18A	2012-13 LIBRARY AID BASED ON DESIGNATED SCHEDULE C EXPENSES	(IF INDICATORS A, B, C & D ARE ALL SET TO 1, THEN LESSER OF ENT 16 OR ENT 17B, ELSE 0)	73,850
18B	2012-13 LIBRARY AID BASED ON ST-3 ELIGIBLE EXPENSES	(IF INDICATORS A, B, C & D ARE ALL SET TO 1, THEN 0, ELSE LESSER OF ENT 16 OR ENT 17A )	0

NOTE: 2013-14 LIBRARY MATERIALS AID WILL BE FROZEN APRIL 30, 2014

PART V: INSTRUCTIONAL COMPUTER HARDWARE AND TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT AID

19	2013-14 RWADA AID RATIO	(BLD-SBA ENT 13)	0.549
20	<u>TECHNOLOGY</u> FACTOR	<u>(\$24.20)</u>	24.20
21	TOTAL ENROLLMENT DISTRICT OF ATTENDANCE	(ENT 12)	11,816
22	MAXIMUM AID	(ENT 19 * ENT 20 * ENT 21, ROUND)	156,986
23	2012-13 PURCHASE OR LEASE EXPENSE	(ST-3 SCH A4B [A2630.22, A2630.4] (ENT 233 + 234) + ST-3 SCH A4C [A9785.6, A9785.7] (ENT 387 + ENT 424) + ST-3 SCH F2 [V9785.6, V9785.7] (ENT 39 + ENT 73))	0
24	2012-13 REPAIRS TO COMPUTERS	(ST-3 SCH A4B [A2630.4] ENT 235)	0
25			



	2012-13 STAFF DEVELOPMENT EXPENSE FOR COMPUTER HARDWARE	(FORM FB ENT 141)	
26	SUM OF REPAIR AND STAFF DEVELOPMENT	(ENT 24 + ENT 25)	0
27	LESSER OF REPAIR/STAFF DEVELOPMENT EXPENSE OR 20% OF MAXIMUM AID	(LESSER OF ENT 26 OR (.20 * ENT 22))	0
28A	TOTAL ST-3 ELIGIBLE INSTRUCTIONAL COMPUTER HARDWARE EXPENSES FOR AID	(ENT 23 + ENT 27)	0
28B	FORM A SCHEDULE C DESIGNATED INSTRUCTIONAL COMPUTER HARDWARE EXPENSES	(FORM A SCHEDULE C # 3D)	53,600
29A	2012-13 INSTRUCTIONAL COMPUTER HARDWARE AID BASED ON DESIGNATED SCHEDULE C EXPENSES	(IF INDICATORS A, B, C & D ARE ALL SET TO 1, THEN LESSER OF ENT 22 OR ENT 28B, ELSE 0)	53,600
29B	2012-13 INSTRUCTIONAL COMPUTER HARDWARE AID BASED ON ST-3 ELIGIBLE EXPENSES	(IF INDICATORS A, B, C & D ARE ALL SET TO 1, THEN 0, ELSE LESSER OF ENT 22 OR ENT 28A )	0
PART VI: CALCULATION OF PART I, INDICATOR D			
30	TEXTBOOK AID IF SCHEDULE C DESIGNATED EXPENSES ARE USED	(MIN ENT 6 OR ENT 7B)	328,308
31	SOFTWARE AID IF SCHEDULE C DESIGNATED EXPENSES ARE USED	(MIN ENT 13 OR ENT 14B)	177,004
32	LIBRARY AID IF SCHEDULE C DESIGNATED EXPENSES ARE USED	(MIN ENT 16 OR ENT 17B)	73,850
33	INSTRUCTIONAL COMPUTER HARDWARE AID IF SCHEDULE C DESIGNATED EXPENSES ARE USED	(MIN ENT 22 OR ENT 28B)	53,600
34	TOTAL IMA IF SCHEDULE C DESIGNATED EXPENSES ARE USED (USED ONLY TO CALCULATE PART I INDICATOR D)	(SUM OF ENT 30 THROUGH ENT 33)	632,762
35	TEXTBOOK AID IF ST-3 ELIGIBLE EXPENSES ARE USED	(MIN ENT 6 OR ENT 7A)	328,308
36	SOFTWARE AID IF ST-3 ELIGIBLE EXPENSES ARE USED	(MIN ENT 13 OR ENT 14A)	177,004
37	LIBRARY AID IF ST-3 ELIGIBLE EXPENSES ARE USED	(MIN ENT 16 OR ENT 17A)	73,850
38	INSTRUCTIONAL COMPUTER HARDWARE AID IF ST-3 ELIGIBLE EXPENSES ARE USED	(MIN ENT 22 OR ENT 28A)	0
39	TOTAL IMA IF ST-3 ELIGIBLE EXPENSES ARE USED (USED ONLY TO CALCULATE PART I INDICATOR D)	(SUM OF ENT 35 THROUGH ENT 38)	579,162
40	PART I, INDICATOR D	(IF ENT 34 > ENT 39, THEN 1, ELSE 0)	1
PART VII: PAYABLE INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS AID (IMA)			

41	2013-14 TEXTBOOK AID PAYABLE	(GREATER OF 8A OR 8B)	328,308
42	2013-14 COMPUTER SOFTWARE AID PAYABLE	(GREATER OF 15A OR 15B)	177,004
43	2013-14 LIBRARY MATERIALS AID PAYABLE	(GREATER OF 18A OR 18B)	73,850
44	2013-14 INSTRUCTIONAL COMPUTER HARDWARE AND TECH EQUIPMENT AID PAYABLE	(GREATER OF 29A OR 29B)	53,600
45	TOTAL IMA PAYABLE	(SUM ENTS 41 THROUGH ENT 44)	632,762

# 2013-14 NON PUBLIC SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

School Name	SED CODE	Monroe-Woodbury Residents				Kiryas-Joel Residents				TOTAL
		BEDS CODE	GRADE PRE-K	GRADES K-6	GRADES 7-12	BEDS CODE	GRADE PRE-K	GRADES K-6	GRADES 7-12	
CONGREGATION BNEI YOEL SCHOOL	441201229273	441201	0	38	21	441202	0	1040	664	1763
SHERI TORAH	441201229930	441201	5	55	51	441202	195	1867	761	2934
UTA OF KIRYAS JOEL-BOYS	441202228240	441201	7	58	20	441202	177	1988	697	2947
UTA OF KIRYAS JOEL-GIRLS	441202228249	441201	5	59	40	441202	184	1894	1085	3267
<b>Total</b>			<b>17</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>132</b>		<b>556</b>	<b>6789</b>	<b>3207</b>	<b>10911</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>					<b>359</b>				<b>10552</b>	

Source:

NYSSED Office of Information and Reporting Services from the 2013-14 Basic Educational Data System Report

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OUR FILE # \_\_\_\_\_

September 25, 2014

Village of Kiryas Joel  
c/o Tim Muller Associates Incorporated  
10 North Street  
Cold Spring, New York 10516

Re: Kiryas Joel Annexation

To Members of the General Public as well as all interested  
and involved agencies in the matter of the annexation of  
164 acres from the Town of Monroe to the Village of Kiryas Joel

This office serves as counsel to the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Monroe Joint Fire District. The Board of Fire Commissioners and the Monroe Fire Department will be, we expect, the authority in control of fire protection within the annexation area. Nonetheless, we note that the Notice of Determination of Significance and Public Scoping Documents seem to indicate that fire protection will be provided by an entity known as the "Fire Brigade" of the Village of Kiryas Joel. We wish to register our objections to the proposed inclusion of the fire brigade of the Village of Kiryas Joel as a fire department or the Village of Kiryas Joel as the authority in control of fire protection in the areas proposed to be annexed.

In the event however, that the Notice of Determination of Significance and Public Scoping Document shall operate as the effective document for purposes of the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) or other public consideration of the proposed annexation, we submit the following.

The Board of Fire Commissioners of the Monroe Joint Fire District and the Monroe Fire Department have noted, in the past and continuing to the present, several difficulties in responding to alarms of fire or other general emergency within the Village of Kiryas Joel. These difficulties stem, largely, though not completely, from what is apparently a practice of businesses and residents within the Village of Kiryas Joel, of calling the "Fire Brigade" or some emergency number provided within the village community, rather than 911 so that the calls may be properly routed through Orange County

Dispatch to the Monroe Fire Department. This has resulted and, we expect will continue to result, in delays of response or absolute failures of response. In the event that scoping shall proceed as indicated in the Notice of Determination of Significance and Public Scoping Document, we note that the following questions, at the very least, must be adequately addressed:

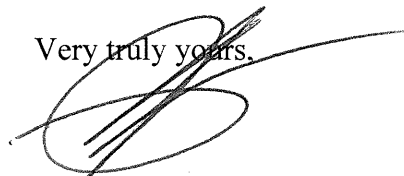
1. What is the official status of the Kiryas Joel fire department?
2. What financial impact will the proposed annexation have on the Monroe Joint Fire District?
3. Why are the residents instructed to call Kiryas Joel emergency dispatch in lieu of 911?
4. Does the "fire brigade" follow the NYS guidelines of 2 in and 2 out.
5. How much equipment does the "fire brigade" have?
6. How many paid firefighters does the "fire brigade" have and what are their shifts?
7. How many qualified and trained members (volunteer or paid) does the "fire brigade" have?
8. What are their qualifications. Interior, exterior, etc?
9. Does the "fire brigade" follow the NYS guidelines of 2 in and 2 out for SCBA qualified firefighters?
10. How does the "fire brigade" answer carbon monoxide calls and gas leaks in the event there are no SCBA- rated interior firefighters available?

In addition, we wish to note that information received from the Orange County Fire Coordinator indicates that the Kiryas Joel responded to 1489 responses in the past year. In the experience of the officers of the Monroe Fire Department, this is an extraordinary number of responses, particularly for a fire department which we believe does not have a paid crew.

We believe that responsible fire protection has been threatened by the manner in which the Village of Kiryas Joel and its inhabitants have routed calls for alarms of fire or other general emergencies. The effect of this must be considered in any further annexation efforts.

Please note the interest of the Monroe Joint Fire District in this annexation proceeding and provide any response or request to the Board of Fire Commissioners at the address shown below with a copy to this office.

Very truly yours,



Frank T. Simeone

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cc: Board of Fire Commissioners  
Monroe Joint Fire District  
406 North Main Street  
Monroe, New York 10950



County of Orange  
Office of County Executive Steven M. Neuhaus  
**NEWS RELEASE**

For Immediate Release  
January 13, 2015

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## **Orange County Begins Sewer Enhancement to Benefit Economic Development**

*Delaware Engineering, D.P.C. will undertake study to expand treatment capacity from six to nine million gallons per day*

**Goshen, NY** – County Executive Steve Neuhaus today announced that plans are underway to enhance treatment capacity within Orange County in order to benefit economic development projects such as the much-delayed Camp La Guardia site. Consultant Delaware Engineering, D.P.C. has been selected to prepare a facility plan to study enlarging treatment capacity from six to nine million gallons per day. The full results of that plan will serve as an economic development blueprint for potentially developable sites around the county. Under an agreement signed by former County Executive Edward Diana, Mountco, the county legislature’s chosen developer of Camp La Guardia, does not have to obtain approvals for their project – which largely consists of housing – until two years after the county provides a written guarantee of sewer reasonably acceptable to the developer.

The county legislature passed a resolution in May 2010 to expand the boundaries of Sewer District 1 to the Camp La Guardia property; in 2012 they appropriated \$925,000 to fund preparation of a wastewater facility plan. The additional capacity is expected to benefit residential, commercial, and industrial growth. Sewer District 1 serves the following localities: Village of Harriman, Town of Harriman, Village of Monroe, Town of Monroe, Village of Kiryas Joel, Village of Chester, Town of Chester, Village of Woodbury, Town of Woodbury, Town of Blooming Grove, and Village of South Blooming Grove. Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee both strained resources at the Harriman facility, pushing the treatment plant to 95 percent of capacity at one point.

Orange County must ensure adequate sewer service exists for Sewer District 1 while also considering capacity for economic development projects like Camp La Guardia, which lies outside the current district’s boundaries. A court ruled that the previously approved expansion of the sewer district boundary by the county legislature in 2010 was improper as it was tied directly to the planning review being conducted in the towns of Blooming Grove and Chester for the Mountco project at Camp La Guardia. The court held that under state law, the county could not issue a “negative declaration” of environmental impact -- which it had done when attempting to expand the boundary of Sewer District 1 -- when a related project was already subject to a more substantive environmental review, known as a “Type 1” review. According to the terms of the contract announced with Delaware Engineering, the firm will take a comprehensive approach to increasing sewer where needed, including priority growth areas. Examples include not only Camp La Guardia but also the Route 17M corridor and the Newburgh-New Windsor area. Additional information on Orange County Sewer District 1 can be found [here](#).

Action on Camp LaGuardia will not, however, have to wait until the plan is completed and implemented. Delaware Engineering will initially be directed to review priority locations as well as demands for service and capacity, resulting in written analysis of the current availability of sewer services and the mechanisms to give the necessary assurances that sewer can be provided to the Camp La Guardia property as well as other economic development hot spots as outlined above.

“Orange County is growing, and that growth demands a modern sewer infrastructure to serve our residents and job creators. We have to take a broader look at ensuring that there is adequate sewer. This involves where sewer can be disposed of and ensuring the whole county can benefit,” said Neuhaus. “For example, Camp La Guardia’s redevelopment contract depends on adequate sewer capacity being available in order to transform the 258-acre property from community eyesore to completed project that is contributing to the local and county tax base. With today’s agreement, we move one step closer to ending the delays and recouping the taxpayer dollars spent by the previous administration to acquire Camp La Guardia.”

John Brust, Principal of Delaware Engineering, expressed his firm’s commitment to this important project. “Orange County has demonstrated foresight in seeking to develop a Facility Plan for wastewater treatment that will address the Harriman Sewer Treatment Plant in Sewer District 1 as well as wastewater conveyance and treatment capacity to support the county’s designated Priority Growth Areas,” said Brust. “In preparing a wastewater Facility Plan for Orange County, the staff at Delaware Engineering will rely on our experience assisting Saratoga County with similar infrastructure challenges to accommodate the growth associated with the Global Foundries chip-fab plant as well as our expertise in the planning, permitting, design, construction and operation of many wastewater systems throughout New York State.”

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**Subject:** FW: calls 2012

**From:** Moishe Gruber  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 18, 2015 5:07 PM  
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**Cc:** Aron Shmiel Schreiber  
**Subject:** calls 2012



NYS Division of Homeland Security and  
 Emergency Services  
 Office of Fire Prevention and Control

Selected Statistics  
 Report 1.2

**As of:** 12/03/2014

**For:** 01/01/2012 - 12/31/2012

SUMMARY OF ALL CALLS BY TYPE OF SITUATION FOUND FOR 36059-KIRYAS JOEL FIRE COMPANY				
	Incidents in Jurisdiction	Mutual Aid Given	Total Responses	Percent of Calls
<b>Fires</b>				
<b>Building Fires</b>	151	4	155	13.8
<b>Vehicle Fires</b>	3	0	3	.3
<b>Other Fires</b>	187	0	187	16.7
<b>Total Fires</b>	341	4	345	30.8
<b>Overpressure Ruptures</b>				
<b>Overpressure Fires</b>	0	0	0	0
<b>Rescue Calls</b>				
<b>Emergency Medical</b>	16	0	16	1.4
<b>All Other Rescues</b>	49	0	49	4.4
<b>Total Rescue Calls</b>	65	0	65	5.8
<b>False Calls</b>				
<b>Malicious Calls</b>	0	0	0	0
<b>Other False Calls</b>	248	0	248	22.1
<b>Total False Calls</b>	248	0	248	22.1
<b>Other Calls</b>				



<b>Hazardous Condition Calls</b>	191	1	192	17.1
<b>Service Calls</b>	25	1	26	2.3
<b>Good Intent Calls</b>	215	3	218	19.4
<b>All Other Calls</b>	27	0	27	2.4
<b>Total Other Calls</b>	458	5	463	41.3
<b>Total Calls</b>	1112	9	1121	100
<b>Fire Summary</b>				
<b>Exposure Fires</b>	0	0	0	N/A
<b>Non-Fires</b>	771	5	776	N/A
<b>Fire Dollar Loss</b>	0	0	0	N/A
<b>Non-Fire Dollar Loss</b>	0	0	0	N/A
<b>Civilian Casualty Summary</b>				
<b>Fire Related Injuries</b>	1	0	1	N/A
<b>Non-Fire Related Injuries</b>	0	0	0	N/A
<b>Fire Related Deaths</b>	0	0	0	N/A
<b>Non-Fire Related Deaths</b>	0	0	0	N/A
<b>Total Civilian</b>	1	0	1	N/A
<b>Fire Service Casualty Summary</b>				
<b>Fire Related Injuries</b>	0	0	0	N/A
<b>Non-Fire Related Injuries</b>	0	0	0	N/A
<b>Fire Related Deaths</b>	0	0	0	N/A
<b>Non-Fire Related Deaths</b>	0	0	0	N/A
<b>Total Fire Service</b>	0	0	0	N/A

**BOARD OF EDUCATION - MONROE-WOODBURY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
CENTRAL VALLEY, NY 10917**

**Date: April 28, 2014**

**Annexation Committee Meeting**

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**Present:** Mrs. Eleni Kikiras Carter  
Dr. John MacDonald  
Mrs. Suzanne Donahue  
Mrs. Jennifer Trumper  
Mr. Edward Mehrhof

**Also Present:** Mr. Joel Petlin  
Mr. Shaye Wercberger  
Mrs. Kikiras Carter  
Dr. Eric Hassler  
Mr. Kenneth Daubert  
Mrs. Alethea Shepperly  
Mrs. Myrna Kemnitz  
Mr. Paul Campanella  
Mrs. Elizabeth Ridgeway  
Ms. Andrea Trust  
Mrs. Emily Convers  
Mr. Charles Pakula

**Call to Order:**

Dr. MacDonald opened the Annexation Committee meeting at the Education Center. The time was 10:01 a.m.

**Discussion:**

Mr. Petlin introduced himself as the Kiryas Joel Superintendent and Mr. Wercberger as the Kiryal Joel Treasurer. He thanked the Monroe-Woodbury Board of Education for this opportunity to speak. Mr. Petlin said the role of a School Superintendent is to assist the Board of Education in setting policy and to ensure that students succeed. He complimented the Monroe-Woodbury Central School District on its accomplishments.

Mr. Petlin said he would like to make three points:

- 1) We are in agreement with 2 out of the 5 issues the Monroe-Woodbury District's legal counsel has raised:
  - a) The cost of Special Education Services
  - b) The cost of Transportation Services

He added that we are not in agreement with 3 out of the 5 issues the Monroe-Woodbury District's legal counsel raised:

- c) Remedial Education Services
- d) Language Instruction Services
- e) Text books and computer technology

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**Discussion (continued):**

Mr. Petlin compared the tax revenue and said, should annexation take place in comparison with expenditures, it would be a "wash."

- 2) Mr. Petlin said our Boards of Education can solve this crisis. He cited Law 1507 and suggested both school districts pass a resolution to change the school district borders, with Monroe-Woodbury's initial adoption, in order to move forward and continue an amicable relationship. Then Kiryas Joel, in order to be a good neighbor, would also adopt the resolution.
- 3) Mr. Petlin suggested the Monroe-Woodbury Central School District should focus on appropriate venues, reduce legal fees and not entangle itself within other agencies. Demographic studies and vital statistics, as far as growth within the Kiryas Joel community, were discussed.

Mr. Mehrhof and Mrs. Kikiras Carter said we are here to share information and our main interest is what is best for our children. Mrs. Kikiras Carter asked if any demographic studies had been completed. Mr. Petlin referred to a vital statistic study involving birth rates over the past decade. Second language and gender were also discussed.

**Adjournment:**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:01 a.m. The next committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 5, 2014, at the Education Center at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Leah A. Maher  
District Clerk