

Brookhaven Supervisor Mark Lesko and Councilwoman Jane Bonner Announce Agreement with Suffolk County Water Authority

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Suffolk County Water Authority to buy Compressed Natural Gas from the Town of Brookhaven

Farmingville, NY - At the May 10 Board Meeting, the Town Board unanimously approved a resolution to enter into a 10-year agreement with the Suffolk County Water Authority (SCWA) to purchase Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) from the Town's CNG fueling station located at the Coram Highway Yard. As part of the agreement, the SCWA will pay for the cost of the CNG fuel, a 6% administration fee to the Town, and a New York State Petroleum Testing fee, as well as any other required governmental fees.

"This is another example of municipalities working together to run government more efficiently and cost-effectively. At the same time, we are helping the environment," said Supervisor Lesko. "The agreement with the Suffolk County Water Authority is a win-win for the authority and the Town - the authority will not have to make a tremendous capital investment and the Town will have cleaner vehicles on its streets."

Councilwoman Jane Bonner, who sponsored the resolution said, "I am strongly in favor of anything we can do to protect the environment this agreement with the Suffolk County Water Authority does just that. I look forward to working on expanding our CNG program to include other municipalities, school districts and more. Looking for opportunities to consolidate our operations and work with other municipalities has been one of my major priorities as an elected official."

Jeff Szabo, Chief Executive Officer of the SCWA said, "The Board at the Authority has made a priority partnering with governmental entities when mutually beneficial. The CNG agreement will allow for the Water Authority to continue to go-green with our fleet while saving us the large capital cost to construct a facility of our own. I commend Supervisor Lesko and the Authority's Board for their leadership in this important area."

Brookhaven Town currently has an agreement with the Middle Country Central School District to use the CNG fueling station to fuel five CNG school buses. The natural gas used to produce CNG onsite at the station is supplied by regional gas utility National Grid.

Last year, the Town also joined the Long Island Intergovernmental Relations Purchasing Council with the County, which increases the Town's purchasing power and will save money through joint bidding and purchasing of common goods and services.

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