

**APRIL 18, 2012  
PUBLIC HEARING**

**Local Law #1 to Amend Sewer Ordinance**

**6:50 P.M.**

**Present:** Supervisor Post  
Deputy Supervisor Underhill  
Councilman Lang  
Councilwoman Michalak

**Others Present:** Town Clerk Morasco  
Seven Town Residents

Supervisor called the Public Hearing to order at 6:50 P.M. and the Supervisor presented the notice as published in the Daily News.

**Steve Licht** questioned what this amendment included. The Supervisor read the local law amendment and further explained that there is no obligation to the Town to connect to the public sewer system. The amendment removes owners from being forced to connect, unless ordered by the Genesee County Health Department and/or New York State Department. As for a district being formed, the debt service of \$248.00/year, in the case of the West Main Sewer District, would still apply for the construction costs. For all practical purpose, if your property is to be marketed, the lender may want a letter from the Health Department stating that the Septic is in working order.

The Town listened to the people about the encumbrance of mandatory connection to the public sewer. It was unfair and unreasonable to force connection.

This public hearing led to extensive discussion on the proposed West Main Street Road Sewer Project.

**Some questions and answers relating to the Sewer District that were addressed:**

- Septic System Fails- Seller is responsible for new Septic System- Costs \$3,500 to \$35,000
- If the Sewer District vote passes, there would always be an option to connect to maintain the sell ability.
- Would this drive assessment up? The Assessment is based on the sales of like properties.
- Would the debt service increase over time? No, but it can be reduced by further development.
- Who gets to vote? Each of the residential property owners. However, commercial property owners only get one

On another issue, Harlo Towner addressed the Town Board. He stated that he has been requesting water for a number of years and that his water is polluted and they don't drink it. The Supervisor expressed that the Town is committed to see water town wide. We have been advocates of getting funding for infrastructure in the ground. However,

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the Town does not chose the order the projects get funded. Mr. Towner expressed that he appreciates the efforts.

Supervisor Post declared the Public Hearing closed at 8:15 P.M. as no one else commented on the proposed Local Law Amendment to the Sewer Ordinance.

Respectfully submitted,

Teressa M. Morasco  
Town Clerk