

**MARCH 19, 2014  
PUBLIC HEARING**

**Establishment of the Pratt Road Water District**

**6:45 P.M.**

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

**Others Present:** Town Clerk Morasco  
Steve Mountain, Town Engineer  
Six Residents of the Proposed Water District  
Roger Muehlig, Daily News Reporter

Supervisor Post called the Public Hearing to order at 6:48 P.M. and opened the meeting for comment on the Establishment of the Pratt Road Water District, as published in the Daily News.

**Jim Nalbach** questioned when they can expect to have public water. He stated that he is ready for it now.

**Steve Mountain, Town Engineer** explained that if the Town Board moves forward tonight to form the Water District, it has to be submitted to the NYS Comptroller's Office for approval. The approval from the Comptroller's office generally takes three to four months. If approved and assuming Rural Development releases funds this Fall, the project could be started by Spring/Summer 2015.

**David Danser** asked if it is mandatory to connect to the public water. He has been living on Pratt Road for 20 years and has good water. The Town Engineer explained that you do not have to connect but you would have to pay the bond and indebtedness.

**Liz Norton** questioned what the response was to the petition. Mr. Mountain explained 77 % of all owners and 82 % of resident owners were in favor of the water district. There are two criteria's for the required amount of signatures on the petition; one is over 50 % of assessed value of resident owners and the other is over 50 % of the assessed value for all owners.

The Town Engineer also explained the costs to the property owners and the boundaries of the district. There are the construction costs (debt service), which would be no more than \$691.00 per year for 38 years, water usage charges, cost to run waterline from right-of-way to home (approximately \$8 to \$12 per linear feet), and cost of the well separation from the public system. There are no hook-up fees for existing dwellings. The water meter will be at the road and hydrants are placed generally every 600 feet.

The Supervisor stated that the annual debt can be reduced if there is new construction in the district. The debt service will not exceed the \$691.00.

Supervisor Post declared the Public Hearing closed at 7:05 P.M. as no else spoke for or against the establishment of the one commented on the proposed Closed at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Teressa M. Morasco  
Town Clerk