

**MAY 28, 2014
PUBLIC HEARING**

Establishment of the Batavia North Water District

7:00 P.M.

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

Others Present: Town Clerk Morasco
Town Engineer Mountain
Joanne Beck, Daily News Reporter
Many Town Residents

Supervisor Post called the Public Hearing to order at 7:00 P.M. and the Town Supervisor presented the notice as published in the Daily News.

Debra Ingram- Questioned the length of time for the debt service. It is 38 years.

Chris Krtanik, East Bethany Resident- Questioned whether there will be a cleanup for the contamination area. He's concerned that establishing a water district will solve the problem short term and not protect wells that are not yet contaminated. The Supervisor explained that there is no bases to mitigate it. It's not a specific cause. The Genesee County Health Department found that some of the wells were considered to be substandard and contaminated from animal manure and/or human fecal matter. Mr. Post stated that the Town Board's job is to support the community and assist in the process to allow them public water.

Mr. Krtanik spoke at length and voiced his concerns for the welfare of the entire County.

Shannon Laurer- Stated that their well is not contaminated but they are tired of replacing fixtures.

George Graham-- Mr. Grahams only questions were, "When are you going to start and when will it be done".

John Fox- Questioned if the economy could affect the cost they pay annually. It was explained that the debt service would not exceed the proposed figure, but has potential to be reduced if there are new additional users. The annual use and rate would be affected.

Ron Shultz- Questioned why a heavier burden isn't put on farmers. The Supervisor stated that there is a substantial amount that the farmers are contributing. Two years ago the Town offered testing and 1/3 of the wells tested showed evidence of being impacted of what could be the surface. The people have petitioned us to support them in this and we are trying to make it more tolerable, at a more affordable cost.

Harlow Towner- Stated he hasn't been able to drink his well water for years.

Gary Button- Since this project is joint with two other entities, Mr. Button questioned if the other entities do not approve this, could the cost go up. It was stated that the other entities are in support of this, but if they weren't the whole process would have to be revisited.

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Don Morris - Asked if a new water tower is going to be required. A new tower will not be required. There's a tower in the City and Town of Stafford. Also the Village/Town of Oakfield have installed a tower downstream. Mr. Morris stated that his water is not contaminated but his previous well was. He had to re-drill a new well after 10 years of usage and it is quite pricey. He is in favor of public water.

Diane Deleo- Asked what the cost would be to continue the use of their well. The Well water supply would need to be separated from the municipal source by the owner or owner's contractor.

Ms. Deleo inquired about easements for egress, since her property has no frontage. The Town Engineer informed that the Town would be seeking easements and will bring their water service to the property line.

Supervisor Post declared the Public Hearing closed at 7:44 P.M. as no one spoke else spoke for or against the Establishment of the Batavia North Water District.

Respectfully submitted,

Teressa M. Morasco
Town Clerk