

SEPTEMBER 22, 2020 SPECIAL ELECTION

Polls Open: 8 AM - 8 PM

PROPOSED FORMATION OF THE EAST SCHUYLER WATER DISTRICT PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 12-A OF THE TOWN LAW

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS REGARDING THIS PROJECT & ITS IMPACT ON RESIDENTS WITHIN THE NEW DISTRICT

How was the boundary of this proposed district formed?

The new transmission line will begin at Windfall Road in Schuyler and travels east to the Town of Herkimer Boundary. The geographical area below an approximate 510 feet elevation was considered for possible water, as anything over this elevation would require additional hydraulic pumping.

Does everyone in the entire Town pay for water?

No, Only the property owners within the newly established water district will pay the debt for these water infrastructure facilities.

Do I have to hook-up to municipal water?

No, there is no mandatory hook-up, but you will pay a yearly fee for the debt service to construct these water infrastructure facilities.

What's the worst scenario for cost if a water district is formed?

- If you don't hook-up \$ 659.32 a year (just debt services)
- If you do hook-up \$1,032.62 a year (debt services and water services for a family of 4)

What's being done to lower this cost?

- A) Currently, the Town is having an income survey conducted by G&G Consulting, as our prior census average household income level was slightly above the cut off level for 0% interest on debt. (we missed the cut off level by approximately \$800.00). Therefore, we currently have an interest rate of 2.2%. By hiring a private consultant, they we will do data collection and get a more accurate average household income level. Preliminary reports indicate that with more accurate income data a 0% interest on debt is very possible.
- B) Additionally, The Herkimer County IDA has submitted a grant to offset the construction costs of the transmission main. Early indicators have been favorable that this grant request will be funded, as the 2020 budget is placing a high priority on water infrastructure projects. If awarded, this could reduce the overall debt service fee for each property owner by as much as \$93.00 a year.

What's the best cost scario?

- 1. Debt service (a) 2.2% with no IDA Grant \$ 659.32 a year
- 2. Debt Service with 0.0% funding:A: \$ 504.00 a year
- 3. Debt Service with 0.0% funding and IDA Grant:A&B: \$ 411.00 a year

How many years do I have to pay for debt service?

30 years. The charge remains with the property and not the individual owner.

If this water district is voted down and the new water line runs past my property, can I still hook -up?

No. If there is no water district formed, then no properties will be able to connect to the public water along the NYS Route 5 until a future Water District is formed.

Why form a water district now?

If the property owners in the proposed water district chose not to form a water district, they will have no ownership/rights to the new waterline. Therefore, the host municipalities (Frankfort, Ilion, and Herkimer) will maintain ownership/rights and develop an Inter-municipal Agreement to protect their investments and future interests. So, If the Town of Schuyler elects to form a water district and connect at a later date there would be the above costs plus additional late buy-in fees and potentially construction cost increases/inflation.

Benefits of Municipal Water?

Many residents in the proposed water district are experiencing water quality and quantity issues. Many residents have reported contaminated wells with Barium, chloroform, sulfur and Iron sediment. Many residents buy bottler water, buy salt for water softeners and maintain filtration systems.

As one resident said, " I'm already buying 4 bottles of water a month (\$24.00) and 3 bags of salt (\$18.00); then I have to transport It home and service the system. I'm already paying \$504.00 a year."

ULTIMATELY, IT'S YOUR DECISION, YOUR VOTE & YOUR FUTURE

— PLEASE VOTE ON SEPTEMBER 22nd

POLLS OPEN: 8:00 AM — 8:00 PM

In Accordance with NYS Election Law, Absentee Ballots are Available to All Eligible Voters!

— ALL VOTERS IN THE PROPOSED DISTRICT WILL BE MAILED COMPLETE VOTING INFORMATION —

