

## LELAND STREET NEIGHBORHOOD SEWER EXPANSION PROJECT

### BACKGROUND INFORMATION

In 1975 and 1976 referendums were held to approve construction of sewers in Southport. Average property owner cost would have been \$108.00 per year for 40 years. Both referendums were defeated. Since that time a Master Plan was developed to survey interest and need for expanding service to neighborhoods in the Town and the average cost has increased. These properties often have small lots with sewage disposal systems sometimes under a driveway, shed or pool and do not meet current regulations for a replacement system.

The Southport Town Board has received petitions for this proposed expansion and forwarded them to the County Legislature for review and approval for inclusion in the Chemung County Elmira Sewer District. The project includes 381, mostly residential, properties on Broadway, Carter, Cedar, Cypress, Hazel, Laurel, Sheely, Sliter, Spruce, Sycamore, Thompson Streets and Pennsylvania Ave.

### CURRENT STATUS & PUBLIC HEARING

**The County Legislature has scheduled a public hearing for:**

**DATE: Monday, April 3, 2017 at 6:50 P.M.**

**PLACE: Hazlett Building, 230 Lake Street, Elmira, NY, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor**

The County has published a notice of this hearing in the legal section of the Star Gazette on Monday, March 20, 2017. County Legislators will hear comments from property owners within the project area at this meeting. **A resolution to approve the project will come at the legislature's regular meeting on Monday, April 10 starting at 7 P.M.** The district extension will become complete on **June 12, 2017**. Construction would start in July and probably go into 2018.

### PROJECT COSTS

The total project cost is estimated at \$2,390,000. The annual charges per every \$1,000 of assessed value (AV) are:

New Leland St. Area Charges:	\$4.90 per \$1,000 AV (34-year bond)
Existing CCESD Charges:	\$0.64 per \$1,000 AV
Usage for Typical Home:	\$80.52 per year (based on water usage)

New York State considers \$442.00 as the affordable cost threshold for a county sewer project. Utilizing an average property value of \$61,678.00 and water usage in the proposed project area, the total annual fees for a typical property connected to the sewer would be:

Leland St. Area Charges:	\$302.47 per year
Existing CCESD Charges:	\$ 39.58 per year
Usage for a Typical Home:	<u>+ \$ 80.52 per year</u>
	\$422.57

Please feel free to call the Town at 734-1548 with questions prior the meeting on April 3.