



TOWN OF SOUTHPORT

1139 Pennsylvania Avenue · Elmira New York 14904

Area Code 607

September 2017

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734-1548

Town Clerk

734-1548

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734-4424

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737-5270

Building/Zoning

737-5268

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737-5269

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733-5467

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732-1410

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Dear Property Owners & Residents,

The Town of Southport invites you to attend a meeting to discuss recent developments pertaining to a sewer expansion project proposed for your neighborhood. The meeting is scheduled for:

DATE: Wednesday, September 27, 2017

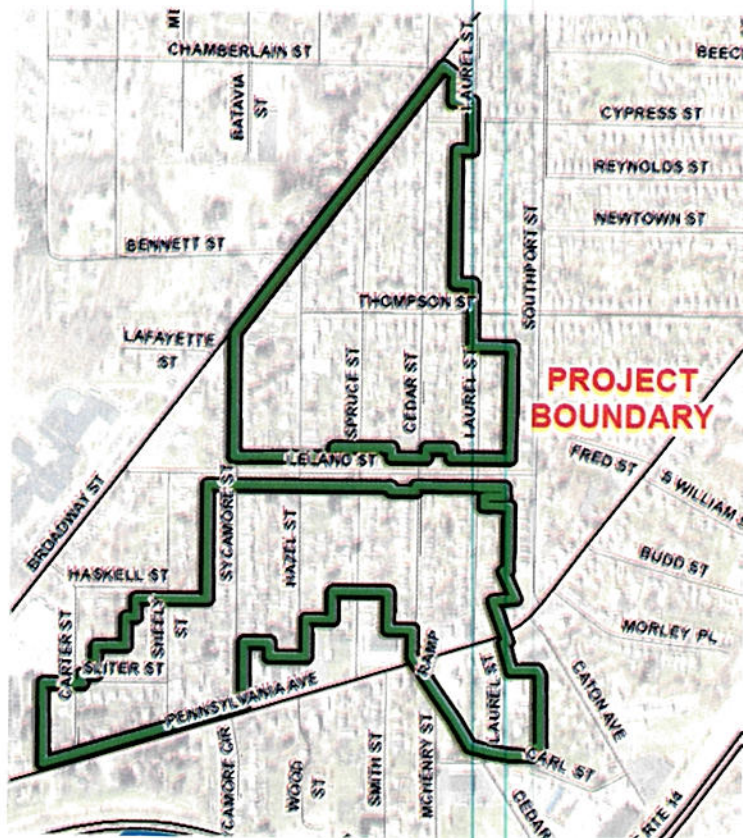
LOCATION: Southport Fire Hall

1001 Carl Street

Elmira, NY 14904

TIME: 7:00 P.M.

The purpose of the meeting is to present information and answer questions about a referendum on the sewer expansion proposal. This extension to the Chemung County/Elmira City Sewer District (CCESD) would include 381 properties on Broadway, Carter, Cedar, Cypress, Hazel, Laurel, Sheeley, Sliter, Spruce, Sycamore and Thompson Streets and Pennsylvania Ave.



Since our last correspondence, May 2017, petitions were presented to the Chemung County Legislature requesting a referendum on the proposal. **That referendum will take place on the day of the General Election, Tuesday, November 7, 2017 at your normal polling place.** The referendum question will be on the back of the regular ballot. You will have the option to mark either yes to proceed with the project or no if you do not wish the project to move forward. If you need to verify your polling location, please call the Board of Elections at 737-5474.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO VOTE?

The County Board of Elections has determined that voters in the referendum must be registered to vote at an address that is affected by the referendum in accordance with County Law Section 257. Voter Registration forms will be available at the Board of Elections, the Southport Town Clerk's Office and at the meeting on September 27th for any resident of the area eligible to vote but not registered. **These forms must be received at the Board of Elections by October 13th.**

PROJECT COSTS

The project engineer has determined the total cost to be \$2,390,000.00 for the construction project. The annual charges per every \$1,000.00 of assessed value (AV) would be:

Bond Charges - \$4.90 per \$1,000.00 AV- Properties are required to pay costs incurred to construct the new sewers. This charge would be a line item on your January tax bill and would end when the bond is paid off.

Existing CCESD Charges - \$0.54 per \$1,000.00 AV- All properties with available sewers are responsible for existing District charges (trunk sewers and treatment plant capital costs) annually. This charge would also be on your January tax bill.

Sewer Use Charges - \$1.10 per 748 gallons water per year. Once the property actually connects to the municipal sewer, it will then be assessed a sewer use charge for the amount of wastewater that enters into the sewer from that property. This amount can vary by household and would be paid annually in the spring.

The Town has also applied for a Water Quality Improvement Project (WQIP) grant which, if received, would reduce the bond charge portion of the project cost.

Please join us on September 27th. We hope to answer your questions pertaining to the issues addressed in this letter to enable your thoughtful consideration prior to the referendum.

Sincerely,



David J. Sheen, Town Supervisor



Kathleen Szerszen, Deputy Supervisor