

Town of Elba Water District No. 2 Public Hearing

Wednesday, December 7, 2016 at 7:00 pm

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Introductions

Elba Town Board

Supervisor Donna Hynes

Council Member Wade Chamberlain

Council Member Dan Coughlin

Council Member Maureen Marshall

Council Member Chantal Zambito



Water District

- A water district is a special use district required by Town Law where a specific area of the Town receives a specific benefit.
- Costs for this benefit are borne solely by the property owners in that specific area who directly receive the benefit

Background

- Public Informational Meeting – August 4, 2016
 - Desire for public water identified in the Town’s Comprehensive Plan (2007)
 - Identified multiple areas of interest / need throughout Town
 - Water quality / quantity concerns with existing wells / advantages of Public Water
 - Income Survey completed (MHI - \$45,000/yr)
 - Considerations:
 - Multiple Water Districts (up to 7) => 10 – 15 years to complete
 - One Water District? Financing? Water Source?
 - Selected Alternative / Proposed Project: One large Water District (WD #2), Genesee County Water Supply

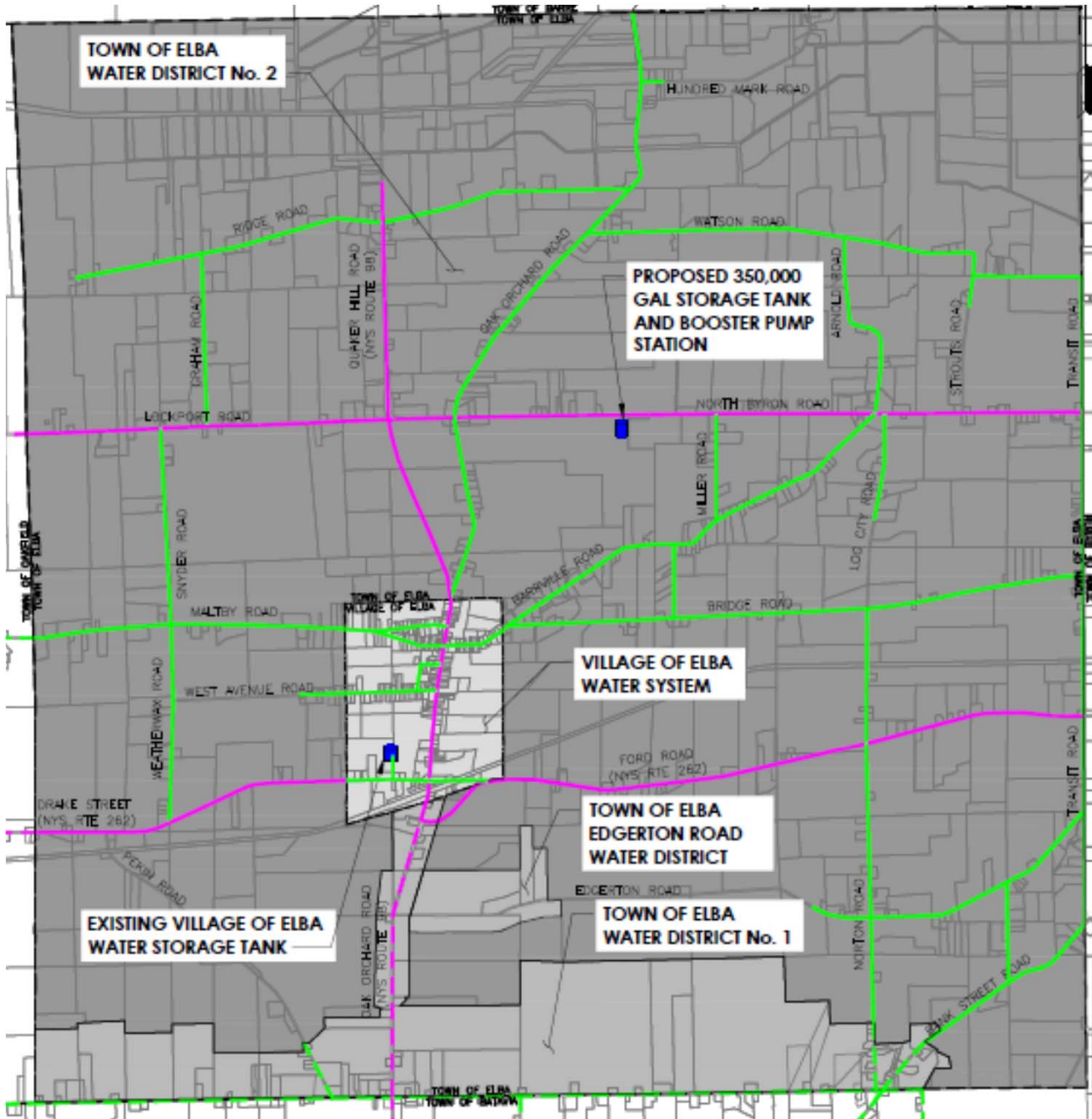
Advantages & Benefits of Public Water

- Consistent quality and quantity
- Fire protection and lower insurance rates
- Increased property values and marketability
- Eliminates substantial private well costs: electricity, pump and well maintenance, softeners, chemicals, appliance damage.
- Ease of mind
- Available during power outages



Proposed Project

- Installation of approximately 247,000 LF of 8” and 12” PVC water main, hydrants, valves and water services along the following roads:
 - NYS Route 98
 - NYS Route 262
 - Lockport Road
 - Norton Road
 - Bank Street Road
 - Transit Road
 - Bridge Road
 - Log City Road (portion)
 - Barrville Road
 - Miller Road
 - North Byron Road
 - Luddington Road
 - Oak Orchard Road
 - Hundred Mark Road (portion)
 - Ridge Road
 - Graham Road
 - Snyder Road
 - Weatherwax Road
 - Edgerton Road (portion)
 - Watson Road
 - Maltby Road
 - West Avenue (portion)
 - Strouts Road
 - Whitney Mill Road



Proposed Project (cont'd)

- 350,000 gallon water storage tank
- Booster pump station
- Multiple meter & PRV vaults
- Connections to Oakfield, WD#1
- Restoration of roads, driveways, lawns
- Water service connections (from WM to ROW, meter pit)



Overall Project Costs

| | |
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| Construction | \$14,091,000 |
| Soft Costs (Cont., Eng., Legal, Admin) | <u>+ \$3,678,000</u> |
| Total Estimated Capital Cost | \$ 17,769,000 |



Funding & Financing

- Application sent to USDA Rural Development for funding (grant & low interest loan)

- Town of Elba was successful!!!!

USDA RD Grant **\$3,854,000**

USDA RD Loan **\$13,658,000**

(1.375% for 38 years)

- Largest project funded by USDA RD State Office
- Lowest interest rate ever



Proposed EDUs

- Debt service based on Equivalent Dwelling Units (EDUs)
- How were EDUs determined??
 - Single Family Home = 1 EDU
 - Multi-Family Homes = 1 EDU + 0.5 EDU per add'l living space
(i.e. Duplex = 1.5 EDUs, Triple = 2 EDUs)
 - Vacant Parcel (Not in Ag District) = 0.5 EDU
 - Vacant Parcel (In Ag District) = 0 EDU
 - Non-Residential/Commercial/Industrial = Estimated Daily Average Water Usage / 164 GPD
 - Dairy Farms (8) = 1 EDU for house (base charge) + Supplemental EDU (water usage)

Proposed EDUs (cont'd)

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| Residential | 481 |
| Commercial/Business | 36 |
| Vacant (non-Ag) | 39.5 |
| Vacant (Ag) | 0 |
| Dairy/Non-Dairy Farms | <u>+ 72</u> |

Total EDUs (rounded) = 629

Estimated Unit Cost

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| Less Village Tank Contribution | (\$ 250,000) |
| Less Town Contribution | <u>+ (\$7,000)</u> |
| Net Total Project Cost | \$ 17,512,000 |

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| Less USDA RD Grant | (\$ 3,854,000) |
| Net Local Project Costs/USDA RD Loan Amount | \$ 13,658,000 |
| Annual Debt Service (38 years @ 1.375%) | \$ 463,871 |
| Estimated Debt Service/Unit (629 units) | \$ 738 |
| Estimated Yearly Water Cost (60,000 gpy x \$4.95/1,000 gal) | \$ 297 |

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| Total Estimated Unit Cost (Rounded) | \$ 1,035/yr (\$86.25/mo) |
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Additional One Time User Costs

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| • Installation of Service Line from ROW to House (\$8-\$20/FT) | \$1,000 |
| • Well Separation/Plumbing Modifications | \$200 |
| • Water Service Inspection Fee | + \$75 |
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| | \$1,275 |

Note: One time costs to be included within project budget to minimize upfront costs to the residents:

Meter Charge \$150

Meter Radio Transmitter \$175

Water Pressure Regulator \$100

Comparative Costs

- WD #2 originally estimated at \$1,050/yr
- Similar Water Projects:
 - T Elba WD#1 (Townline's Water) - \$1,000/yr
 - T Oakfield WD#2 - \$973/yr
 - T Oakfield WD#3 - \$974/yr
 - T Oakfield WD#4 - \$1,194/yr
 - T Stafford WD#8 - \$1,071/yr
- Cable TV / Cellphone - \$1,000/yr
- Potential unit cost reduction => ~ \$1,000/yr?
 - Additional Town of Elba users (Pekin, Rt 98 north, Edgerton)
 - Additional outside users (Town of Byron)

Residential Well Comparative Costs

| Item | Average Well Scenario | | | Worst Case Scenario | | |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|----------------|---------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| | Annual Cost | Monthly Cost | Notes | Annual Cost | Monthly Cost | Notes |
| Electricity | \$50.00 | \$4.17 | | \$50.00 | \$4.17 | |
| Treatment Chemicals | \$150.00 | \$12.50 | Salt, Chlorine, Filters | \$300.00 | \$25.00 | Salt, Chlorine, Filters |
| Bottled Water | - | - | 3 Member family | \$400.00 | \$33.34 | 3 Member family |
| Replace Towels & Linen | - | - | No Damage due to Water Quality | \$20.00 | \$1.67 | |
| Laundromat | - | - | Not Necessary | \$120.00 | \$10.00 | |
| Fixture Replacement | \$14.29 | \$1.20 | Est. Replacement every 7 years | \$20.00 | \$1.67 | Est. Replacement every 5 years |
| Replace Washing Machine | \$15.00 | \$1.25 | Est. Replacement every 14 years | \$30.00 | \$2.50 | Est. Replacement every 7 years |
| Replace Water Heater | \$42.00 | \$3.50 | Est. Replacement every 10 years | \$60.00 | \$5.00 | Est. Replacement every 7 years |
| Replace Well Pump | \$70.00 | \$5.84 | Est. Replacement every 10 years | \$100.00 | \$8.34 | Est. Replacement every 7 years |
| Replace Treatment System | \$375.00 | \$31.25 | Est. Replacement every 20 years | \$750.00 | \$62.50 | Est. Replacement every 10 years |
| Well Re-Development | \$75.00 | \$6.25 | Est. Replacement every 40 years | \$100.00 | \$8.34 | Est. Replacement every 30 years |
| Total = | \$791.29 | \$65.96 | | \$1,950.00 | \$162.53 | |

Anticipated Schedule & Next Steps

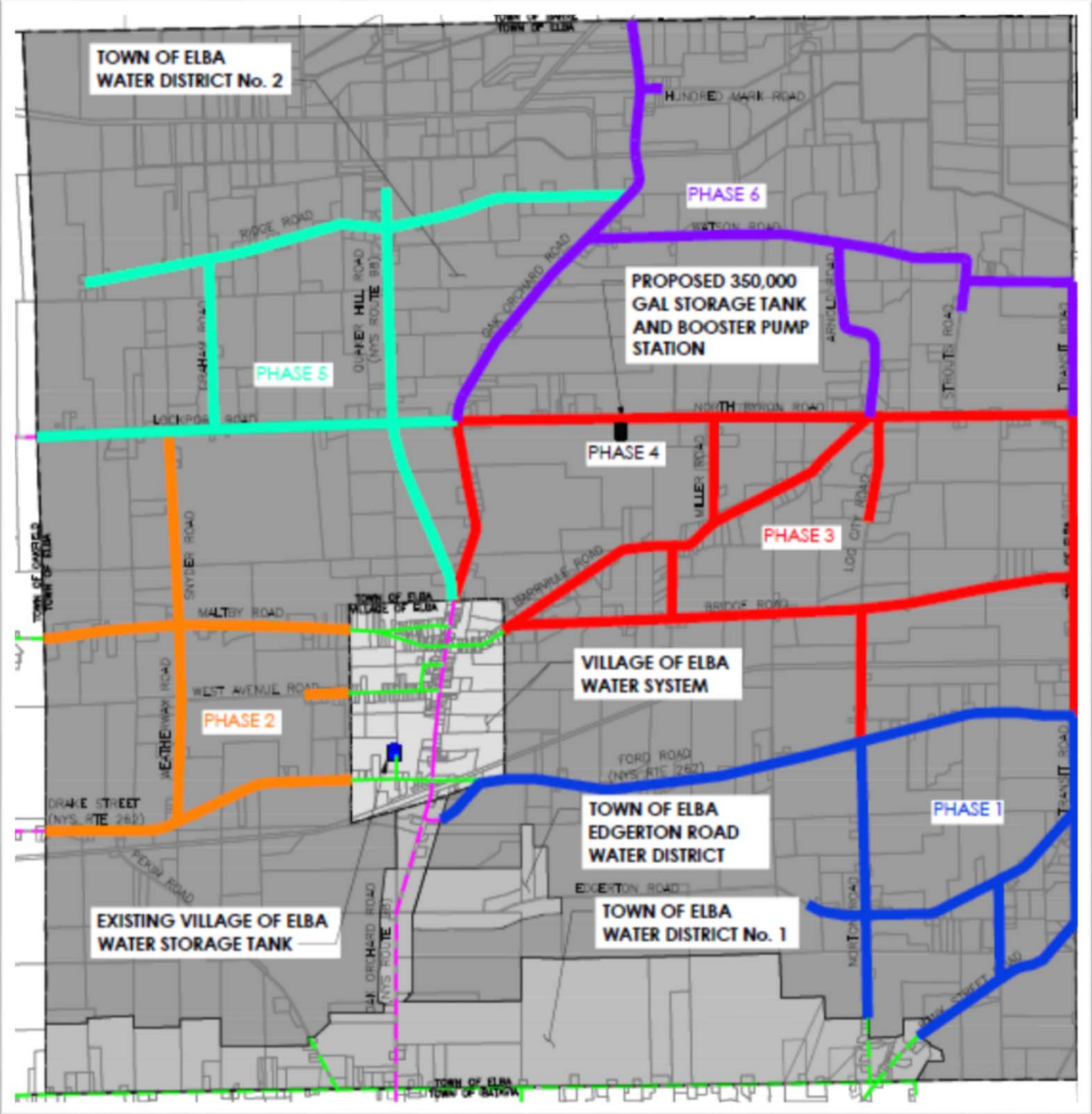
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| Public Hearing | December 7, 2016 |
| Town Board form Water District (subject to permissive referendum) | December 8, 2016 |
| NYS Comptroller Approval (>\$902) | February 2017 |
| Bond Resolution (subject to permissive referendum) | April 2017 |
| Design, Permitting* | Winter 2017 – Fall 2018 |
| Bidding & Construction* | Summer 2017 – 2019 |

(Approximately 3 year project once started)

* Due to size of overall project, it will be designed and constructed in multiple phases.

Overall Project Phasing

- Pump Station & Tank => 1 Contract
- Water Main Installation => 5 Contracts
- Water Main Phasing Considerations:
 - Availability of a water connection / feed source
 - Providing adequate pressures & fire flow under all conditions during phasing
 - Construct pump station & tank at ½ water main build out



Frequently Asked Questions

1. What can I do with my well?

- Abandon the well.
- Keep well but separate it from public water plumbing.
- Keep well and install backflow prevention (RPZ)

2. Do I have to connect to the water main right away?

- No
- A service line will be installed to the property line of all existing residents.
- There will be no future hook up charge for existing residents that do not connect right away.
- Service lines will not be installed to undeveloped lots and a future hookup fee would be required.

Frequently Asked Questions

3. Do I have to pay a debt service cost even if I don't hook up to the water?

- According to state law, all properties within an established water district that are receiving a benefit must share equally in that benefit whether using the water or not.

4. How much will public water raise my assessment?

- The existence of a water main or the connection to a water main does not in itself raise assessment values.
- Assessment values are based on the sale price of comparable houses in the area.

Frequently Asked Questions

5. What happens if the district is not formed?

- Public Water can not be extended until a District is Formed.

6. Will the annual cost change?

- Cost of water has the potential to change annually as costs of maintaining the system changes.
- The debt service is set at a maximum level and that is the most you can be expected to pay.
- If more units develop in the district or outside users are added, the annual debt cost per service will go down.

Questions?

