

Easements Relating to the Village of New Berlin Potable Water Project

Design work continues on the Village of New Berlin's drinking water infrastructure upgrade. The Design and project management engineering firm, Barton & Loguidice, has divided the design work into two portions: 1) Water treatment and storage, and 2) water-main replacement and distribution network upgrades. Monthly public workshops conducted over the last several months have brought both design tracks to the 60-percent point.

Construction on this project is scheduled to start in mid- 2026 and run through the late summer of 2027. Most of the new distribution/ water mains will not be buried directly under the Village street or State Highway (Rt. 8/Main St.), but rather in the area adjacent to the roadway: Such alignment results in the following benefits: 1) minimized personal inconvenience and closure periods/travel disruption, 2) reduced likelihood for and disruption from future repairs, or 2) avoidance of other existing above and below ground utilities.

For a limited number of properties, the work area will exceed the legally-acknowledged definition of Right of Way and include the strip of a property owner's land between the interior (house-side) lie of the sidewalk and the roadway curb/shoulder. Disruption in the impacted areas will be minimized and any temporary changes to the work area will be fully restored.

Those residents whose properties may be impacted during construction will be receiving a form in the mail that outlines the granting of a permanent and/or temporary easement. Granting the requested easement will allow the Village and the hired contractors access to this specific area of their property for purposes of construction and subsequent maintenance needs. While the requested area may be disturbed during construction and future maintenance activities, the area will be restored to its pre-existing condition following the completion of the work.

Impacted property owners will need sign and have these easement agreements notarized prior to either 1) returning them to either the Village of New Berlin Office (13 South Main Street) or 2) mailing them to Barton & Loguidice, 443 Electronics Parkway, Liverpool, NY 13088.

To facilitate the easement approval process, a public meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 27th from 5:30-7:30 PM at the Chobani Community Center, 75 S Main St, New Berlin, NY 13411. At this meeting property owners questions regarding their particular easement will be addressed. A free notary service will also be available for executing easements. Property owners are asked to bring a driver's license or other form of photo identification to execute the notarization process.

The Board of Trustees of the Village of New Berlin and Barton and Loguidice thank the residents and property owners within the Village for their continued cooperation and support in this effort to improve the water flows and quality for generations to come. Further questions should be addressed to the Village of New Berlin Village Office (607-847-6389; e-mail: vgnewberlin@stny.rr.gov) or the Barton & Loguidice project engineer (Lauren Howard) directly at 315-378-8546.