

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.

Residents whose properties may be impacted during construction are being asked to grant either 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.

Many property owners who previously a request for such an easement have already signed and submitted a notarized version of their easement.

Those potentially impacted property owners who have not completed the process outlined above will be receiving another notice and easement document from the lead project engineer, Barton & Loguidice. The Village of New Berlin Board of Trustees requests that upon receipt of this second mailing, residents and businesses 1) return the completed and notarized easement to the Village of New Berlin Office (13 South Main Street) or 2) mail them to Barton & Loguidice, 443 Electronics Parkway, Liverpool, NY 13088.

To facilitate the easement approval process, an open meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 19th from 5:30-7:30 PM at the Chobani Community Center, 75 S Main St, New Berlin, NY 13411. At this meeting, Barton and Loguidice engineers will be available to address property owners' questions/concerns regarding their particular easement. A free notary service will also be available to complete the legal execution of the 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.