

# Porter Town Board OKs water project funding

YBPA to meet and discuss brochure

**STAFF REPORTS**

At a special meeting Monday, the Porter Town Board approved by a 4-0 vote the issuance of \$6,785,000 in serial bonds to fund improvements to the town's water distribution system that comprises the Town of Porter Water District.

The board's action came following an announced public hearing on the project that saw no comments by residents. The measure calls for the town to provide for the issuance of \$6.785 million in bonding for a period of 40 years to cover the project. It states "that to the extent that any grants-in-aid are received for such specific object or purpose, the amount of bonds to be issued pursuant to this resolution shall be reduced dollar for dollar."

It continued, "The maximum maturity of the serial bonds here-in authorized would exceed five years."

Wendel Companies in Williams-ville was retained by the town to oversee the engineering elements of the project. Actual work will take place in five areas in Porter where the water distribution system was found to be deteriorating, and is now experiencing pressure and distribution issues.

The water distribution system dates to the 1930s and is said to feature both cast iron piping and asbestos cement pipes.

"The water system is aging and provides inadequate pressures and fire flow in some areas," Wendel stated. "Some pipes also are undersized by today's standards, or tuberculation has reduced the

capacity of the pipe. Certain older water mains within this proposed project were installed in the 1930s and have experienced repeated outbreaks. The Town would like to improve the water distribution system within the five areas identified in this report in order to improve water pressure and fire flows, address aging infrastructure areas of high waterline breaks and tuberculated pipes."

Identified problem areas include:

√ Area 1 – Parker Road. Located in a dead-end area of Ransomville Road, the existing waterline fails to provide adequate pressure to residents.

√ Area 2 – St. Christopher Lane. Located in a dead-end area of New Road in Ransomville, the existing waterline also fails to provide adequate pressures for users.

√ Area 3 – Meadow and Manor drives, located in the north-central part of the town. According to Wendel, "Both roads intersect with Lockport Road and travel north creating a U-shaped loop. Meadow Drive continues east until connects to Youngstown-Wilson Road. The CIP waterlines do not provide adequate pressure."

√ Area 4 – Youngstown Estates, including Riverview, Walnut, Hillview and Parkdale drives. All feature waterlines with 6-inch cast iron pipes that are undersized, Wendel noted.

√ Area 5 – the Lower River Road area extending into Youngstown. According to the Wendel report, "The existing 12-inch CIP waterline, which runs along River Road

from the Village of Youngstown to the Town of Lewiston, experiences frequent breaks, which results in the town being cautious about increasing water pressure in this area. The town also discovered that the 12-inch CIP has significant tuberculation, restricting the capacity pipe."

Wendel focused on results of a 2017 hydraulic evaluation completed by GHD Engineering. It stated, "Five areas within the distribution system require total replacement. Inadequate fire flows, low water pressure, undersized pipes, water loss, frequent breaks and tuberculation all suggest would be the optimal option. ...

"Due to the deterioration of the water system since the 1930s, the Town has been forced to reduce the operating pressure with parts of the distribution system to avoid frequent leaks. Fire hydrants located in the vicinity of the Ransomville tank indicate a reduction in fire flow capacity greater than 13%."

The Wendel study stated areas 1-3 have 6-inch diameter cast iron pipes, measuring 1,100, 900 and 1,700 feet in length, respectively, while area 4 has 6-inch and 8-inch CIPs measuring 3,700 feet; and area 5 has 12-inch CIPs, at a length of 7,300 feet.

"The proposed project area includes approximately 14,700 linear feet of new, 8-inch and 12-inch waterline related appurtenances," Wendel stated.

The project would also see: installation of new fire hydrants in all affected areas; completion of

interconnections to existing waterlines; and completion of tree bores on Lower River Road "to avoid removal and damage to large mature trees," the Wendel report continued.

In discussions Monday, Town of Porter Attorney Mike Dowd said the municipality declared itself as lead agency for the project for purposes of authorizing issuance of the \$6.785 million bond anticipation note. As a result, there would be no formal state environmental quality review required for the project.

The town resolution indicated the project had been determined to be a Type II action pursuant to New York State Department of Environmental Conservation regulations covering SEQRA, and "as such will not result in any significant environmental impact," Dowd said.

As far as those property owners who would ultimately be responsible for sharing the cost burden, language in Section 4 of the approved Town Board resolution finds the following: "The faith and credits of said Town of Porter, Niagara County, New York are hereby irrevocably pledged to the payment of the principal and interest on such bonds as the same respectively become due and payable. There shall be annually assessed upon the taxable real property in said Water District which the Town Board shall apportion and assess

upon the several lots and parcels of land in the manner provided by law, an amount sufficient to pay the principal and interest on said bonds as they become due, but if not paid from such source, all the taxable real property in said town shall be subject to the levy of ad valorem taxes without limitation as to rate or amount sufficient to pay the principal of an interest on said bonds as the same shall become due."

As far as the time frame for work, it's anticipated the project will take four to six months for survey and design work; two to three months for permitting; two months to cover bidding and awarding contracts; three to four months to secure materials; and six to eight months for actual construction.

**YBPA to meet Sept. 13**

The Youngstown Business and Professional Association will hold its fall members meeting at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 13, at the Old Fort Niagara Officer's Club.

Open to YBPA members and invited guests, the session will feature discussion on YBPA's new 2022-23 "Welcome to Youngstown-Porter" brochure, as well upcoming events in the River Region – including the "Christmas in the Village" celebrations.

YBPA said dinner will be provided by Bandanas; the program is a BYOB event.

For more information, email [YBPA@youngstownny.com](mailto:YBPA@youngstownny.com).

## What is HAL fundraiser?

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Well-known Lewiston enthusiasts **Bill and Barb Vrooman** will receive The Friends of History Award for their support and advocacy of historical causes throughout the years.

Slaughenhoupt said, "Bill can trace his ancestry to Lewiston's earliest days, and his family has been a pillar of this community ever since. His dad was a town councilman, and Vrooman Drive was named after him in his honor. Bill and Barb have carried on the tradition and have been an extremely powerful force in preserving our local culture. Few people realize Bill and Barb donated the iconic clock tower at Fifth and Center Street that has greeted visitors far and wide. They are deserving of our deepest appreciation."

Two senior Girl Scouts and freshman at Lewiston-Porter High School, **Lauren Fura and Elizabeth Adamson**, will be presented the Bruce Sutherland Outstanding Contribution Award for their production of a new walking tour that provides verbal descriptions of Lewiston's most historical landmarks.

Slaughenhoupt said, "This project dramatically enhanced our abilities to share our history with everyone. Today, anyone with a phone can get online and access the walking tour that describes 54 different locations in the village. We thank Lauren and Lizzie for a truly outstanding contribution to HAL and the Lewiston community. Our former leader, Bruce Sutherland, would have been very impressed and proud to have his

name associated with this wonderful project."

Lauren's parents are Larry and Tanya Fura. Lizzie is the daughter of George and Jenny Adamson.

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"Lewiston Jeopardy" is open to the public, with tickets \$45. Those interested in attending can get reservations by calling the Lewiston Museum at 716-754-4214. Organizers anticipate a sell-out so early reservations are recommended.

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