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Mr. Russell J. Stoll, PE Executive Engineer

Erie County Water Authority

3030 Union Rd.

Buffalo, NY 14227

Re: Town of Alden Proposed Cayuga Creek Road Water District

Dear Executive Engineer Stoll:

Town Engineer Metzger has shared your July 9, 2019 letter to him relative to the above referenced proposed project. Following are my comments on your letter.

On October 22, 2018, subsequent to our request, Mr. Metzger and I met with you and Mr. Lichtenthal at ECWA to discuss the proposed Cayuga Creek Rd. Water district. A map of our proposal was reviewed and a discussion that included the fact that the district would be fed from the Marilla pressure zone where their line ended on Cayuga Creek Road. It was discussed that the Town of Alden had purchased and owned the top 7' of the Marilla water tower expressly for extending water to the southern areas of the Town, such as Cayuga Creek Road. It was also discussed that there were only 28 property owners over the entire length of the proposed district which would make it very expensive. We discussed the great need for water by a good number of the residents, due to lack of well water and very poor quality of well water available. We discussed the fact that our proposal stopped approximately 1200' south of an existing ECWA waterline/district which is fed by a different pressure zone (Broadway). There were two reasons for stopping at that spot. One was that it would go along farmland which would not generate any revenue for paying for the proposed district and, secondly, that the district could not be fed from two different pressure zones. Additionally, the Marilla Pressure zone offers better pressure for the proposed district and its terrain. There was a discussion that it would be of benefit to ECWA if the line ran to the existing Broadway zone district in case of a main break. My response at that meeting was that since it had no benefit to the Town and would have needed a valve to prevent cross feeding, that perhaps ECWA could build that portion of the proposed line. That idea was not dismissed and we were led to believe that it would be seriously considered. It is important to note that at no time during the meeting was there a discussion of inter-connecting to the west (as you suggest in your letter). That inter-connection would require crossing Cayuga Creek, would add an astronomical cost to the proposed

district, would not service any other residents, and, again, would offer no benefit to the Town. Cary Road is already fed from the Marilla Pressure zone.

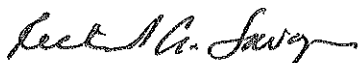
I left the meeting feeling and assuming we would hear a "go ahead" in a very short time. This did not occur. After several follow up phone calls to ECWA by the Town Engineer, on 1/18/19 The Town was instructed to produce a Map, Plan, and Report for the proposed district so that it could be reviewed by ECWA before any decision would be reached by ECWA. The Town Board authorized the expense and a Map, Plan, and Report for the District in the form discussed at our 10/22/18 meeting was produced. This MPR was submitted to ECWA on May 20, 2019. On July 9, 2019, your communication was sent which still did not give the Town the "go ahead" but instead requested design documents with interconnections to the west and north. Certainly, the Town cannot design a system with these interconnections as it would be cost prohibitive. As you know from reading the MPR which shows the line not interconnected, the MEDIAN cost for each property owner is already estimated to be about \$2000 per year. These interconnections (which again I must emphasize hold no advantage for the Town of Alden) would absolutely make the proposed waterline unaffordable. As it is, it will severely strain the benefitted residents and will have to go to the State due to its high estimated cost already. I have attached a spreadsheet with shows the estimated costs for each of the residents. As you can see, the estimated costs range from \$777 to \$3692 per year with the median, as indicated earlier, being approximately \$2000. A great number of property owners far exceed that median figure.

The Town of Alden cannot incur additional costs to "design" a system that the residents could not possibly afford. The interconnections (of benefit only to ECWA) to a different pressure zone are onerous and unreasonable. The interconnection to Cary Road across Cayuga creek also only benefits ECWA. I feel that the Town has been given the "run- around" on this proposed district. We would like to attempt to go forward as we indicated on our Map, Plan and Report and I respectfully request that ECWA expeditiously approve our request as submitted.

I, along with Town Engineer Metzger, am able to meet with you or any other ECWA principals, at your convenience.

I will copy this communication to the 28 property owners/benefitted users in order that they are advised of the current status of this proposed district, and where ECWA stands at this time.

Sincerely,



Richard A. Savage, Supervisor

Attachment – estimated costs spreadsheet

CC: Town Board

Town Engineer

Terrence D. McCracken, Secretary to the Authority

Residents of Proposed Cayuga Creek Road Water District

# Cayuga Creek Water - Per Draft Map Plan 06/18/2019

8/13/2019

	Street	Primary Owner	2019 Asmnt	Front	1st FRT	2nd FRT	Bal FRT	Unit Chg \$500	Asmnt Chg \$8.209622	First Frt \$1.25	Second Frt \$.75	Balance Frt \$.25	Total Charge
5	Cayuga Creek	Luderman, Lee Ann	\$110,000	91.55	91.55	0.00	0.00	\$500	\$903.06	\$114.44	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,517
48	Cayuga Creek	Lund, George J	\$155,000	603.00	100.00	100.00	403.00	\$500	\$1,272.49	\$125.00	\$75.00	\$100.75	\$2,073
117	Cayuga Creek	Camarre, James P	\$320,000	1660.00	100.00	100.00	1460.00	\$500	\$2,627.08	\$125.00	\$75.00	\$365.00	\$3,692
134	Cayuga Creek	Hensley, William B II	\$149,000	333.50	100.00	100.00	133.50	\$500	\$1,223.23	\$125.00	\$75.00	\$33.38	\$1,957
150	Cayuga Creek	Hensley, William B II	\$14,000	150.00	100.00	50.00	0.00	\$500	\$114.93	\$125.00	\$37.50	\$0.00	\$777
168	Cayuga Creek	Payne, Linda	\$119,000	150.00	100.00	50.00	0.00	\$500	\$976.95	\$125.00	\$37.50	\$0.00	\$1,639
180	Cayuga Creek	Loftus, Joseph E	\$110,000	160.00	100.00	60.00	0.00	\$500	\$903.06	\$125.00	\$45.00	\$0.00	\$1,573
200	Cayuga Creek	Chadsey, Deborah J	\$230,000	150.00	100.00	50.00	0.00	\$500	\$1,888.21	\$125.00	\$37.50	\$0.00	\$2,551
220	Cayuga Creek	Bush, Dennis	\$165,000	150.00	100.00	50.00	0.00	\$500	\$1,354.59	\$125.00	\$37.50	\$0.00	\$2,017
240	Cayuga Creek	Snyder, Michael	\$43,200	165.00	100.00	65.00	0.00	\$500	\$354.66	\$125.00	\$48.75	\$0.00	\$1,028
262	Cayuga Creek	Snyder, Richard L	\$96,000	330.00	100.00	100.00	130.00	\$500	\$788.12	\$125.00	\$75.00	\$32.50	\$1,521
333	Cayuga Creek	Wilcox, Paul L	\$151,000	413.60	100.00	100.00	213.60	\$500	\$1,239.65	\$125.00	\$75.00	\$53.40	\$1,993
345	Cayuga Creek	Rebmann, Susan	\$265,000	213.00	100.00	100.00	13.00	\$500	\$2,175.55	\$125.00	\$75.00	\$3.25	\$2,879
371	Cayuga Creek	Koch, Robert D	\$254,300	200.00	100.00	100.00	0.00	\$500	\$2,087.71	\$125.00	\$75.00	\$0.00	\$2,788
389	Cayuga Creek	Wood, Matthew J	\$260,000	200.00	100.00	100.00	0.00	\$500	\$2,134.50	\$125.00	\$75.00	\$0.00	\$2,835
407	Cayuga Creek	Schwab, Timothy J	\$252,000	200.00	100.00	100.00	0.00	\$500	\$2,068.82	\$125.00	\$75.00	\$0.00	\$2,769
441	Cayuga Creek	Thorpe's Organic Farms <sup>1</sup>	\$76,000	200.00	100.00	100.00	0.00	\$500	\$623.93	\$125.00	\$75.00	\$0.00	\$1,324
534	Cayuga Creek	Varshay, Ronald	\$219,000	200.00	100.00	100.00	0.00	\$500	\$1,797.91	\$125.00	\$75.00	\$0.00	\$2,498
548	Cayuga Creek	Hycner, Kenneth K	\$207,000	100.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	\$500	\$1,699.39	\$125.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,324
562	Cayuga Creek	Leibring, Carey	\$93,000	100.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	\$500	\$763.49	\$125.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,388
586	Cayuga Creek	Huett, Natalie	\$204,000	200.00	100.00	100.00	0.00	\$500	\$1,674.76	\$125.00	\$75.00	\$0.00	\$2,375
606	Cayuga Creek	Kelly, Shawn P Jr	\$155,000	284.00	100.00	100.00	84.00	\$500	\$1,272.49	\$125.00	\$75.00	\$21.00	\$1,993
VL		Krauss, Edward	\$14,000	320.00	100.00	100.00	120.00	\$500	\$114.93	\$125.00	\$75.00	\$30.00	\$845
VL	Cayuga Creek	Weisbeck, Thomas	\$87,400	571.00	100.00	100.00	371.00	\$500	\$717.52	\$125.00	\$75.00	\$92.75	\$1,510
586	Three Rod	Henke Ryan	\$142,000	188.87	100.00	88.87	0.00	\$500	\$1,165.77	\$125.00	\$66.65	\$0.00	\$1,857
662	Three Rod	Kolb Charles	\$135,000	590.70	100.00	100.00	390.70	\$500	\$1,108.30	\$125.00	\$75.00	\$9.77	\$1,818
702	Three Rod	Aldinger, Wayne <sup>1</sup>	\$194,100	200.00	100.00	100.00	0.00	\$500	\$1,593.49	\$125.00	\$75.00	\$0.00	\$2,293
861	Three Rod	Reiner, David	\$145,000	386.25	100.00	100.00	186.25	\$500	\$1,190.40	\$125.00	\$75.00	\$4.66	\$1,895
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$4,365,000</b>	<b>8,510.47</b>	<b>2,791.55</b>	<b>2,213.87</b>	<b>3,505.05</b>	<b>\$14,000</b>	<b>\$35,835</b>	<b>\$3,489</b>	<b>\$1,660</b>	<b>\$876</b>	<b>\$55,731</b>

Project Cost @ \$152.19/foot (est. 6,400 ft)	\$974,000
Yearly Bond Interest {35 year @ 4.2%}	\$53,611
Annual ECWA Hydrant {14 @ 160.80}	\$2,251
Annual Cost	\$55,862
Unit Charges	\$14,000
Total Frontage Charges	\$6,027
Project Balance	\$35,835
Total District Assessment	\$4,365,000
Ad Valorem Project Rate	\$8.209622

<sup>1</sup> Denotes Property with Agricultural land exemption. Under Real Property Tax Law and Agricultural and Markets Law, the residence and immediate home site are included in the improvement district.