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This is an OFFICIAL letter of REAL facts concerning PROPOSED water district 5. The petition carriers are still circulating throughout the community. Please be polite when they knock on your door.

Question	Answer
Will the Town water work during a power outage?	Yes. Pressure is maintained by emergency systems during power outages.
If I am in the district but do not connect to the water, how much will it cost me per month?	If your property is included in the district and does not have a NY Ag District 2 farm exemption it will cost you \$48.00 per month.
What do I get for the \$48.00 per month?	You would get: 1 Fire protection close to your property, 2 you may qualify for a reduction in your homeowner's insurance (contact your insurance company for details) 3 the ability to hook up to public water if your well goes dry or is contaminated
How much will it cost to hook up my house to the public water?	That is between you and the private contractor you hire to bury the pipe and make connections. There will be a list of contractors to call for estimates.
How much will water cost?	\$410 per year based on your using 60,000 gallons of water. It will be billed quarterly so \$102.50 per quarter. If you use more water the bill will be higher. If you use less water the bill will be lower.
So for the debt and water, how much is it per quarter?	\$144.00 Debt + \$102.50 Estimated water = \$246.50
OK, so for debt and water how much is it per month?	$\$246.50/3 = \82.17
Will the new water district mains be sized correctly to work with modern fire equipment?	Yes. Correctly sized mains with higher pressures will help put out fires faster.
If I hook up to the water, do I have to pay for the connection?	Yes, you have to pay from the valve on your property at the street to your home.
Can I hook up and keep my well?	Yes, there will be an additional check valve installed so that your well water stays on your property. And Yes, you will have to pay for the check valve.

I am going to sell my house in 5 years, what will public water do to the sale price?	Houses with public water have a sales advantage over those on wells. It is likely your home will be worth more at sale time with public water.
My neighbor's well went dry. What does that do to their property value?	A home with no water is less valuable than the same home with water. If the home were to sell, the new buyer would be faced with constructing another water source.
The DEC tested the Lima Landfill on Community Drive and it is leaching chemicals. Is my well water affected?	The spill map is on the Town Website www.lima-ny.org The test wells are positive for 1,4-Dioxane, Perfluorooctanesulfonic acid (PFOS) and Perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA). These are manmade chemicals that may cause adverse health effects. Test your well water to be sure.
I remember years when liquid fertilizer was running down South Lima Road. Can that affect my well water?	Maybe. There is no way to tell unless you get your well water tested.
I see injury attorneys on TV advertising for clients damaged by pesticides. Do I have those pesticides in my water?	Pesticides are commonly used by most everyone locally. Have your water tested to be sure.
Why did the Town of Lima establish Water District 1 in the north east corner of the Township?	Water District 1 was established due to a toxic chemical spill at Enarco. It covers the East ½ of Martin Rd, all of Ideson Rd and a little of Bragg St. The test wells are still monitored. The chemical concentration is going down, but the contamination is still there. No one in that area should be using their wells. The district construction was paid for by Enarco's fine.
Are there undocumented dumps in Lima?	Yes. This is an older community with the first non-native settlers arriving in 1788. All kinds of unwanted items were buried in holes, thrown down into ravines, piled at the edges of property, burned, thrown in latrines, etc. Even with modern trash collection this is still done TODAY. If you think this may be affecting your water, get it tested.
It has been raining a lot and my drainage ditch is full. It is odd that my well is struggling for water. What has changed?	Less surface water is settling into the aquifer. Your well can only draw what is there.
How do I get my well water tested?	To have private testing of your water where only you get the results you could call: ALS, 1565 Jefferson Road, Bldg. 300, Suite 360, 585 288 5380 or EMSL, 2975 Brighton Henrietta Town Line Rd, Building 100, Suite 130, Rochester, NY, 14623 (585) 957-9436 These companies do charge for the testing.
What should I test my water for?	E coli, fertilizer, pesticides, PFOA, PFAS, solvents

Can I do my own water hookup?	Yes, if you are handy and follow the rule book you can dig the trench, run the pipe and hook up yourself.
My neighbor has enough land to subdivide off a building lot. If they do that after the district is formed, do they have to pay a catch-up debt fee to connect for the new lot?	No, the subdivided lot starts paying debt when the subdivision takes place. There is no catch-up fee.
If the water district is formed, when would I expect to start paying the debt service and how much would it be?	Debt charges start with the first January property tax bill after the construction has started. IF the district is formed, construction would not be starting until 2025 or 2026.
I want to hook up to the water district, will I be able to pre-pay the debt charge at a lower cost?	Yes. Prepayment of the debt charge will be possible. It will be a reduced amount of money that will be calculated once the construction has started. We do not have the dollar amount at this time.
What household items are affected by water quality?	Dishwashers, toilets, showers, and water heaters all have decreased useful life if the water quality is poor. Sulfur smells, gas in the water, iron stains and the like all negatively affect the value of the real estate.
I want to sign the petition, but no one has come to my home. How do I contact the petition carriers?	Call the Town Office at 582-1130. Give the clerk your name, phone number and address. It will be passed on to the petition carrier in your area.

This part is MY Opinion. My well is ok. I do not need public water. However, I am in favor of the enhanced fire protection that comes with the hydrants, AND the water working during power outages AND I recognize that some of my neighbors are in need of water. Every day we are asked for money for those in need. Many of those charities are in foreign countries. Charity begins at home. I will find a way to pay the \$48 per month debt charge for the benefit of the community as a whole – to improve the living conditions here in Lima. I ask you to join me in being kind to those who are less fortunate than you. Someday the shoe might be on the other foot and they might be the ones helping you when your well has gone dry.

Sincerely,



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