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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING
Division of Sewerage Management

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Deputy Commissioner

February 9, 2024

Jeremy Doty
8 Gowans Road
Angola, NY 14006

Re: January 24, 2024 Letter Response
8 Gowans Road, Angola, NY 14006

Dear Mr. Doty,

The Erie County Division of Sewerage Management (ECDSM) is in receipt of your January 24, 2024 letter regarding the sanitary sewer charges for the property you own at 8 Gowans Road in the Village of Angola. Your letter was discussed at the February 1, 2024 meeting of the Erie County Sewer District (ECSD) No. 2 Board of Managers and the following is a formal response (the requests in your letter are repeated below in *italics*):

Request #1 from January 24, 2024 letter: Sewer charge[s] be removed from my tax bill PRIOR to the tax due date.

ECSD No. 2 was created by the Erie County Legislature as a benefit assessment district. Pursuant to Article 5-A of New York State County Law there were formal procedures to determine which properties would be part of the district, including public hearings, various petitions, and County Legislative approval. Your property located at 8 Gowans Road was ultimately included in the benefit assessment district.

8 Gowans Road is presently benefited by its inclusion in ECSD No. 2 in several ways, including through improvements provided to the environment in the area and the removal of potential health hazards. This benefit is realized whether a home is connected to the sanitary sewer system or not. That said it is recognized those connected to the system receive more benefit. As a result, ECSD No. 2 does not have a single means of charging for service; rather, the district has developed a multi-component formula to account for the various circumstances encountered. For residential properties this includes:

- A flat usage charge, levied only on those connected to the system.
- A footage charge, levied only on those that have a sanitary sewer on or adjacent to their property.
- Assessed valuation charges, levied on all properties in the district.

The ECDSM reviewed the property tax bill for 8 Gowans Road and confirmed only ECSD No. 2's assessed valuation charges have been levied. Therefore, your property is properly charged in accordance with the formula of the benefit assessment district.

Request #2 from January 24, 2024 letter: My property be connected to the public sewer.

A benefit for properties within the district is having a system to connect to if capacity exists and service can be extended in an economical manner. In response to your inquiry the ECSD No. 2 Board of Managers has directed the ECDSM to commence an engineering evaluation to determine the means and cost necessary to extend public sanitary sewer service to 8 Gowans Road. Please be advised that should service be extended to 8 Gowans Road in the future, you will be responsible for hiring a contractor to connect to the public system and subsequently all ECSD No. 2 charges would then be levied.

One other benefit the ECDSM would like to make you aware of is the opportunity to dispose of the septic wastes for 8 Gowans Road at the Big Sister Creek Water Resource Recovery Facility at a discounted rate, and to subsequently receive a partial refund of the sewer charges paid. Should you wish to take advantage of this benefit, please contact Mutasem Salah, P.E. at 716-858-6990 to coordinate.

Thank you for your consideration of these responses. If you have any questions, please contact me at 716-858-8437 or angela.horton@erie.gov

Sincerely,



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Secretary, ECSD No. 2 Board of Mangers

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