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Dear Residents and Property Owners,

We have received many questions and concerns regarding increased sewer bills across the Gasport Sewer District. In an attempt to keep our public informed, we would like to address the issue and offer some additional information to explain those costs and the use of the funding.

In 2017 the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation determined that the thirty-three year old Gasport Sewer District's Sewer Treatment Plant and associated piping needed to be replaced, upgraded, or improved upon in order to comply with New York State law and avoid large fines and contamination issues. A meeting was held on March 23, 2017 at the Gasport Fire Hall to discuss possible options with our residents.

This project was substantial. A total renovation of the plant and major components came at a cost of 1.95 million dollars. The town actively sought grants and used accumulated sewer funds to pay for as much of the project as possible. However, there was still a balance of \$1,387,825.00 that needed to be distributed to members of the Gasport Sewer District.

In the year 2021, residents within the Gasport Sewer District are responsible for two payments of \$157.00. In the years following, residents within the Gasport Sewer District are responsible to pay \$105.00, three times per year. These payments will continue for up to thirty-eight years in order to pay the debts accumulated by the Gasport Sewer Project. The town is still actively searching for additional funding for this project in the hopes of offsetting some of these costs and reducing the burden of the additional sewer charges on our residents.

If there are questions or concerns for our town board, we encourage our residents to please attend our monthly work sessions and/or board meetings. Work session meetings are held on the first Wednesday within the first full week of the month. Town board meetings are held on the following Monday.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Daniel R. Bragg in cursive script.
Daniel Bragg

Royalton Town Supervisor