

### Kump

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broads, they read and markets. Kump also reviews building permits and reviews construction plans at county sites.

"This has certainly been my biggest challenge," Kump said. On top of the overall duties, Kump was responsible for collecting information from former Southtown residents who reported hearing deep, deep cancer and turning that data into a report for health departments to verify the cases with the New York State Cancer Registry.

Kump collected information on an incident that had developed since since the school opened in 1979. A group is responsible for addressing the health concerns and questions, either by finding answers themselves or connecting them to someone else who may be able to help.

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Elmira Commissioner James Hays, who is also a history teacher at Elmira High School, said that he has been very fortunate. He has had the data and has been able to meet with our committee and give information.

The group has been the main source of information in August by sending a letter to the school board that listed their concerns. Kump was the first to respond. Hays said.

One of Kump's strongest assets is his ability to collect facts and analyze them. He has a wide range of knowledge and has a long list of contacts. He has not been the best of his larger role as a public servant, Skonieczki said.

"To the best of his ability, he has tried to be a problem solver," Hays said. "He's a team player. We have to look at the big picture while enforcing the laws, he helps them find the solution. He is responsive to the needs of the people."

"I called him all the time," said Skonieczki, who continues to work with Kump on the Solid Waste Management Board. "His technical advice is right on. He's perfect. It's not just his knowledge of state environmental regulations and building codes will be useful for the school board as it oversees an \$84 million school construction project in the coming year."

"My goal is to help make this area a better place," Kump said. "There's always a better way of doing certain things. You have to keep pushing for it. There's always room for growth."

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Thomas Kump, right, director of environmental health, looks over plans with Joe Egnatzek, supervising sanitation, Thursday at the Chemung Health Department.

**Thomas G. Kump**

- Age: 41
- Address: Lowell Ave., Elmira
- Family: Wife, Elaine; two children, Max and Katie
- Education: Director of environmental health and safety, Chemung County Health Department. He is also president of the Elmira City School Board.
- Education: Bachelor's degree in petroleum engineering, Pennsylvania State University.
- Experience: Ten years as a mechanical engineer with Fibred Corp. in Elmira, four years as assistant engineer at Chemung County Health Department. He is now supervisor of facility planning and safety compliance for Elmira City School District, where he is in a senior position.

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