

SPECIAL JOINT MEETING-VILLAGE BOARD ROOM-APRIL 29, 2009-7:00 P.M.

VILLAGE BOARD PRESENT: ERNEST W. MARTIN, MAYOR; TRUSTEES – KENNETH BAKER, JOHN BASILE, KEITH COLLINS, ELLEN VOMACKA

TOWN BOARD PRESENT: SUPERVISOR SHAWN CONNELLY; COUNCILMAN ART BAKER, COUNCILWOMEN - LISA BRUNO, VIRGINIA WHITMAN

ALSO PRESENT: VILLAGE SUPT. ROBERT GERASIA, TOWN SUPT. MARK MINICK, ERIC JOHNSON AND JOE LANARO FROM THE CHAZEN COMPANIES

Mayor Martin called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. and led the Pledge to the Flag

Village plan to enter into Saratoga County Sewer System:

Trustee Basile explained the Order on Consent, a request to join County Sewer District #1 as an inside user was denied, we will have to join as an outside user. The various routes as developed by Quentin Kestner and The Chazen Companies were reviewed with options including forcemain and gravity system. Village decided that it would be in the best interest of the community as a whole if a combined forcemain gravity system was installed from the village to the county system.

Eric Johnson explained the Village system; most cost effective plan would be Lansing to Kellogg to Brickyard to Mulberry Station. Forcemain alone cost estimate is \$3million; forcemain with gravity estimate is \$3.5 million. A complete upgrade to the Riverside II pump station would be required. The other options discussed were to connect to the Gurba pump station, which would require upgrades to a new pump station as well as installation of new larger lines disturbing the recently installed walking trail and the other option was to install a line along Rtes 4& 32 which was not cost effective.

In answer to a question regarding reasons for not upgrading present WWTP, Trustee Basile explained the plant history and DEC mandates. Our plant is nearing the end of its life and would need expensive upgrades making it more cost effective for Village to connect to County.

Councilman Baker questioned if any information was available regarding costs to residents and Trustee Basile explained existing debt, some operation & maintenance fees, new debt, Saratoga County fees; with no assistance an estimate of the cost \$775.00 if we receive a low interest rate loan. Town residents would not have to pay 1.5 rate. Additional cost to the Village would be \$500,000 if we included gravity system along Brickyard Road; Village would request assistance from the Town for this additional line as that part of the project would benefit Town residents.

The Village has the legal right to enter County Sewer Plant however, we must comply with their requirements; an inter-municipal agreement is needed along with delineation of all properties in the Village. Town would need to create a sewer district if Town residents were to connect along Brickyard Road. Councilwoman Whitman questioned if Town residents would be required to connect. Discussion was held regarding the pump stations, infrastructure and the extra capacity that the Town included when they upgraded the Gurba & Riverside pump stations.

Stimulus money is not guaranteed the Village should be notified soon if we are to receive money. IUP contingency line money would be available if higher scorers decline the award. Stimulus awards are not to exceed \$2,000,000 minimum 25%, maximum not to exceed 50%.

Councilman Baker questioned if there would be any disturbance to Town roads. It was explained the line would go along the side of the road in the Town right of way. Councilman Baker questioned when they would need Town commitment. Village would like a commitment as soon as possible; we could give more information after the meeting with the Attorney General's Office on Friday.

Water Project:

Trustee Basile gave a brief history; PCBs that are in well field will not go away as a result of the dredging. DEC has determined safe discharge limit is 90ppt; January 2008 test for PCBs non detectible. Upon discovery of PCBs in the well field the Village Board made a decision to go to an alternate water source. Prior to that discovery the Village entered into an "Order on Consent" with DEC to stop sending backwash water into the river. Town questioned what promises have been made if Village were to connect to the County system and was told no promises have been made. The Chazen Companies (TCC) was hired to prepare a comparison of routes to the County system. Their recommendation was the same as Malcolm Pirnie along County Route 76.

EPA can accomplish water line faster, no need for permits they have the ability to proceed with fewer roadblocks than the Village would encounter. They have made no commitments to install a water line for the Village to the SCWA. Letter from EPA stating 90ppt will not be met; right thing to do is go to County.

Discussion was held regarding residents concerns about drinking water with any detectible PCB levels. If EPA is correct when the GAC filters are on line the PCBs would be removed to barely detectable levels. Councilwoman Whitman expressed concerns regarding the costs to the residents. Trustee Basile gave figures regarding water consumption.

Discussion was held with regard to how the Village can afford all of this debt.

Eric Johnson, TCC explained the current Village system and various changes that would occur when a connection to the County is made. The route currently planned is from the Village two tanks along County Route 76 to Cold Springs Road to the County Water Tank with the installation a 12 inch forcemain.

Concern was expressed with regard to PCBs attached to the water lines. DOH explained at a previous meeting that the PCBs are suspended in the water. Questions with regard to who would be allowed to tap into the transmission line were asked and answered.

William Simcoe, Executive Director, Saratoga County Water Authority (SCWA)
Mr. Simcoe explained the new county water system is 75% complete; the system begins in the Town of Moreau and ends at the Luther Forest Technology Campus. The contract for the tank is to be awarded soon, the tank would be erected this year and should be on line end of 2010. Mr. Simcoe explained the current contracts that are in place are for \$2.05 per 1,000 gallons of water for a period of 10 years. This amount and time would hold true for all contracts with the SCWA. The SCWA has currently held discussion with the Town & Village of Stillwater with regard to supplying them with water. The SCWA is interested in supplying water to the southern portions of Saratoga County. He explained the SCWA suggestion would be to extend the line south on Cold Springs Road to Elmore Robinson Road as a better route for SCWA to serve the southern portion of the county. Town will have money to improve Cold Springs & Elmore Robinson Roads making it an ideal time for them to install infrastructure.

Joe Lanaro, TCC for Town of Stillwater explained the Town has applied for money to construct a water line along Cold Springs Road to Elmore Robinson Road to Mehan Road south possibly connecting to the City of Mechanicville. A storage tank would be erected to supply Town Districts 3 & 4 which could do away with the need for pump stations.

Trustee Basile questioned the Town's ability to accomplish this project within the next two years and if they are on the IUP list. The estimated time to accomplish this project is six to nine months. It was explained this project was linked to an older project that was on the list. This project provides potential for redevelopment and growth throughout the southern portion of the Town. Questions were asked and answered with regard to the proposed Town line.

Trustee Basile explained that the Village has a time frame to meet with regard to GWUIDI (ground water under the direct influence of surface water) and backwash water released into the river.

Discussion was held regarding a backup system for water when connected to the SCWA. The Engineer explained the possibility of links to the Town line.

Trustee Collins questioned if the Village were to vary away from the main focus of replacing the water plant with a direct line to the County, would the Village then lose their ability to receive funding from GE or the EPA.

Trustee Vomacka questioned if the Village could make a case that we do not have any ability for future growth and a new source would allow growth.

EPA had a study done by Malcolm Pirnie and County Rte 76 one was the route they suggested. EPA most likely would only fund the route that was suggested.

A discussion was held regarding the Green Initiative Grant Program, the Village could make application through this initiative because there would be considerable energy savings by no longer operating the water treatment plant.

Mr. Simcoe explained that the SCWA had conversations with the Town regarding a willingness to participate in costs involved with a line that could bring water to the southern portions of the County. He advised that the SCWA meets in the Board of Supervisor's Room in Ballston Spa at 2:45 P.M. the last Thursday of each month.

Mayor Martin adjourned the meeting and thanked everyone for attending.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Margo L. Partak,
Clerk-Treasurer
Village of Stillwater