

SPECIAL MEETING-BOARD OF TRUSTEES-NOVEMBER 6, 2004-10:00 A.M.

PRESENT: ERNEST MARTIN, MAYOR; TRUSTEES – JOHN MURPHY & MARTIN RICCARDI

ABSENT: TRUSTEES RAYMOND WALKER & MICHAEL HANEHAN

ALSO PRESENT: RANDY RATHBUN, SUPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS; PROVIDENT DEVELOPMENT GROUP

PURPOSE OF MEETING TO DISCUSS RECENT CHANGES TO STILLWATER LANDING PROPOSAL AND SEQR DETERMINATION

Mayor Martin welcomed everyone.

A representative of the Provident Development Group explained that they have completely redesigned the original concept for Stillwater Landings after listening to the concerns that were expressed by the Board of Trustees and neighboring residents at the last meeting. They explained they would be willing to work with the Village regarding the issue of wastewater. It appears there is an obstacle with regard to treatment capacity. Provident is requesting information on how the village plans to address the DEC capacity issue.

Supt. Rathbun spoke regarding capacity. He advised that over the past several years the village has removed significant amounts of inflow and infiltration (I&I). The wastewater treatment plant has been treating 300-350 thousand gallons per day with no problem meeting the SPDES permit requirements. The original permit was for treatment of 120,000 gallons per day. Due to the significant difference DEC is requiring a comprehensive study of the plant proving we can process the volume we are currently receiving. It would probably take six months to complete the study. Have done some research over the past few years with regard to the volume being treated there has been a downward trend as we replace old lines with new ones taking out some of the I&I problems.

Jim Quinn, Provident, spoke regarding the responsibility for upgrading the WWTP, he feels it should not be born by the developer. The village should bear the burden of upgrading the WWTP. No new homes or any type of development could happen within the boundaries of the Village if this is not done.

Discussion was held regarding the type of homes they are proposing with the changes they are presenting, further discussion was held regarding past meetings and the reason for the changes that have been proposed.

Trustee Murphy stated he would like to see the project scaled back even more with the possibility of upscale homes.

Provident advised that the project has been scaled down from 150 units to 50 single-family homes, the homes that they plan to build would add value to the community. They would need some type of commitment before they would consider investing in an upgrade for the WWTP.

Discussion was held regarding a positive declaration for the SEQR determination.

Mayor advised he would get to Provident as soon as we receive information from Kestner Engineers regarding the necessary sewer study. Will have Board compile a list of wishes regarding this project.

Mr. Powers, Clinton Court, does not feel village should have to bear the cost of a study that would benefit a specific developer.

Mr. White Clinton Court requested prior notice when board meets again regarding this project, neighboring residents are very interested in this project. Mr. White questioned if any of the concerns other than density and sewer have been addressed.

Mayor Martin explained the sewer capacity issue needs to be addressed or there will be now new development any place within the village.

Mr. Campbell, Hudson Avenue questioned if there is an increase in effluent when school is in session, he also questioned if the transmission line has ever been replaced. Supt. Rathbun explained the school has little effect on the volume treated at the sewer plant. Supt. also explained future plans for the collection system (i.e. replacing lines and upgrades to pump stations).

Trustee Murphy reviewed information from the SEQR that was prepared for the original project. This information will need to be redone as the project has changed significantly.

Mayor Martin thanked everyone for attending and their valuable input.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Margo L. Partak
Clerk-Treasurer