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# Town of Lansing

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Wednesday, March 21, 2012 2:00 PM

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## SEWER COMMITTEE

(\*Denotes present)

- \* Tom Jones
- \* Ed LaVigne
- \* Kathy Miller
- \* CJ DelVecchio
- \* Andy Sciarabba
- \* Mark Booth

### Public Present

Jeff Overstrom

David Herrick

Rachel Jacobsen

### General Business

Kathy Miller informed the Committee Members that she, Andy Sciarabba and David Herrick made a trip to Albany NY on Tuesday and met with New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation Executive Officials to discuss funding options for the Town's proposed Sewer project.

The Town is trying to get a decrease in the interest rate through a scoring system. If the Town can secure a loan from the Environmental Facilities the interest rate could be half or less of the market rate. Ms. Miller further states the Officials were very concerned about environmental factors such as Ladoga Park and the School needing three new septic tanks. If the Health Department would issue a letter to either the School or Town giving them a pass for such tanks until the sewer is available, that would significantly help the Town obtain funding. Also another plus for the town is that they look at facilities such as Cargill and the Juvenile Detention Homes that already have NYS Pollutant Discharge System Permits to run their own sewage systems, those could be eliminated and connect to the municipal sewer.

In order to obtain better scores, 50 % should be residential and the schools do not count as residential. If the Town can get firm contracts from Developers for the property across from Town Hall, they may also qualify.

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The Town will hire a third party company (RCAP) to do a survey. They take the initial outlined district Map and contact homeowners to obtain their income. There is a threshold for the number of households in the district. 1-50 households they need 90%, 100 household they need 75%.

At this time the Town needs to get the Map Plan from Hunt Engineering updated with the final numbers to include all the costs that will occur for this project. The EFC has been given a preliminary report which places the Town on the Intended Use Plan List. Once on this list, it establishes a line for the Town of Lansing Sewer District and expected amount to be financed. Eventually the staff between the DEC and EFC will come up with a score for the Town. The Town should hear what their score is by April or May.

Andy Sciarabba and David Herrick praised Senator Mike Nozzolio and Matt Driscoll, CEO of the EFC for their support of this project. In addition, the EFC was provided with information with respect to the situation with AES and what the losses would be to the Town, County and School. They were advised that the Town is trying to encourage development in order to offset the School taxes.

David Herrick explained the preliminary suggested discharge limits from a Town Plant that goes into Cayuga Lake is very restrictive. A Plant anywhere near Myers or Portland Point or water body classified as AA/T drinking water/ trout receiving stream is going to have high stringent environments for treatment and discharge, which plays into the kind of system Lansing will need.

Kathy Miller reiterated to the Members that the DEC will not okay a Constructed Wetland Plant. The Map Plan from Hunt Engineering will be adjusted to reflect the changes for the different treatment plant and fulfill their contract obligations.

The Board will be exploring Grant options. Ms. Miller states there are groups for hire that specifically look for grants and work on them. Andy Sciarabba states there is a local housing fund that the Town can apply for.

The Board had a brief discussion with regards to bringing on the Town's appointed Engineer as a Consultant for guidance prior to submission the loan Application. After a Committee vote, all Members were in favor and one abstention due to a conflict of interest.

The Committee requested that David Herrick provide them with a list of priority items needed and timeline in order for the Board to meet their deadline for this year's

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funding. In addition, the Committee is requesting that TG Miller identify other areas within the Town that could be included in the Sewer district too.

CJ DeVecchio made a motion requesting the Town Board authorize TG Miller's to come on board as a Consultant for guidance with the final Map Plan from Hunt Engineering, also to look into additional residential areas to be included in the Map Plan and the cost benefit. Kathy Miller seconded. Vote: 1 Abstention, Rest in Favor.

The next Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 28<sup>th</sup> @ 2:00 PM.

Kathy Miller will contact RCAP to see what their procedure is possibly get started with the residential survey. David Herrick will provide information at Wednesday Meeting.

CJ DeVecchio will be the Chairperson for the next Meeting. Any Agenda material should be sent to Charmagne Rungay.