

SEWER COMMITTEE MINUTES- March 6, 2012 2:00pm

Members Present: Tom Jones, Ed Levine, CJ Del Vecchio, Dale Baker, Noel Desch  
Katrina Binkewicz, Kathy Miller, Ruth Hopkins, Jonathon Kantor, Dan Veaner

Public present:

TJ asked what happened at the meeting the week before (It was unscheduled). CJ, KM, RH, and KB worked on the power point presentation. The meeting following this was primarily about reviewing the draft 12-C Map Plan report that Dave Herrick had supplied. ND specified that the 'Town Center Sewer Improvement Area' should be renamed the 'Initial Service Area (ISA). DV Pointed out that it could be called the 'South Lansing Sewer Improvement Area'. CJ noted that is how it is described on the Tompkins County map. RH concurred that is the name on the 12-C document. It was agreed. RH noted that the last sentence under intro should be clarified adding the new name of the district and that it will be subject to a *mandatory referendum*.

RH asked if the Health Department had provided any specific records of septic issues in Lansing. KM replied, "that Lansing would have to FOIL" if we wanted them provided at this point. Also pg. 2 1<sup>st</sup> Paragraph- Lansing should check the validity of the Health Department list to confirm Appendix F. RH noted that the census data on page 3 should be updated to provide 2010 census numbers. Also change the whole town population number to part-town without Village. EL noted that all data needs to be updated (sec.4.2). ND supplied KM with rewording of Paragraph -In conj .of estimated Town Service Area.....' See section 6.2 for details of treatment facility. KM clarified 4.4 1<sup>st</sup> Paragraph

There was discussion of the Lansing Schools failed/failing septic systems and the 4.21% tax rate increase that would be incurred by Lansing taxpayers if the septic fields failed and had to be replaced without bonding and state aid. ND suggested putting this cost on a card mailed to residents.

KM reported date for Town sewer presentation at schools set for April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6pm. Discussion moved the time to 7pm in effort to have more town residents attend. KM outlined the sequence of presentation and confirmed sewer committee members for aspects of presentation. TJ asked for a work session to prepare for the meeting. Designated 12:30, 3-20 at the Town Hall.

DV asked if EDUs would stay the same or inflate after 5 years as previous scenario indicated. KM stated the EDU would stay consistent over time and as Capitol costs are paid off, EDUs will pay for building a Capitol Reserve for sewer extensions. KB stated keeping service and benefit district costs stationary is important for taxpayer buy-in. RH asked if we would use general funds for expansion. ND/KM confirm a sewer fund will be established and only sewer district funds will be used. JK stated Cayuga Farms interested in coming back in to sewer project. They will plan interim sewer treatment.

EL noted that the Town needs to have set criteria for residents/neighborhoods requesting extensions. EL stated further that he thought it would be consistent with the water district extension process. \*TJ suggested an extra presentation slide on the sewer service extension process. JK stated that Dave Herrick noted the need for a sewer expansion plan. DV "Is it in the Town Boards authority to permit sewer extensions.

Tabled approval of Jan 2nd and Feb 6th meeting minutes till next meeting.

Meeting Adjourned 3:40

ND moved, DB 2nd