

Minutes of the Lakewood, Fairfield and Fairlane Residents
Informational Public Meeting of the Proposed Sewer Line Extension Project
Wednesday, October 10, 2012
At 7:00 at the Fairview Township Building

Pledge of Allegiance was done then Mr. Ralph Heidler, Township Supervisor Chairman opened the meeting. He turned the meeting over to Mr. Richard Stewart, Chairman of the Fairview Township Sewer Authority.

Mr. Stewart explained the proposed project and Chuck Giewont, Jr. Manager explained the proposed project in detail with the MS4 testing about four years ago and that the DEP is keeping a close eye on this area because of the results. Sewer is accessible now that Phase II of Evergreen Farms is being developed at this time. In the Township's Act 537 plan, this project was originally to be a part grinder pump and part gravity, but after the re-designed of the project we discovered we can do all gravity system.

Mark Corey, Engineer for the Fairview Township Sewer Authority explained that this project is not mandated by the DEP as of yet, he also stated that the installation of the sewer line in the easement will be done by November, 2012. Mark explained the concept of the plan and how the Authority can serve this area which is in need of sanitary sewer.

Mr. Stewart opened the discussion to the residents of Fairfield, Fairlane and Lakewood Drive. Mr. Adam Reese stood and explained his dilemma, for over two years he has been trying to sell his home located in this area. He already purchased another home in 2010 and has been living in Girard since that time. He can't sell his home because the on-lot septic will not pass the bank inspection. He has applied to the Department of Health for a repair permit and also the above mound system and both times he was denied. The DEP will not let him repair the septic system, he has contacted lawyers and was told to ask the Supervisors to help him with his septic problem. He is paying taxes, insurance, utilities on a home his family can't live in or sell.

Resident, Rosalie Harayda, stated that since 1965 when her house was built she has been promised public sanitary sewer, and she is still waiting.

John Driscoll asked the question if you are putting in sewers, will you repair/update the storm sewer. Dave Carner, Supervisor, stated that they would look at the storm sewers when the project started.

Bob Lewis asked about the tie in fee for the homeowner once the sewer line is installed, and Chuck answered the question that the plumbers would give you an estimate but in prior projects it runs around \$1,500 - \$2,100 per home.

Mark Corey spoke about lateral connections and how the front foot assessment process and determining the footage on a corner lot or a bend in the road.

A resident asked if having public sanitary sewer appreciates your home, and the answer was yes it does add to the value of your home. Pete Kraus, Supervisor, stated at least you could sell your home if need be.

John Soderberg from Lakewood Drive inquired about the cost of the quarterly sewer bill, and at this time it is \$118 per quarter or \$472.00 per year.

A resident asked what happens to the septic tanks once the homeowner has public sewer and he was told how it is disconnected from your home and you can fill it in with gravel or cave in the sides and fill it in. It would be abandoned.

Mark Corey explained that if your home is located within 150 feet of the proposed sewer line it is mandatory you connect to the public sewer.

George Harmon at 7696 Lakewood owns two properties and asked how much did the Route 98 project cost per foot for the residents of Avonia Road. He was told we will look that information up for him and provide to him.

A resident inquired about if there is a payment plan, and Chuck explained that this project would not be starting much before September of 2013. He stated that the homeowner would be assessed once the project is finished and the invoices were totaled to determine the price per foot. The resident would have 90 days to pay the Authority after the bills were sent. If you cannot pay at that time, you are assessed interest and you can pay monthly. There would be a lien filed against the property owner for the cost of their assessment if payment was not received within the 90 days so the Authority would have first consideration when the home sells.

Sam Hawley stated that when the Evergreen Farms Phase II started they discovered a spring in back of his property.

One homeowner asked what criteria determines where in the home the plumber would tie into the sanitary sewer line. Pete Kraus stated that it determines where the septic line came into your home and if you wanted to connect to it in the front of your house facing the street or not. Each plumber has their own plans and fee schedule.

A resident stated that she has a double lot, but only one home and it was explained that she would be assessed for each lot but there would be only one hook-up fee.

Neil Shea wanted to know if there was a cost difference between wanting the public sewer and needing the sewer. It was explained to him, the cost is broken down per home in the project. Neil also stated that he just had his septic tank pumped and was told that his tank is not in great shape because of crumbling cement, he was wondering if he should invest in a new tank when public sewer is so close to being a reality in his neighborhood.

Sam Hawley requested that the Authority provide the residents with a cost per phase of the project and also if the project was done all at once. Mr. Stewart assured him that it would be done before the next meeting. There are a majority of residents that are single-family homes, retired or disabled. The residents were asked for a show of hands to verify who would like to see the total cost of sewer for the entire area and there was a majority of residents who raised their hands.

Tammy Urban stated that she would like sewer at 7686 Fairfield Drive and wondered if she is on the proposed sewer project line. She might be on the last phase of the project.

Richard Stewart stated that if the residents of this area have any further questions on this project to contact Chuck Giewont, Manager at the office number.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

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