

**Town of Amenia
Wastewater Committee Meeting
Monday June 9, 2008**

Attending:

Darlene Riemer, Chair
Wayne Euvrard
William Carroll
Doyle
Norm Cayea
Balmer,RCAP Solutions
Bill Flood
Martin Grossman
Tony Robustelli
Allison Hale

Absent:

Janet Reagon
Brad Rebillard
Vicki

Candace

Present by Invitation:

Rich Rennie, Morris Associates
Ed Mills, Dutchess County Water & Wastewater Authority

The minutes of the June 2, 2008 meeting were not available for this meeting.

Darlene Riemer distributed the following handouts. Handouts were submitted to WW committee by Silo Ridge:

1. TOWN OF AMENIA STAND ALONE ESTIMATE for the construction of a wastewater treatment plant with a capacity of 200,000 gal per day would be \$5,506,628.

2. June 3, 2008 Letter from DELAWARE OPERATIONS,INC written to Millbrook Ventures,LLC . To Retrofit in future to expand Silo Ridge (Wastewater Treatment Plant) from 200,000 gal per day to 400,000 gpd was estimated to cost \$3,820,000.

3. WORKFORCE HOUSING ANALYSIS Estimate of the value for the construction of 36 units of housing if Silo RIDGE is required to be in compliance the Town of Amenia law for housing. Four 9 unit buildings will cost 4 * \$826,403 equating to \$3,305,612 and would incur an annual deficit of \$325,710.

4. June 9, 2008 letter from CUDDY & FEDER written to the Planning Board of the Town of Amenia. Silo Ridge would like to " instead of building the work force units on-siteMake a substantial contribution toward the cost of providing water and/or sewer infrastructure to the hamlet of Amenia or Wassaic".

Rich Rennie exhibited a map for a wastewater district reduced in area. Project cost savings can be achieved by eliminating long pipe runs to property in outlying areas. Proposed Project costs for a ALTERNATE REDUCED DISTRICT is \$14,776,157.14 and will have a capacity of 139,262 gpd. Pumping stations and piping for the collection system would be designed to handle increased flow when the wastewater district is expanded in the future.

Wayne Euvrard noted that parcel locations along Railroad Ave and other streets were missing from the table for O&M Benefit Units. Rich Renna will make necessary corrections.

The June 9, 2008 Amenia Revised District map was approved after minor additions and changes were made.

A cost of \$951,765.36 for Dutchess County Water & Wastewater Authority is Included within the \$14,776,157.14 total project cost. Committee members questioned the validity of this cost. Ed Mills explained that Authority overhead costs are normally reimbursed for this type of project. Overhead cost include Administration 3%, Project Management 4%, Legal 1%, for a total of 8%.

Rich Renna estimated that a \$14,776,157 total project cost for the June 9, 2008 Amenia Revised District would equate to an annual expense of \$1,539 per BU assuming money borrowed at 5% for 30 years. The \$1,539 does not include O&M cost or a \$2,000,000 grant assistance from Dutchess County Legislature.

Again the high annual cost to the home owner became a topic of discussion. Possible loss of grant assistance with the possible addition of the 8% overhead expense by DCWWA became an issue. Further reduction of the wastewater district was recommended. The possibility of using a company to Design & Build the collection system was discussed. Reduction of construction expense for the Town of Amenia needs to be reduced by \$5,000,000.

Rich Renna will investigate the feasibility reducing the wastewater district to include the towns "core area" with the objective of containing capital expense. Buildings clustered in this core area with failing septic systems and high ground water would have the highest priority. Many of these building are located on east Main Street.

William Carroll stated that consideration for a system to serve the "core Area" had been made in the past.

Since the Committee only received the SR handouts at the meeting today, only a limited discussion about Affordable Housing as it relates to wastewater followed. The WW Committee was urged to read the handouts and present comments at the next meeting.

Committee members were asked to participate in Affordable Housing Committee discussions with planning board members to bring everyone up-to-date with regard to Silo Ridge and Keane Stud Farm proposals currently before the Planning Board. This meeting followed at 7 p.m. Refreshments were provided by Tony Robustelli and Darlene Riemer for the Wastewater Committee between meetings.

Next meeting will be held at the Amenia Town Hall:
Monday June 16, 2008
5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted
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