

**Town of Amenia
Wastewater Committee Meeting
September 15, 2008**

Attending:

Darlene Riemer, Chair
Martin Grossman
Allison Hale
Bill Flood
Brad Rebillard
Tony Robustelli
Bill Carroll
Janet Reagon, Secretary
Norm Cayea, Town Board
Vicki Doyle, Town Board
Wayne Euvrard, Supervisor

Present by Invitation:

Ed Mills, DCWWA

Darlene Riemer chaired the meeting. The minutes of August 25, 2008 were approved upon a motion by Tony Robustelli, and a second by Martin Grossman and will be posted on the town's website.

Ed Mills began the meeting by discussing the frustration he felt that Supervisor Euvrard had authorized an independent assessment of the costs of the proposed new sewer district from Rohde, Soyka, and Andrews, P.C. without informing the Dutchess County Water and Wastewater Authority. On September 11, 2008, Mike Soyka and John Andrews walked the district and subsequently sent a letter to the Supervisor comparing the two sets of cost figures from Delaware Systems, which is working for Silo Ridge, with the figures prepared for the Wastewater Committee by Morris Associates. Neither the Wastewater Committee nor the Authority has seen a complete set of Delaware's figures, so there is no way to be certain that the comparisons are accurate. Mr. Mills reminded the Committee that the Authority has been working with the Town for over eight years, and part of the contract for the Map, Plan and Report requires the Authority's participation in such meetings. Mr. Euvrard expressed his regret that DCWWA had not been included, and stated that his purpose was to have an independent evaluation of the figures from Delaware Systems and Morris Associates. After further discussion, it was agreed that he will ask Mike Soyka to forward the information his firm received from Delaware Systems to DCWWA so that the professionals in the Authority can compare the two sets of cost projections. After that review has been completed, Mr. Mills will inform the members of the Wastewater Committee of their conclusions via e-mail before the next meeting.

It was further agreed that Supervisor Euvrard will write a letter to DCWWA formally requesting the Authority's assistance in negotiating a three-way Memorandum of Understanding among the Town, the Authority, and Silo Ridge.

There was discussion about the availability of grants, and it was agreed that committee members will continue to research possible opportunities. Brad Rebillard reported that he had had a favorable conversation with Sarah O'Connell of the Salisbury Bank and Trust Company about the possibility of local financing for hook-ups for people in the sewer district. Wayne Euvrard reported on a meeting with a representative of the Governor's Office and a representative of the

Economic Development Corporation at Silo Ridge. He will follow up to find out whether there is some economic development money available. It was further suggested that Mike Hagerty, the Town's grant writer, be asked to research other possible grant opportunities. Allison Hale will contact federal officials, and Norm Cayea and Wayne Euvrard will contact State Senator Vincent Leibell. Vicki Doyle has contacted Assemblyman Marc Molinaro, and is working to arrange a meeting with him.

The meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m. upon a motion by Bill Carroll and a second by Allison Hale.

The next meeting is on **Monday, September 29, 2008 at 5:00 p.m. at the Town Hall.**

Respectfully submitted,

Janet M. Reagon, Secretary