

**Town of Amenia
Wastewater Committee Meeting
October 20, 2008**

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

Absent:
Bill Carroll

Present by Invitation:
Ed Mills, DCWWA
Pete Setaro, P.E. Morris Engineers

Darlene Riemer chaired the meeting. The minutes of September 15, 2008 were approved upon a motion by Allison Hale, and a second by Tony Robustelli, and will be posted on the town's website.

Comments on the FEIS of Silo Ridge are due by October 24, 2008. Ed Mills reported that Silo Ridge had asked for a SPDES permit from NYSDEC regarding effluent from the wastewater treatment plant. Silo Ridge, on page 369 of the FEIS, Response 3.14-18-18A, stated that they anticipated an additional 160,000 gallons per day (gpd) to be available to the Town of Amenia Sewer District. This number is several months old, and the correct figure should be 181,375 gpd, as recommended by Morris Associates. Ed Mills suggested to Morris Associates that Pete Setaro, as the WW Committee engineer, should write a letter to the Planning Board to advise them that the correct flow number should be 181,375 gpd.. Pete Setaro agreed to write a letter to the Planning Board regarding this change so that it can be put into their Findings Statement.

The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) among Silo Ridge, DCWWA and the Town of Amenia is underway. Michael Hayes, Town Attorney, has had conversations with the DCWWA attorney, as well as with Dan Leary, Silo Ridge's attorney. Mr. Hayes has been sent a copy of the MOU for the St. Andrew development in Hyde Park to use as an example. Ed Mills stated that while it is unlikely that the MOU can be completely finalized in the remaining two months of the year, so long as there is a clear understanding as to the value of the Silo Ridge contribution toward the project, the Map, Plan and Report can still be finished by the end of the year. This is a requirement for the town to comply with the terms of the grant from DCWWA for half the cost of the Map, Plan and Report.

A motion was made by Allison Hale, seconded by Janet Reagon, and carried that Pete Setaro of Morris Associates should be included in the MOU negotiations. He will write up a proposal to be submitted to the Town Board for the expenses, so that they can be included in the 2009 budget.

There was further discussion about the need to bring the cost down for the residents of the proposed new sewer district. Several members stated that since the location of the sewage treatment plant requires a pumping station or other adjustment in the design of the collection

system, it would be reasonable to ask Silo Ridge to bear some more of the cost. Silo Ridge has rejected this idea so far, but it could be brought up in the MOU negotiations. Another idea is to explore the possibility of setting up a fund, administered by an organization such as the Community Foundation of Dutchess County, or the Berkshire-Taconic Community Foundation, to which individuals who do not live in the sewer district, but who want to preserve Amenia's open space, could contribute.

There was discussion about the availability of grants, and committee members are encouraged to continue to research possible opportunities. Candace Balmer of RCAP has information about a possible economic development grant, for which we could be eligible if a business owner would attest to his/her inability to locate a business in the hamlet of Amenia without a sewer system. All agreed that every avenue should be explored, but that there was little point in contacting politicians until after the November election.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m. upon a motion by Tony Robustelli and a second by Allison Hale.

The next meeting is on **Monday, October 27, 2008 at 5:00 p.m. at the Town Hall.**

Respectfully submitted,

Janet M. Reagon, Secretary