

**Town of Amenia
Wastewater Committee Meeting
June 22, 2009**

Attending:

Darlene Riemer, Chair
Tony Robustelli
Martin Grossman
Allison Hale
Bill Carroll
Bill Flood
Janet Reagon, Secretary
Norm Cayea, Town Board

Absent:

Brad Rebillard

Present by Invitation:

Candace Balmer, RCAP
Wayne Euvrard, Town Supervisor

Darlene Riemer chaired the meeting. The minutes of April 13, 2009 were approved upon a motion by Bill Carroll and a second by Tony Robustelli, and will be posted on the town's website.

Darlene Riemer reported that, after some back and forth with Morris Associates, she received a clean copy of the Map, Plan and Report that incorporated the changes suggested by Dutchess County Water and Wastewater Authority. It was approved by DCWWA on May 19, 2009. Supervisor Euvrard stated that the town filed a request for the payment of half of the cost of the MPR at the beginning of June, and expects payment soon.

Candace Balmer pointed out that there is still a concern about the Operations and Maintenance costs because the estimate was based upon a full build-out of 752 Benefit Units instead of the actual 408 BU's. While there might be some savings due to lower energy costs, there would still be the cost of the employees who will monitor the system. Therefore, the estimate of \$250 per year in O& M may be too low.

After considerable discussion, Bill Flood moved and Tony Robustelli seconded that the May 19, 2009 Map, Plan, and Report be accepted. The motion was carried unanimously.

Janet Reagon moved, and Norm Cayea seconded that Darlene Riemer be authorized to write a letter to the DCWWA indicating our concerns about the following:

- *The above-mentioned O& M cost and how it affects the Benefit Unit cost
- *The project schedule
- *Timely completion of an engineering study that meets the 10-state criteria so that the application to be placed on the Annual List can be completed by the August 1 deadline
- *Whether the county can form a sewer district contingent upon getting enough money in grants to make it affordable for the residents of the district.

The motion passed unanimously. In further discussion, it was agreed by consensus that Ms. Riemer should indicate to the Town Board the committee's approval for DCWWA to take over the project if they can create the sewer district contingent upon getting the necessary funding.

There was a report about the progress being made with getting the Memorandum of Understanding among Silo Ridge, the Town, and DCWWA. Lawyers have been meeting and it is

expected that at least a generic MOU will be in place within the next 90 days. It will not delay the application to be placed on the Annual List. The Planning Board's granting of Site Plan Approval to Silo Ridge is contingent upon agreement on the MOU.

There will be a meeting with Bridget Barclay of DCWWA on July 1 and she will be presenting the Sewer District Plan to the Town Board at their meeting on July 16, 2009. Members of the Wastewater Committee are asked to attend the Town Board meeting. Subsequent informational meetings for the public need to be scheduled after this presentation.

Darlene Riemer read a letter of support for the sewer project from Stephen Capowski of the Dutchess County Board of Health. She will ask Ed Mills to request a letter of support from NYSDEC as well.

The next meeting is on **Monday, July 13, 2009 at 5:00 p.m. at the Town Hall.**

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m. upon a motion by Bill Carroll and a second by Norm Cayea.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet M. Reagon, Secretary

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