

TOWN OF CONSTANTIA
MINUTES – JOINT SEWER MEETING – February 5, 2019
6:00 pm Constantia Town Hall

Present: Kenneth Mosley - Supervisor
Richard Colesante, John Metzger, Thomas Moran, Frank Tomaino – Council Members
Clare Haynes – Town Clerk
Laureen Tackman – Mayor, Village of Cleveland
Christine Schreiber, John Scatena, Robin Wilson – Village Trustees
Julie Simpson – Village Clerk

Others Present: Eric Pond, Dustin Clark and David Powers – Barton & Loguidice

Absent: Warren Bader – Town Attorney
David Donovan – Village Trustee

CALL TO ORDER:

At 6:00 pm Mr. Mosley called the meeting to order with the pledge of allegiance.

SEWERS:

Mr. Clark gave an abbreviated financial highlight. After the last sewer meeting B & L was tasked to create a district boundary that would include the entire area that had been discussed in the past. This area is the length of State Route 49, Doris Park and the hamlet of Constantia. The district will be a turnkey system 35M - 40M after looking at the project the best way to get the entire project financed and within acceptable EDU cost is to break it out into two projects.

The district as one needs \$15M worth of grants, there are no funding programs out there with that much in grant possibilities. By splitting the area into two districts, this allows grants to be maxed out for each district. Two of the biggest grants are WIIA \$5M for the first district and \$3,505,000 for the second project. There is the WQIP Grant that has \$5M that can be utilized for the first district. Grants cannot be applied for at the same time, projects 1 and 2 will be staggered by 1 year to maximize funding opportunities.

Each project must be looked at individually get started with the first project, one year later the second project can start the funding process. There is a concern that the Town could get funding for the first project but not the second, there are no guarantees. This is exactly what the Town faced with the Bernhards Bay Water District, which was set to run right after Northshore Water District but there were funding issues and point scores that could not be reached so no funding possibilities.

The first project will upgrade the Village of Cleveland's sewer plant and install 622 EDU's from the Village line to approximately Lower Rd on State Route 49 with an approx. cost of \$26,333,000. The second project will consist of 537 EDU's which will sewer Doris Park, the rest of State Route 49 to the West Monroe Town line and the hamlet of the Town with an approx. cost of \$14,020,000.

Mr. Colesante is not happy that Doris Park is not in the first project, this is the area of the Town that most needs sewers. Mr. Pond told the board that the odds of getting funding for the second project is even high because of the need. Sewer funding is different than water funding, the point score should stay the same until all the projects are completed, variables will be the same for each project. Mr. Powers ran many calculations and after review from Mr. Clark and Mr. Pond they all feel this is the best way to get Doris Park sewers.

Of note in the report, the Town will need to do an income survey to see if the projects qualify for 0% hardship funding which is needed to keep the EDU charge at an acceptable level. The Village will need to have an annual contribution of \$85,000 once both projects are completed, the Village will see an estimated O&M reduction of approximately \$55,000 a year. Once both projects are completed, there will be a leveling factor between the districts to equalize the cost per EDU.

Mr. Metzger asked if the Village will need a referendum for the upgrade to the plant, Mayor Tackman responded that a referendum will not be required.

Schedule of Actions at 2019 Board Meetings

- Feb 19
 - SEQR review part 1, intent to be lead agency resolution (lead agency letters – request response by March 18th)
 - Discuss income survey (Hire G&G/ask RCAP for assistance)
- March 19
 - SEQR parts 2 & 3, Negative Declaration
 - Approve PER/MPR, schedule Public Hearing for April 16th meeting (Advertise 10 – 20 days prior to public hearing)
 - Initiate Income Survey based on prior meeting discussion
 - Discuss the necessity of a potential Inter Municipal Agreement
- April 16
 - Hold Public Hearing
 - Adopt Resolution forming Bernhard's Bay Sewer District and subject to Permissive Referendum
 - Advertise Permissive Referendum no later than April 21 (30 days prior to May meeting)

- May 21
 - 30 day Permissive Referendum period up – Adopt final order for District
 - Adopt Bond Resolution – Estoppel period
- June 18
 - Finalize potential IMA if required
 - Submit WIIA and WQIP

Mr. Mosley will contact AA Cole Elementary School for a public information session the first week of March, need to get information out to the public.

ADJOURN:

At 7:25 pm the meeting adjourned.