

Public Hearing for Sanitary Sewer Installation Monday September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015

Donald Sitte called the public hearing to order at 6:00PM in the meeting room at the Town Hall. Present Donald Sitte, Barbara Anschutz, Roberta Thelen, Douglas Smith, Steven Parent (engineer), Mike Bauer (wastewater attorney) and 11 visitors. Robert Schultz arrived later. Peter Jacobs was absent.

Introduction of Sanitary attorney Mike Bauer from Sheboygan, Wisconsin.

Steve Parent gave a summary on Ward Street sewer extension. There would be 480 feet of sewer with two manholes. Since the road needs to be resurfaced, the thought was to put sewer in prior to that so the road isn't torn up again if someone requests sewer. Resurfacing is typically good for about 20 years. The intention is to install sanitary sewer to service 5 unserved lots. The plan is to put a temporary asphalt patch in this fall (2015) and next spring (2016) resurface the whole road. The total cost including contingency and legal/engineering/accounting fees is projected to be \$60,790.32, half of which the Town would pay. The remainder would be split between the five property owners based on footage along the road. They would have the option to pay it all at once, or spread it 10 years on their tax bill at a rate of 1% over whatever the Town's loan rate would be.

Ronald C. Brown, 8014 Solitude Lane--Against sewer installation because there is no benefit to his property, which he bought to preserve his view from Solitude Lane and has no intention of improving.

Werner Linczmaier, 2403 Bluff Road --Property on Ward Street is an "L" shape and connects to his property on Bluff Road. He does not currently need sewer for his use of storage property off Ward, plus his lots cannot be divided based on County zoning. Therefore, since his Bluff Road property is already serviced, his property on Ward Street would not be included in the assessment.

Ken Uhlhorn, 8022 Solitude Lane. No intention for improving or selling their lot. Bought the lot to cut down trees to make a view for their lot on Solitude. He does not want to pay for sewer and feels if it will increase value to property his taxes will increase as well. Mr. Uhlhorn is against the sewer installation.

Aurora Uhlhorn, 8022 Solitude Lane. Positive no one would live or build on their lot.

Del Davis, 8009 Solitude Lane. He built a house in 2000 and put in a holding tank due to his request for sewer being denied. Friends and neighbors are opposed but he is in favor of the sewer.

Don Sitte asked about the legalities of a Town extending sewer.

Mike Bauer explained that the town has police powers to extend sewer. This is provided by state statute.

Jolene Davis, 8009 Solitude Lane. When they requested sewer in 2000, they were told they would receive up to 90% of the cost of their holding tank back if sewer was installed in 10 years. Now it is more than 10 years, so they wouldn't receive anything, but she is in favor of sewer.

Robert Schultz asked if there is a way to hook up the Davis residence coming from the Catholic Church parking lot. Mike Bauer confirmed that it could be possible with an agreement between the Town and the Church. From an engineering stand point, Steve Parent also said it would be possible.

Don Sitte asked for an explanation on the cost of the project. Mike Bauer replied the deferred assessment is based on actual assessed cost and is applicable at the time of the project. All 5 properties would be calculated at price per foot. The price would currently be \$48.56 per foot. Since the Linczmaier property will be eliminated, the overall cost would likely drop by around \$7,000 or \$8,000. For the properties that currently are not improved, the cost could be deferred until the property sells or is improved.

No one else had any further concerns or questions.

Donald Sitte closed the hearing at 6:44PM.

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Haley Adams  
Town Administrative Assistant

Douglas Smith  
Town Clerk/Administrator