

PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING SEWER EASEMENTS/EMINENT DOMAIN
August 14, 2018
7:00 pm

Present: Mayor Blundell, DM Kovalchik, Trustee Laing, Trustee Norris, Trustee Trapp, Assistant Clerk Drewes. Absent: Clerk/Treasurer Chiarella

At 7 p.m. Mayor Blundell made a motion to open the public hearing, as titled above. Trustee Trapp seconded the motion.

DM Kovalchik read the resolution to hold Public Hearing, Resolution #19 which included text for its basis and need to begin the eminent domain process on parties that have not yet signed easements.

Mayor Blundell explained the visual exhibits and the public purpose of the sewer. These include protecting the drinking water aquifer for all residents and maintaining the economic viability of the village. He then told those in attendance that he would open the floor to comments and questions.

Nick Haddad asked if any more commercial properties would be included. He supports the project and would like his E. Market Street property included.

Pat Holden asked why her property, the Red Hook Inn, couldn't be excluded when she installed a top of the line private septic system. She would like to have her estimated cost totals based on consumption recalculated, because the cost incurred will be too high and hurt her business.

Mike Lueck and Vicky Lueck explained that they also have a new septic and that this system makes it obsolete, and that they purchased a lot that was buildable but the plans on his easements render it useless. Mr. Lueck is requesting the line run down a different path.

Jennifer Fier stated she returned her easements with three conditions, but that the Village has not accepted them yet. Ms. Fier requests that it's on the record that she does not want her tax papers filed.

Vincent Zitz is concerned about maintenance costs, and stated that he has a well so is not sure why he's being forced to adopt the sewer.

Nick Haddad asked whether the community center was also being included in the system.

Mayor Blundell, DM Kovalchik, Katherine Serra of C.T. Male & Victoria Polidoro of Rodenhause & Chale answered questions and looked at individual easements. The issues raised were recorded by a stenographer as well. Blundell advised each presenter that their issues will be examined, reviewed and options considered where feasible.

Mayor Blundell stated that the board has 90 days to consider the comments and feedback received, and that he will have private conversations with those who expressed concerns.

At 8:26 pm, Mayor Blundell made a motion to adjourn the public hearing.

Trustee Norris seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Submitted by,

Arie Drewes
Assistant Clerk