

SPECIAL DORR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING HELD JANUARY 24, 2008

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Kaczanowski at 7:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Don Kaczanowski, Jodi Brummel, Jan Saunders, Larry Dolegowski, Tammy VanHaitsma, Paul Davis, and Don VanDorp

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Dar VanderArk, Administrator of Dorr Leighton Sewer Authority; Brandon Mieras, Engineer from Williams & Works; Bill Hinz, Allegan County Health Department; and Roger Swets, Bond Attorney for sewer district
(196 visitors)

Supervisor Kaczanowski explained that the purpose of the meeting was to hold a public hearing on extending the sewer system (proposed sewer district #5).

Dar VanderArk then gave a brief presentation on the history of sewer proposals into the downtown area.

Brandon Mieras then gave a brief summary of the current projected sewer extension project.

Bill Hinz then gave a brief explanation of the Health Department concerns with current septic systems and the need for sewer systems.

Roger Swets then explained the legal processes involved with the special assessment district.

Supervisor Kaczanowski then reviewed the results of the petitions received by residents in the proposed sewer district. There is a total of 585 acres in the proposed sewer district which would require petitions from property owners of approximately 117 acres against the project. Supervisor Kaczanowski informed the attendees that as of Wednesday, January 23, 2008, petitions against the sewer project were received from 43 percent of the land owners within the proposed district, or 252 acres. Further, of the 564 parcels in the proposed district, the petitions against the district consisted of a total of 257 parcels (245 homeowners and 12 business owners). Supervisor Kaczanowski indicated that the final tally of petition results would be posted on the website after the February 7 deadline.

VanHaitsma moved and seconded by Davis to accept the petitions that have been filed with the Board and because they represent more than 20 percent of the land area included in the proposed special assessment district, the Township Board will not proceed to create the special assessment which was tentatively designated by Township Resolution. Motion carried.

The meeting was opened up for public comment at 7:30 p.m.

Many public comments were made by several Township residents regarding the proposed sewer district. Questions and concerns were addressed by Dar VanderArk, Brandon Mieras, Bill Hinz, Roger Swets, and Supervisor Kaczanowski.

Public comments ended at 8:25 p.m.

Dolegowski moved and seconded by VanDorp to adjourn. Motion carried.

Jodi L. Brummel
Dorr Township Clerk