

SPECIAL DORR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING HELD JANUARY 22, 2009

Meeting called to order by Supervisor VanHaitsma at 7:02 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Tammy VanHaitsma, Jodi Brummel, Jan Saunders, Larry Dolegowski, Paul Davis, Josh Otto, and Dan Weber

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Brandon Mieras, Engineer from Williams & Works and Roger Swets, Township Bond Attorney
(26 visitors)

Reason for the meeting was to hold an informational meeting for the residents/parcel owners within the proposed sewer district.

Supervisor VanHaitsma reviewed that the parcels in the proposed district would be assessed by a trunkage fee plus a connection fee. The assessments have been carefully reviewed and changes to some assessments have been made in order to more fairly assess the specific parcels and prevent a tax tribunal situation. Supervisor VanHaitsma explained that the cost to an average residence in proposed district #5, considering the \$400,000 DDA contribution and the \$137,000 Wayland Union Schools contribution, would be approximately \$7,375 for the hook-up fee and an additional \$2,400 for the connection fee, for a total of \$9,775. The cost for a commercial business within the district would be \$7,375 for the hook-up fee and an additional \$2,400 connection fee for each REU assessed. She further explained that there would be a 20-year and 40-year option for financing the hook-up fee (\$7,375).

A public comment period was then opened. Several questions were addressed by Brandon Mieras, Roger Swets, and Supervisor VanHaitsma. During the public comment period, Supervisor VanHaitsma indicated the hook-up fee only (\$7,375) would be able to be financed. Because of fiscal constraints, the connection fee (as well as the installation fee to each parcel owner's home) would not be able to be included in the financing. She also explained that a current ordinance requires hook-up to the system within one year of its installation. However, the Board may be willing to consider revising the ordinance to extend the hook-up requirement to a two-year time period.

No decisions were made by the Board. The decision as to whether or not to pursue the proposed sewer district will be made by the Board at a later date.

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

Jodi L. Brummel
Dorr Township Clerk