

April 13, 2017
Informational Meeting
6:30 p.m.
(Anderson Rd., Linwood Rd., Limerick Rd. and NYS Rt. 36)

Present: Supervisor Gerald L. Deming, Councilmembers: Lynn Parnell, Amos Smith, Norman Gates and Frank Rose Jr.

Absent: None

Others: James Campbell (Town Attorney), Richard Henry (Engineer Clark Patterson Lee), Francis & Jerry Dykstra, Donna & Lynn Katter, Bonita & James Morgan, Anne & Earl Blizzard, Wayne, Nora & Sarah Garrett, Charlene & Neal Short, Joe Geer, Henry Fuller, Linda and Kevin Stone, Carl Peter, Bill Doolittle, Linda Lapp, Melissa & Gerrit Knickerbocker, Kirk Richenberg, Tara Schneider, Shirley & Diane Walton, David Jones, Lori Indrunas, Robert T. Volkmar, Helen & Vernon Finch, Debbie & Mark Connolly, Frank Arena, Jeremiah Farr, Justin Grant, Scott Fraser, Jim Powell, Jack Ellis, Frank Troglauer, Andy Walton and George Worden Jr. (Highway Supt)

Supervisor Deming opened the Informational Meeting at 6:35 p.m. and turned the meeting over to Engineer, Mr. Henry.

Mr. Henry began by stating he has been the Town Engineer for many years completing numerous water & sewer projects, and have prepared much information specifically for this area, trying to make it affordable for municipal water. Several informational meetings have taken place over the years. After an informal survey taken, its results, and based upon the 4th meeting of the proposed area, the majority of the upper end of Federal and Anderson Roads did not want water. The figures to be discussed this evening are based on removal of that area, which encompasses 17 units, but if the district wants to include them once again, it is not too late to do so, but will increase the debt service from what is listed tonight.

Mr. Henry commented that the firm took the survey results and detailed information and created a project. They then applied to USDA Rural Development for funding, and hope to be eligible for a \$750,000 grant, with the balance to be paid by way of a low interest loan.

Project total	\$1.4 million
USDA Rural Devel. Grant	\$750,000 (waiting on confirmation)
Balance on project	\$690,000 (pd. with a 2 ¼ % low income financing)

Amount of annual Debt Service with grant funding	\$551.00
Estimated yearly cost (quarterly bills)	\$316.00
Total Annual cost per year	\$867.00

*Without grant funding the total annual cost was estimated to be \$1,430.00 per year, which is unaffordable.

Mr. Henry expressed that the actual grant amount and interest rate could vary, wanting to make the residents aware that the annual cost may ultimately run between \$850-\$950 per year. Based on his best guess, between \$870-\$900 per unit. Mr. Henry added, the previous figures were \$1400-\$1500 per unit, so we are quite pleased with the new information presented this evening. If the district wants to add the upper ends of Federal Rd. & Anderson Rd. once again it will add \$400,000 to the project and increase the yearly debt service by \$100.00 per unit for each homeowner. Mr. Henry stated if we do add the area again, we will be required to ask permission from USDA Rural Development for grant purposes (explanation of the district boundaries).

Mr. Henry and the Board now opened the meeting up for the comment & questions:

1). Bill Doolittle (2509 Linwood Rd) "What is the size of the pipe?"

*Mr. Henry: The size of the pipe will be 8 inch.

2). Councilman Smith: "If the Northwest section was added from the start, would we have qualified for more funding?"

*Mr. Henry: The maximum amount of funding through USDA Rural Development is \$750,000, whether the upper ends were included or not.

3). Shirley Walton (2456 Linwood Rd): "How far east on Linwood Rd. are you proposing to go?"

*Supervisor Deming: The proposed line would go past your residence.

4). Councilman Rose: "If approved what are the next steps to go to bid?"

*Mr. Henry: If the public expresses approval tonight, moving forward we will need to officially apply for grant funding, prepare the loan application then Form the District. (we create a Special use District and then borrow money to pay off the debt).

5). Wayne Garrett (2427 Linwood Rd): "If approved, how quickly can we get started?"

*Mr. Henry: With the necessary steps and paperwork, as early as next year around this time we could begin.

6). Anne Roth-Blizzard (1891 Limerick Rd): "There are homes in the 2000 area (Limerick Rd) that are inundated with water, making it potentially very difficult for a waterline, and wanted to make the Town aware prior to any digging taking place."

*Mr. Henry: Thank you for that information! It is very helpful to have as much information as possible prior to bidding, for contractor's purposes as well as ours.

7). Jim Powell (2050 Limerick Rd): "It looks as though my residence is out of the district if over 1000 ft. from the road?"

*Mr. Henry: Yes, your property would be out of the district.

Mr. Powell: "Can you put that in writing?"

*Mr. Henry: We can put in writing after the Formation of the District.

8). Scott Fraser (2548 Anderson Rd): “It sounds like I may be in the same situation with distance?”

*Mr. Henry: Normally over 500 ft. from the main you have the option to be in or out. If not interested in water, we can keep you out of the district or if interested, we can keep you in, completely your choice.

9). Councilman Rose: “If Scott wants in after, then what?”

*Mr. Henry: If after time Mr. Fraser wants to be a part of the district the Town Board would have to discuss it. If other district customers have been paying their yearly debt service, his situation would have to be ironed out in order for him to connect and pay toward the debt service as well.

10). Kirk Richenberg (2337 Federal Rd): “I thought if you owned property roadside to the district, you had to pay the debt service?”

*Mr. Henry: In previous districts the number used has been 500 ft. If a dwelling is beyond 500 ft., the property owner has the option to be included or not. In some cases areas may still be charged a vacant land fee to the district. Supervisor Deming added, if land is within an Agricultural District they are exempt from debt service.

Mr. Henry asked the public by way of a show of hands, their thoughts on whether or not they would like the Town to proceed. More than $\frac{3}{4}$ of the audience raised their hands.

Mr. Henry outlined what the next steps will be in the process:

- Formal application to USDA for funding
- Form the District (create the district) with a Public Hearing, including refined numbers. This is where the district residents decide to proceed, Town Board can initiate.
- Form the petition (signatures) or by Map, Plan & Report prepared by CP Lee outlining all information and then a required Public Hearing
- After the Public Hearing, then 30 days for public comment if residents were not in favor of the project, a petition must be signed to force a vote
- If it comes to a vote, the results speak for the district.

*Mr. Henry commented, very rarely if the area really wants municipal water, will it come to a vote like that.

11). Frank Troglauer (1800 Federal Rd): “The current map reflects that I am not part of the project now?”

*Mr. Henry: Yes, that is correct after the upper ends were removed.

Mr. Troglauer: “Can we be part of it later?”

*Mr. Henry: Yes, areas can be added, but will increase the debt service to all.

12). Councilman Rose: “What is the window of opportunity to decide?”

*Mr. Henry: The decision must be made immediately. After the survey results we re-tooled the district to reflect areas that actually wanted water.

13). Councilman Smith: “How many units in this service area?”

*Mr. Henry: There are 51 units in this area, 17 were removed from the upper ends of Anderson & Federal per the survey results.

Councilman Smith: "With the new system and upgrades, will that be sufficient for the proposed district?"

*Mr. Henry: It will be sufficient.

14). Lori Indrunas (2031 Limerick Rd): "My property is in swamp area, can I still connect?"

*Mr. Henry: If properties are within wetlands it makes connection more difficult and may not be possible.

Highway Supt., Mr. Worden commented that there is a creek that drains there, but we have no jurisdiction. Mrs. Roth-Blizzard stated the water in that area is not a creek issue. Ms. Indrunas added the ditch in her area has not been cared for and the water she experiences comes from the field behind her.

15). Frank Troglauer (1800 Federal Rd): "I wasn't notified by mail of this meeting."

*Mr. Henry: With removal of the upper ends, you would not be part of the district, and would not receive a letter for this meeting. The Town would love to be able to put water throughout, but due to the additional costs, they need to know who is interested, and the results of the survey reflected that the upper ends did not want it.

16). Councilman Smith: "How many in attendance this evening are in the upper areas not currently in the proposed district?"

Show of hands: 3

17). Jack Ellis (2274 Anderson Rd): "How many have to say No for this project to fail?"

*Supervisor Deming: In order for the project to proceed there needs to be 51% approval of the residents and 51% of the assessed value of the district.

18). Jack Ellis (2274 Anderson Rd): "How many people on the upper ends said they didn't want water and how did you change the routes of the proposed areas?"

*Supervisor Deming: The majority of the people on the upper ends surveys reflected that they did not want water, but if those people have changed their mind we can re-evaluate.

19). Helen Finch (2476 Anderson Rd): "If people don't want water in that district do they still have to pay?"

*Mr. Henry & Supervisor Deming: If you are part of the district you must pay the debt service, but those parcels not in the district do not pay.

20). David Jones (2480 Anderson Rd): "If we were to start next spring how long will it take before we receive water?"

*Mr. Henry: On that timetable, water would be available early summer. The process would go quickly.

After no further comments or questions...

ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION offered by Mrs. Parnell and seconded by Mr. Rose to adjourn the Informational Meeting. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

Informational Meeting closed at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine M. Harris, Clerk