

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FILER
BOARD OF TRUSTEES SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
Filer Township Hall
2505 Filer City Rd.
Manistee, Michigan 49660
Tuesday, January 14, 2014

Present: Dean Kruse, Shirley Ball, Terry Walker, Ed Williams, Tom Chycinski, Ruth Skiera and Dale Kolanowski.

Absent: None

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Walker at 6:00 p.m.

Motion by Kruse, seconded by Skiera to approve the Meeting Agenda as presented. All in favor. M/C

Motion by Kruse, seconded by Kolanowski to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. All in favor. M/C

Public Comment

- None offered at this time.

Special Presentation

Brian Sousa, Wade Trim Civil Engineer lead a discussion about the various aspects of the proposed Filer Township Sewer Project, outlining the work plan and potential phases of the project. The following topics were discussed.

- What will be done with the clean water after treatment. Clean water can be discharged into Manistee Lake, probably with one pump station.
- The township regrouped after the last election to make sure that it is going in the right direction regarding the sewer project.
- The Northwest section of the Township is the area being looked at for the sewer project according to the presented map.
- Phase I – Commercial District, which will foster the other phases.
- Phase 2 – Residential, would include Oak Hill and the Pine Ridge Condominiums.
- Phase 3 – Filer City, will not include Packaging Corporation of America.
- How much would it cost to build a township sewer plant, where would it be built, and what would be the method of discharge.
- The anticipated discharge for Phases I, II, III is 250,000 gallons per day.
- Example Project-Kingsley built a 2.8 million dollar plant eight years ago which discharges 200,000 gallons into the ground. Constructing a plant like this would cost an estimated 3 ½ -- 4 million dollars today.
- Plant Operation-This will require various levels of operators on staff. Technology has changed in the last 10 years.
- Project Funding Methods-Mr. Sousa stated that he felt the sewer contract with the City of Manistee has room for negotiation. Payment of the project in the DDA district could be by tax capture, loans, grants and user fees. All other parts of the township served by sewer could be paid by loans, grants and user fees. More customers would make for a less expensive service in the case of Filer owning the plant, as expenses could be spread over more customers.

- Cost Estimates-Phase I is estimated at 2.3 million dollars for sewer pipes, plus the cost to purchase land. Phase 2 is estimated at 5 million dollars for 29,000 ft. of sewer pipes.
- Next steps of the project will be addressed at the March meeting.

Public Comment

- New residents from Pine Ridge commented that they were in favor of the sewer project due to septic problems which have been experienced by several owners.

Motion by Chycinski, seconded by Kruse to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. M/C

Meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

Submitted,

Shirley Ball, CMC
Charter Township of Filer Clerk