

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FILER
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
PUBLIC HEARING ON IMPROVEMENTS
AND SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT FOR PROPOSED SEWER**

**Filer Township Hall
2505 Filer City Road
Manistee, Michigan 49660
October 12, 2016**

Present: Dean Kruse, Shirley Ball, Terry Walker, Ruth Skiera, Brian Krus, Tom Chycinski and Dale Kolanowski

Absent: None.

Also Present: Eric Williams, Attorney for the Downtown Development Authority, Brian Sousa, Wade Trim and Richard Wilson, Township Attorney.

Hearing called to order by Supervisor Walker at 7:00 p.m.

The purpose of the hearing is to accept additional public comment on the proposed Wastewater Collection System to serve the properties located in and near the Charter Township of Filer Downtown Development District along U.S. 31 in the Township, including new force mains, gravity sewer lines and pump stations, together with all appurtenances and attachments, together with additions and extensions to the City of Manistee Wastewater Treatment Plant for treatment of said wastewater.

Public Comment

Speakers Included:

Tom Voss, Pine Ridge resident, restated the position of the Pine Ridge residents not wanting to be a part of the sewer project.

Updates were given by Attorney Wilson on the USDA loan and \$1,500,000.00 grant received by the township, as well as conversation with CC& P Developers of Pine Ridge, resulting in the developer "re-thinking" his position to possibly be included in the Special Assessment Sewer District for the undeveloped portions of the Pine Ridge land.

Wade Trim distributed a study done regarding anticipated monthly sewer bills and another study of estimated special assessments per one REU unit.

There were no written comments submitted for today's hearing.

Others spoke in regards to senior populations on fixed income, how would a special assessment be treated at time of sale of a home or business, wanting sewer for their home because it is in their best interest, and cost of obtaining sewer after this special assessment is closed.

Supervisor Walker declared the hearing adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Submitted,

Shirley Ball, CMC
Charter Township of Filer Clerk