

PENINSULA VILLAGE WASTE WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE
AUGUST 31, 2015

The meeting of the Peninsula Village Waste Water Advisory Committee was called into session at 5:31 PM on August 31, 2015 at the GAR Hall.

Attending: Karen Walters, Chair, Dee Holody, Mary Booth, Bill Clifton, Mike Kaplan
Also present: Charles Urey.

I Mr. Urey informed the Committee that he submitted a written engineering proposal to Mayor Fisher during his term in office covering both sewer and water. He informed the committee that he did not keep a copy. Dee Holody will see if she can obtain a copy.

II Mr. Gene Davis, who is the operator of the system at the Mobile Home Park in Boston Township was expected to speak with the Planning Commission at the last meeting. He did not attend, and we hope that he will attend a later meeting.

III Significant discussion was held about the system seen in Christiansburg, Ohio on August 21, 2015. It is a STEP system in which the solids remain at each home and are pumped out from time to time, while the liquids move to a community service location.

The Committee noted little noise and no odor, and therefore siting a system like this would be less of a challenge than the traditional aeration system installed at the mobile park in Boston Township, for example. Christiansburg also used trenchless technology for the installation of the underground piping so there was little impact to the streets and sidewalks.

The Village of Christiansburg first considered centralized waste water treatment in 1980, but did not proceed until third parties reporting suggested a potential EPA problem in 2010. Engineering was done in 2012, funding was obtained in 2013, and building began in 2014.

Total cost of the system was \$4.7 million, of which \$2.9 million was forgiven primarily through the EPA Financial Assistance program.

IV A visit to either Aimsville or Coolville is being considered and will be scheduled by Dee Holody in consultation with the committee members.

V The Committee reconsidered the meeting with EPA held previously with Ms. Marie Underwood, and concludes that although the "starting point" for EPA would be a traditional sewage treatment plant, that the Agency would be open to alternate plans and would be willing to fairly consider any submission from the Village. All agree that EPA's concern is whether any proposed system actually works, rather than what kind of system it is.

VI The Committee discussed the EPA Financial Assistance Program. The Planning Commission, at its August 25, 2015 meeting, directed the Committee (in a unanimous vote) to submit a Financial Assistance nomination form to the EPA, following review but the Village Solicitor. The submittal of the form would essentially “get the Village on a list” that would then allow the Village to apply for funding in 2016. The Committee had hoped to put the Village in a position where it could apply for an EPA no/low interest loan in 2016 to be used for a preliminary engineering report to validate the Committee findings, if the Commission and/or Council thought it appropriate at that time. Dee Holody completed the form but it was not submitted by the August 31 deadline because the Solicitor did not review it in time. The Committee will re-consider submittal in 2016 for possible 2017 funding assistance.

VII Next steps for the Committee are to complete its mapping efforts to define the physical boundaries of a waste water district. Work on this will continue with Dee Holody and Bill Clifton.

Additional next steps include the visit to Aimsville/Coolville and creation of a written summary of what we have learned to date.

VIII The Committee believes that the advice and participation of the Village Solicitor is critical to it being able to complete its work properly. Therefore, the Committee will make a request to the Planning Commission that it authorize attendance and participation of the Solicitor as needed by the Committee.

IX UPCOMING MEETINGS

September 14, 2015 at 5:30 PM	Committee Meeting at the GAR Hall.
September 29, 2015	Planning Commission Meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 7.20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Kaplan
Secretary

AMENDED, AND APPROVED AS AMENDED, OCTOBER 5, 2015.