

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
SPECIAL MEETING OF VILLAGE OF PENINSULA COUNCIL
JUNE 16, 2018 9:30 A.M.**

Date: Saturday June 16, 2018
Time: 9:30 AM to 11:00 AM
Location: Peninsula Village Hall

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CALL TO ORDER:

The Village of Peninsula Council convened from 9:40 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. for a Special Meeting in the Peninsula Village Hall. Mayor Douglas Mayer called the meeting to order and initiated the roll call.

Council Members / Attendees Present:

Mayor: Doug Mayer

Councilpersons:

Michael Matusz

Michael J. Kaplan

Mary Booth

Dee Holody

Christopher Weigand

Dan Schneider

Others Present:

Fiscal Officer John Stiegel

Solicitor Brad Bryan

Purpose: Discussion of Wastewater Issues

At the outset of the meeting Ms. Holody outlined four options going forward:

- o Keep the Stantec Contract as is (not to exceed \$450,000)
- o Limit the scope of the existing Stantec Contract
- o Turn over the Project to the County
- o Take no action and cancel the project

Thereafter, the following points and arguments were made by Councilmembers and residents.

- Additional meetings with Summit County Board of Health are still needed.
- We have spent \$60,000 to date.
- The Engineering Design could come from the General Fund if all agree.
- The Ohio EPA would like all of Council to request a letter of support for centralized sewers.
- If the Village thinks we can't do it, use the County's expertise.
- The County has spent 3 years already working on this, and there is still not enough data.

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- The advantage of the County proceeding with this project would be the fact that the County would absorb the costs (and there would be no need for the Village to apply for funding).
- We need to decide how to move forward before October 2018.
- Now, Summit County Public Health is in the process of capturing data by January 2019.
- The Village should not be the entity building this project.
- If there are only 250 homes in the Village, why is this such an issue?
- Sewer plants need to allow for clusters.
- Sewer lines would change the “face / “look” of the town.
- Septic tanks are acceptable with the County, but if the Village is obligated to construct sewer lines/plants, then it should be constructed for the entire Village, not just for certain areas.
- The main opposition to the project is that homeowners do not want to incur any extra added expenses.
 - Council needs to apply for all Grants, which would reduce the costs to residents significantly.
- Disadvantages to using the County for this project:
 - The County is difficult to work with at times/ non-negotiable.
 - The County sometimes will not agree with our visions/demands.
 - The County does not have any experience with MBR installation (Stantec does).
- Mayor Mayer stated he does not understand the documentation that has been presented to him regarding these wastewater issues.
 - Some Grants have balloon payments, which is not good for the budget.
 - If nothing happens, the Village is left with paying this bill.
 - We cannot afford to lose money.
 - If the sewers are installed and more businesses come, that would be good for the Village, however, this town does not do well with change.
 - “Wishing” for Grant approval is not effective.
 - Only a small group want to see this project go through for their own benefit.
- Riverview Rd = raw sewage running through the system.
- Bath Township doesn’t want sewer installation in their town.
- Some believe we can build our own sewer plant and manage it; but if the majority doesn’t think so, we should allow the County to install the sewer.
- The Planning Commission does a lot of talking, but never executes anything.

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- It is still effective to plan and present recommendations and move forward and apply for Grants. If Council changes its mind about this, they can adjust.
- It is a better idea to only have one sewer plant managed by the Village, as opposed to multiple plants owned by homeowners (this way if something goes wrong, the Village would be held accountable).
- Council does not want to see homes forced/turned into businesses (and families torn from their homes).
- A limited number of people know how to do this project.
- The Mayor feels the Village needs to find out where the funding will come from for this project first and foremost.
- Some of Council would like to see the actual Grant application, and if the Grant is approved, Council needs to utilize that funding for this project (and not other projects).
- It is not right to penalize the residents with sewer fees.
- The Liaison for the project should be the Mayor (but Dee Holody has been selected to be the Lead Liaison).

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made and seconded. All were in favor of the motion; none were opposed. The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Douglas G Mayer, Mayor Date

John Stiegel, Fiscal Officer Date

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