RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
VILLAGE OF PENINSULA WASTEWATER COMMITTEE
MARCH 10, 2020 MEETING

Call to Order: Solicitor Brad Bryan called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

Roll Call: In Attendance:

Mr. Kaplan –	Present
Mr. Weigand –	Present
Mr. Krusinski –	Present

Mayor Daniel Schneider, Jr. was also present.

PRESENTATION AND CONSIDERATION OF RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
February 25, 2020 Wastewater Committee Meeting Minutes: Mr. Kaplan moved to adopt the Minutes as drafted unless a request for any correction is received by the Clerk before close of business on March 11, 2020. The motion was seconded by Mr. Weigand.

Roll Call Vote: Mr. Kaplan, yes; Mr. Krusinski, yes; Mr. Weigand, yes. The Minutes were approved with the above contingency.

DISCUSSION OF WASTEWATER MATTERS

Mr. Kaplan stated the committee had two terrific meetings. In the meeting with the Health Department, the Health Department stated it is here to help and pledged its support but maintained the driver of this wastewater matter is the EPA. The Health Department will get involved if a point of sale inspection is needed or a complaint is made. The Health Department will not test every septic system in the Village. Some systems in the Village cannot be tested because the systems do not have the proper equipment. Adding the necessary equipment to those systems to allow them to be tested would cost approximately $2,500 to $3,500 per system. The Summit County Sewer Department stated it is open to working with the Village in any way the Village choses. The Department wants to be involved early in the decision-making process and be comfortable with the system that is built. The current non-metered rate charged by the Sewer Department since 2011 is $56.03 per month. In 2021, the Sewer Department will conduct a rate study, and a potential increase might occur after that study is completed. If the Village chooses to enter into an agreement with the County Sewer Department, Village residents would pay the monthly metered rate. All daily operations and repair costs would be incurred by the County Sewer Department. As for the cost to build a sewer system, the Sewer Department could be contracted to install the complete system on its own. The Sewer Department encouraged the Village to look for ways to save money and offered its assistance and commitment to help secure grant money. The Sewer Department stated free money for these project is not readily available, but loan rates from 0.48% to 1.5% can be obtained by the Sewer Department. The Sewer Department believes the total cost to construct a Wastewater system in a community should cost approximately $15,000 per household, which is the average cost for a property owner to install a septic system. The cost of construction of the system would be assessed to each property owner on top of their real estate taxes over a 20-year period.

Mr. Krusinski feels the wastewater committee should review all the existing information from the Planning Commission., and then at the next meeting, present a monthly cost breakdown for each system and allow for discussion.

It was suggested if sewers are constructed, then water should be brought in at the same time. Several comments were made on the poor quality of water found in the shallow wells throughout the Village and the money spent by most residents to buy good water. Committee members referenced they are open to those discussions, but past cost estimates for bringing water to the Village were significantly higher than the cost of installing central sewers. Mr. Weigand suggested a cost breakdown for all aspects of the project should be put together but cost alone should not be the deciding factor. As long as the costs are similar, the choice between septic system upgrades and central sewers should be based upon what makes the most sense for the residents and community.

Adjournment: Mr. Kaplan made a motion to adjourn that was seconded by Mr. Krusinski. All were in favor of the motion; none were opposed. The Meeting was adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

Approved by the Committee,

4-24-2020