

**Public Water and Sewer Advisory Board**  
**Meeting Comments**  
**August 17, 2017**

**Attendees:** Joseph Van Houten, Chairman; Joseph Delikat, Vice Chairman; Stephanie Mason, Township Manager; Ken Snyder, Supervisor; Rick Colello, Supervisor; Joe Krumenacker, Member; **Guests:** Cindy Wood and Dan Wood

**Comments:**

Cindy Wood: 44 South Woodridge Avenue; Mrs. Wood attended to ask a few questions;

1. Will residents who select to pay cash for the sewers be given a discount? Mr. Collello noted that residents will not be charged for the work until the project is complete; BCWSA is being asked about discounts again for those who want to pay upfront or early.
2. Will the township permit fee be eliminated; Ms. Mason stated that the Township will address that issue later.
3. Regarding judgments on those who don't want to participate--to pay for the sewer--do all other residents have to pay? It is anticipated not but BCW&S will have to be involved in what occurs as a result of non-participation.
4. On the topic of "recapture," Will it be to the present or past owner "Who will facilitate the Recapture program." (at the time of the sewer project)"? Ms. Mason noted that it will have to be determined but it's anticipated that it will be the current property owner or seller. Unless things are settled at time of sale.

Ms. Mason circulated a copy of 50 questions submitted by a resident and answers by the Township to the Attendees for information. She stated that it is her belief the handout will be helpful in addressing as communication with the residents as we move forward with Phase 2 and Phase 3.

Mr. Delikat stated that we will need to better communicate with the residents in the next 2 Phases so that the two projects move more smoothly and more rapidly than the (20+ year) Pebble Ridge project.

Mr. Van Houten noted a reminder that the Committees Charge is to, "Determine the Need." He also noted that the Committee determined the need by:

1. PADEP definition of a septic failure, "If the system fails one day out of the year it is considered a failed system."
2. Yearly testing for coliform in the wells and storm water run-off.
3. Outside engineering firms to review each lot in the survey target area.

Mr. Wood said the Supervisors might consider looking at a sewer plan objective to complete all sewers in a targeted period of time (e.g. 5 years) so residents, BCWSA, the Township, and the Committee are working together to complete the project within the targeted time period.

Mr. Snyder remarked that maybe we should look at revising our criteria for determining the, "Need," in order to better move the project forward more quickly and with less resistance from the residents. The discussion opened up with more weight being placed on items to be considered, such as, sewerage smaller portions of properties with the most need in the next two phases, Time, Value, Money --the

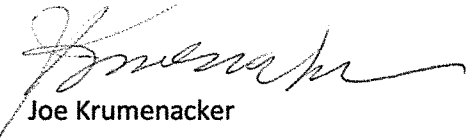
escalation of cost in the two Phases, More reliance on the BC Health Department findings, the number of failed systems occurring at the time a house is sold, the cost of replacing a failed system and the relative short term (15 years) that a sand mound replacement lasts, the State's 25 year life placed on original on-lot system in comparison to the 50 years (twice the life) since the building of most homes in the two phases.

Mr. Van Houten asked Mr. Delikat and Mr. Krumenacker to bring the existing data up to date to include the failed systems since the last update (from April 2017 to present). Ms. Mason said she will obtain the information from the file so that the additions can be included.

As a final comment, Mr. Van Houten said that he promised residents, during his presentation, "An Oversight Committee Sub-Committee will be created to ensure cost and operation of the Pebble Ridge Project." He'd like three people from the PWSAB to volunteer to work on the subcommittee.

Being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Joe Krumenacker