

PORTER TOWNSHIP  
SPECIAL MEETING with SEWER BOARD

June 20, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 by Supervisor Marlow with the pledge to the flag.

Roll Call: Present were Marlow, Croninger, Wylie, Harman, Russell absent.

Roll Call for Sewer Board: Klappauf, Molho, Nagy, Maclean, Penkala absent, Moore absent

Beechwood Project: The meeting was discussion style and in regard to the problems that were brought up at the May 9<sup>th</sup> Township Board meeting. Klappauf began by stating that the township needs to be careful that they do not violate Article 308, Section F and H of the Sewer Ordinance, which states all extensions must be paid in full by the property owners at the time of the extension. He also reminded the Board that the homeowners had the right to appeal any changes such as missed taps, etc. for 6 months after the original installations and that time had been extended to 18 months. However, since that has been closed for several years the costs for additions were to be completely on the homeowners at this time as a Direct System Cost whether they are new owners or existing owners. The only exception would be if an indirect system were to be put in by a contractor building a subdivision, then costs would be determined per the ordinance.

Discussion was held concerning the contract that was signed by the new homeowners and Marlow. Marlow stated that this was not an actual contract, this was just the topography of what was happening and where the money would be going.

Marlow stated that he did not interpret that section of the ordinance the same way based on the last sentence in Section 308 which clearly states "...such extension shall be in accordance with the following requirements, unless modified by the terms of a written agreement between the Township and the property owner pursuant to section 309." In order to be certain that everyone is interpreting Articles 308 and 309 clearly a conference call between Marlow, Klappauf and the Township Attorney will be held tomorrow (June 21) to clarify any problem areas.

Discussion continued as to total cost and as of this time it is still an estimate:

- \$3,000.00 coming from Wightman
- \$6,500.00 for engineering costs (approx.)
- \$1,500.00 for electrical (approx.)
- \$40,000.00 for building (approx.)

The funds would be coming from extension fees that will be paid by the homeowners for this work.

Croninger stated she has already received some of the money from new homeowners and will be moving money received from Thompson, Eppers (Morrison) & Lehman (\$33,000.00) to a Liability Fund. This fund will have a zero balance at the end of the project due to the requirements of the contract that will be created.

Resident, Jamie Thompson, spoke up with his concerns regarding the Township spending any money on this project.

Respectfully Submitted By:  
Pat Keirn for Marty Russell