

A Special Town Board Meeting of the Yorkshire Town Board was held on Tuesday January 19, 2016, at the Yorkshire Town Hall, 82 South Main Street, Delevan, NY.

This is a Public Information Meeting of the Yorkshire Corners Sewer District Project

Supervisor Spencer called the meeting to order at 7:00pm with the pledge to the flag of the USA. Roll Call:

Marcia Spencer, Supervisor, Present
Christopher Edmunds, Deputy Supv, Council Member, Present
Kenneth Fisher, Council Member, Present
Tammy George, Deputy Supv & Council Member, Present
Teresa Hewitt, Council Member, Present

Also present Fred Clark, Town Clerk; Christopher Lexer, Highway Superintendent, Attorney for Sewer Project, Peter Sorgi, Jake Alianello & Caleb Henning, MDA Engineering, Larry Groves, Water Commissioner.

A sign in sheet was provided on which 10 residents recorded their name/address with interest in the project.

This included Larry Groves, Water Commissioner

Supv. Spencer affirmed that the Public Informational Meeting notice was placed in the Arcade Herald May 9 Edition, with evidence provided by Clerk Clark.

Attorney Sorgi began meeting introducing himself and Mr. Alianello and both combined to give an overview of the Yorkshire Corners Sewer District Proposal, including the area of coverage and the use of the Village of Arcade Wastewater Treatment plant on Hurdville Rd, Arcade NY. He went on to affirm that each resident was mailed an income survey and a notice about this meeting along with a map. Mr. Sorgi also indicated the Full Map Study was available in Clerk Clarks office and on the Town website. Going forward the next step is for a Public Hearing, which will be determined at next board meeting May 20.

Mr. Alianello described at different points various steps to the project prior to construction, including the formation of the district, funding, detail design, acquisition of easements, bidding, etc. Likely looking at construction toward end of 2023.

Several residents asked question regarding some specifics of the project, including the following

--When construction begins, where would it start. Ans—Likely start at Treatment plant in Arcade and work its way back.

--Will grinder systems be same as Machias installation done last year? Ans—Yes

--Will Yorkshire have its own main line feeding into Treatment plant or shared with Machias? Ans—Own line

--Will cost of pump and lines to street be born by owner? Ans—No, project includes cost to install and to maintain thereafter, which would be paid by users through the special district tax. Tax is based upon EDU, Equivalent Dwelling Unit, i.e. single family and gets pro-rated from that for higher rated users which would see increase tax.

--How long does Grinder pump last Ans—basically likely around 8 years. Again, cost for replacement will be part of district tax / budget

--Will town have to pay Village of Arcade for use of the wastewater treatment plant? Ans—Yes, an inter-municipal agreement will be put in place. Arcade has capacity and is willing to support the project. More cost effective than Town building and operating its own treatment plant, by far.

--Will lines run from front of house? Septic systems currently largely in rear of house? Ans—with low pressure pump system, not gravity fed, running line to main will not be an issue.

--What happens when power fails? Ans.—You would need to conserve water, since grinder pump works off electric, however, there is approx. 40 gallons capacity, so using restroom should not be an issue.

Resident Questions (Cont.)

--What if I am happy with my current system, do I have to hook up. Ans—Yes but will stagger installation. In addition, cost to hook up is born by Project at start up, thereafter, homeowner would be responsible to pay for hook up, likely in \$10K range. Better to do as part of project.

--Will Twin Lakes residents have to fill out the income survey? Ans –Yes. While there will be a single point pick up developed in park, all residents will participate. In fact, it is over 50% of the proposed district.

--Do we have to install our own Pump? Ans—No, however homeowner is responsible to provide electric to pump, which involves a higher 30 A breaker. In addition, it is homeowner responsibility to ensure all lines run to Sewer outlet, no grey water lines left at separate drainage point. Must connect all lines.

--What is cost of overall project? Ans—Just over \$5.1M including Capital, Soft costs, Engineering, etc.)

--Will there be a lot of boring for lines? Ans—Yes

--Who pays if damage done to driveway, sidewalk, etc. during construction? Ans—Is contractor responsibility to restore to original state prior to construction. Would encourage homeowners to take before pictures for reference if needed.

Water Comm Groves gave some comment comparing annual costs improvement over time for water district, which could occur with the Sewer Project as well.

CEO Lexer gave feedback about the importance of the project, particularly related to future development. He gets many calls from business owners, representatives that do not pursue Yorkshire due to the fact there is not both Water and Sewer services available. An increase in future development would help increase tax base which is good for everyone.

There were no more questions from those attending, Board thanked them for their interest. All departed at approx. 7:50 p.m. **It is noted that no one attending spoke out against the project**

Mr. Sorgi briefed the board on the required SEQR that Jake had put together, where Yorkshire would propose to be lead agency and letters are sent to 23 identified Involved and Interested parties. They have 30 days to provide comment / object. He does not anticipate any issue, since this project is beneficial to the community and environment. Coun Hewitt inquired as to why Sardinia and Freedom were on the list of interested parties. Mr. Sorgi indicated all adjacent towns are required to be notified.

RESOLUTION #51-19

On a Motion of Coun Hewitt, seconded by Coun George, the following Resolution was Resolved, that the Town of Yorkshire to declare Lead Agency Status for the Yorkshire Corners Sewer District and transmit Lead Agency solicitation letters to involved and interested agencies.

A roll call vote was made

Spencer, Aye; Fisher, Aye; George, Aye; Hewitt, Aye; Edmunds, Aye.

Ayes 5 - Nays 0 – Adopted

Further discussion held about prospective dates for Public Hearing, which will be affirmed at May 20 scheduled board meeting.

Mr. Alianello discussed need to agree on contract for future support, anything beyond work done to date is not covered under an existing contract. Supv. Spencer requested he give to Attorney Sorgi for review and she would await feedback before advancing to Board.

With no further business, on a Motion of Coun Fisher, seconded by Coun Edmunds, the meeting was adjourned at 8:04 pm. Carried unanimously.

Fred Clark
Town Clerk