

PUBLIC HEARING

January 22, 2002

At 7:15 P.M. Supervisor Lester called to order a public hearing at the Town Hall, 18 State Street, Brockport, New York on January 22, 2002. The purpose of the hearing was to hear any person in favor of or against the expansion of the Sweden Consolidated Water District on Sweden Walker Road, north of the Erie Canal to East Ave.

Present: Councilman Carges, Councilman Wheat, and Supervisor Lester

Also present: Elaine Jones, Finance Director

Visitors: Lauren McCracken, 650 White Rd., Kenneth Heinlein, 58 White Rd., Frank and Julie Lapinski, 4016 Sweden Walker Rd., James Heinlein, 46 White Rd., Nancy & Tim Hussong, 3749 Sweden Walker Road, Norm Frisch, 94 White Rd., Jerry Doud, 7000 Fourth Section Rd., Jim Hamlin, 50 Park Ave., Eric McCracken, 660 White Rd., Linda and David Schultz, 3976 Sweden Walker Rd., Carla Montrallos, 975 Gallup Rd., Bill Shipe, 3939 Sweden Walker Rd., Kit Schlageter, 4048 Sweden Walker Rd., Norman Wright, 433 Gallup Rd., Frank Hillman, 100 White Rd..

In the absence of the engineer for the project, Supervisor Lester called on Norman Wright who is familiar with the project. The proposed line is to go north from the canal to East Ave. The cost of the materials is borne by the residents for 30 years. That cost is \$52,600. Payment on the bond is \$273.00. A customer average of \$171 for water usage brings the customer total to \$444. The cost of individual water services will be borne by the individual user and paid by a one-time connection charge of \$900 (\$400 if paid before the line is installed). Additionally, each individual will be charged a \$500 entrance fee upon connection. The materials will be bid on.

Mike Turturro asked if he was paying taxes for all the customers in the Town of Sweden. Mr. Wright explained that each water district formed pays for the bond that financed that particular district.

Mr. Frank Lapinski gave a history of the requests for water by Sweden Walker Rd. residents. It has been a number of years in the works. Due to a dry summer last year and a winter of low precipitation next summer could be a very bad year. Mr. Lapinski stressed the urgency of getting this project completed before the summer of 2002.

Carla Montrallos spoke of the farmland owned by Sodoma Farms. If that land is subdivided will this factor into the dollar amount paid on the bond? Mr. Wright indicated that this would lower the cost. He also said that interest rates are quite low at the present time.

Nancy Hussong fears running out of water. Her clothes and dishes are discolored because of the water quality. They drink and bathe in this. Is it safe?

Julie Lapinski reiterated the severity of the problem. And the lack of water may be worse this summer. Mike Turturro said that all appliances wear out at a much faster rate than normal. It is expensive to keep replacing.

Kit Schlageter fears running out of water. The family at one time had to flush the toilet with water from the swimming pool. While there is the expense of paying for the bond and

purchasing water, this is offset by a reduced fire insurance premium, and not having to run a pump for water, and not frequently replacing pipes, fittings and appliances.

Tim Hussong asked when the town would start on the project and how long it will take. Mr. Lapinski stated that in the past Mr. Smith said that the department could install 500' to 600' a day. Supervisor Lester said that a starting time would yet be determined as a work schedule will need to be set with the Highway Department. It was also asked who would do the boring under the canal. Mr. Rod Prosser of Lakeside Engineering said that this is something that he contracts out.

As there were no more questions or comments for or against the proposed Sweden Walker Rd. Extension to the Sweden Consolidated Water District, the Public Hearing was closed at 7:50 P.M.

Gail A. DeToy
Town Clerk