Public Hearing December 3, 2003

At 7:00 PM Supervisor Lester called to order a public hearing at the Town Hall, 18 State Street, Brockport, New York on December 3, 2003. The purpose of the public hearing was to consider the petition of residents on Gallup and Gordon Roads, and Skidmore Drive to establish an extension to the Sweden Consolidated Water District.

Present: Town of Sweden Supervisor Lester, Councilperson Connors, Councilperson

Wheat, and Councilperson Windus-Cook.

Not Present: Councilperson Carges

Also present: Town Engineer James Oberst, of MRB group, Robert C. Dye, 300 Gallup Rd.,

Frank and Julie Lapinski, 4016 Sweden Walker Rd., Lynn and Rich Phillips, 569 Gallup Rd., Glenn Aures, 90 Gordon Rd., Dan Cumberledge, 385 Gallup Rd., Norm Wright, 433 Gallup Rd., Thomas Lawlor, 104 Gordon Rd., Dave Keefer, 8 Skidmore Dr., Dick & Linda Knab, 444 Gallup Rd., Thomas Ferris, 82 Erie St., Mario Madau, 593 Gallup Rd., Joseph and Mrs. Makarewicz, 370 Gallup Rd.

Supervisor Lester called the Public Hearing to order. He greeted everyone and thanked the residents for coming. He explained the purpose of the hearing. Supervisor Lester called on the Town Clerk to read the Legal Notice. He then introduced the Town Board members.

Town Engineer Jim Oberst gave an overview of the project. He stated that the Town took bids on September 18, 2003. The bid will be awarded tonight to Beardsly Pipeline. The Town will bond \$375,000.00 to construct the water district. The \$588.00 cost to each resident is within the State Comptroller's limit.

Discussion was opened to the floor.

Robert Gemmet, of 16 Gordon Rd. The line is to be installed on the north side of Gordon Rd. Why is it not possible to install on the south side where there are fewer obstructions. Mr. Oberst replied that that the south side has gas and underground utilities. Installing on the north side does not require easements except on the Wright property. Changing it now would involve County review and reworking the plans by the contractor. This is additional time and expense.

Mr. Norman Wright, 433 Gallup Rd., wanted clarification on tapping into the main line. The contract calls for the contractor to have work completed by May 2004. Restoration will be complete and watermain approved by the MCDH. The Water Authority will do the tap in after the contractor is completely done.

Robert Dye, 300 Gallup Rd., asked if the residents would be notified. The engineer will do a letter to the residents. It is \$1200.00 to tap in, with payment to the MCW. The tap into the watermain is with a f'service to the property line. The homeowner runs the line from that point to the household.

Mr. Gemmet asked about vacant property. There is no tap at vacant property. A property owner is responsible to contact MCWA to tap in.

Linda Knab, 444 Gallup Rd., asked if the homeowner might suggest where the tap in will be. Mr. Oberst said the homeowner has a say.

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Glenn Aures, 90 Gordon Rd. asked if every homeowner would be a part of the district. There will be 69 taps into the district.

Mr. Joseph Makarewicz submitted comments on the SEQR (Short Environmental Assessment Form). They are attached and made a part of this record.

At this time, 7:40 PM Supervisor Lester call the Special Meeting to order. He asked all visitors to rise and say the pledge to the flag. The Public Hearing was then reconvened.

Lynn Phillips asked why the area had to be dug up so many times. The contractor must complete his contracted work before MCWA can start. She asked about a homeowner paying up front for the borrowed money. There was discussion, and the Supervisor said he would ask the bond counsel if this was possible.

Mr. Madeau of 593 Gallup Rd. explained in response to a question on vacant land around a certain property, that the DEC has red flagged the property that is currently vacant. The land is swamp land.

There was a question asked about future subdivisions of properties. The Supervisor stated that it would be added to the resolution that any subdivisions created after the beginning of the project will increase the number of parcels and reduce the dollar amount due for each parcel.

Mrs. Makarewicz reiterated the concern about trees and the stone walls. Can they change the pattern of laying down the pipe to help homeowners? Moving from one side to the other side entails cuts under the road that increases expenses.

Mr. Keefer of 8 Skidmore asked what guarantees there were for good water pressure if a subdivision goes in. The developer must do what is necessary to meet requirements and standards.

Mr. Cumberledge of 385 Gallup Rd. asked which was less to install Beardsly or the MCWA. Beardsly is less but by how much? The contract is with Beardsly. What guarantees are there? Beardsly guarantees their work. MCWA contracts with the residents for their part in the construction project that is guaranteed to full completion and restoration.

Mrs. Gemmet asked if it is fair to all requesting water, such as those residents on Sweden Walker Rd, that the Gallup/Gordon Rd. residents are the ones getting the water line. The Supervisor said the State Comptroller will allow only what is affordable.

Mr. & Mrs. Lappinski related that he feels that if all projects were treated fairly (the same) that the Sweden Walker Rd. request could have gone forward. Mr. Lapinski asked what the soft costs were. Mr. Oberst said that they were 30% of the cost.

There being no further comments or questions, Supervisor Lester closed the public hearing at 8:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail A. DeToy Town Clerk