

At 7:00 p.m. Supervisor Milner called to order a public hearing located at the Town Hall, 18 State Street, Brockport, New York on September 29, 2009. The purpose of the public hearing was to hear all persons for or against the request by petition for the establishment of the Swamp Road/Salmon Creek Road extension to the Sweden Consolidated Water District.

Town Board Members present were Supervisor John Milner, Councilperson Rob Carges, Councilperson Patricia Connors, and Councilperson Danielle Windus-Cook. Also present were Finance Director Leisa Strabel, Town Clerk Karen M. Sweeting, Highway Superintendent Fred Perrine and Town Engineer Jim Oberst.

Visitors present were Chris Kepler, Mike Kepler, Vic Kepler, Jim Hamlin, Rob Pratt, Natalie Trenton, Michael and Susan Myers, Mike Crooks, Ron Russell, Bill and Joyce Connors, Robert Connors, Edward and Cheryl Wingate, JoAnne Paolucci and Angelo and Maria Rota.

Supervisor Milner introduced the members of the Board. Councilperson Carges thanked everyone for coming and stated that most of the information that would be heard was presented at the public information meeting held in March. The public hearing is the next formal step toward formation.

Town Engineer Jim Oberst detailed the background on water service areas in the town, factors to consider and the process of this formation, town initiatives, the cost of recently formed districts, and the implementation and cost of this project. The petition included over 70% of the required signatures. Construction is tentatively scheduled for Spring 2010.

Resident question relative to the connection fee – any cost savings if the property owner signs up prior to installation. Town Engineer Jim Oberst stated that it is the Town's discretion to tap into the right-of-way line during installation and absorb the cost at that time. Councilperson Carges encouraged property owners to sign on early and tap in to save on costs. Resident asked when the decision to sign on must be made. Finance Director Leisa Strabel explained that the Town would send letters for property owners to come in and meet with the Monroe County Water Authority to begin the process.

Jim Oberst explained that the water main would be installed first and each property owner could tap in at any point thereafter. The property owner determines the location of the tap then hires a plumber to take the line from the main tap to the home. Superintendent of Highways Fred Perrine suggested determining the location of the tap prior to the water main installation, then place the tap during initial construction.

Resident asked why the debt service of other water districts fluctuated over the years. Finance Director Leisa Strabel explained that the cost per year is attributed to the number of properties within the district. Merges and subdivisions can affect the cost per parcel and is re-evaluated each year. The debt service for this project will appear on the January 2011 Town and County tax bill.

Supervisor Milner asked if anyone else would like to place a comment on the record. There were none. Mr. Milner thanked the visitors for attending the meeting.

The public hearing was closed at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen M. Sweeting
Town Clerk