

**BREITUNG TOWNSHIP BOARD
PLANNING COMMISSION
WATER/SEWER BOARD
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
Sewer Ordinance and Planning for future
Growth & Utility Development
March 3, 2008**

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Olson at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call:

Present: Township Board; Supervisor Olson, Treasurer Cahee, Trustees Dixon, Erickson, Gaudette, Wales
Planning Commission Board; Oliver, Peterson, Erickson, Pedo, Ramels
Water/Sewer Board; Holmberg, Peterson, Powell

Absent: Clerk Coron, Zeeb, Coron (excused)

Also Present: Superintendent Perry Franzoi and Jeff Iverson

Those in attendance gave Pledge to the Flag.

Superintendent Franzoi started the meeting with an explanation of maps of Area I, Area II, and the Water/Sewer Agreement.

Discussion on rates & collection for water/sewer service pertaining to tap fees, monthly service charge, commodity charge for water/sewer service, turn on/turn off fees.

Total connection fee to the City of Iron Mountain will be \$300,000.00. The Moyle project will not initiate this amount to be paid now. We will have to pay this when a bigger project starts in the Township.

Other options were researched before the agreements with Iron Mountain: Buy into the sewer plant which we were denied, Lagoon System and our own Sewage Plant, both to expensive.

A review of Wilcox Water/Sewer plans for the Moyle Project was discussed. Maps were shown where the water/sewer lines will go. Easements still need to be gotten from Walmart, First National Bank of Iron Mountain and the Dollar Tree. Easements need to be right in the development agreements for future expansion. White Birch Village will become Township customers.

Total cost of the Moyle project is \$274,000.00. This figure includes what the Township requires for future projects. Moyle would like the Township to pay a portion of this cost.

Some stated that Moyle should pay the entire cost themselves because our Water Ordinance states that whoever wants water hooked up they pay for it.

Some stated that maybe the Township could pay for the hydrants, tees, and the difference between an 8" pipe and a 12" pipe.

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For 2008, the Sewer Budget has borrowed \$75,000.00 from the General Fund to start these projects and start getting revenue into the Sewer Fund. The Township needs to set up a fee structure as soon as possible for Water and Sewer service to start charging when customers get hooked up.

For DEQ purposes the Moyle area will be attached to East Kingsford water system.

The sewer permit for the Moyle area was received today. Moyle can start right away.

Storm water will be incorporated to the storm sewer behind Moyle property, which is a private existing retention basin.

Trustee Wales left at 8:58 pm. for work.

Others things discussed:

Force main, pump lift station.

Cost to Moyle to install.

Cost to Township to maintain.

Moyle to provide insurance and performance bond.

1 year warranties on materials and installation.

Moyle should pay inspection fees.

Have lien wavers.

Number of payments to Moyle, if any, and to hold back a check to make sure project is done.

Moyle does all testing on sewer/water lines.

Another meeting should be set up on the Ordinance and rate/fee schedule.

Suggested to go to Lansing and revise a smaller project because Rural Development has money to give.

Next meeting is set up for March 17, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

Motion Trustee Gaudette, second by Powell to adjourn the meeting.

Vote: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Meeting declared adjourned by Supervisor Olson at 9:16 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Reviewed and Approved by,

Anne Cahee
Breitung Township Treasurer

Denny Olson
Breitung Township Supervisor