

**READINGTON TOWNSHIP SEWER ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING – February 17, 2010**

The meeting was called *to order at 6:30 p.m.* announcing that all laws governing the Open Public Meetings Act have been met and that this meeting has been duly advertised.

PRESENT: Julia Allen, William Meglaughlin, Ron Monaco

ALSO PRESENT: Engineer Robert O'Brien

ABSENT: None

A. Nominations for Chairman for the year 2010

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Meglaughlin to nominate Ron Monaco as Chairman, seconded by Mrs. Allen with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

B. Nominations for Vice-Chairman for the year 2010

A **MOTION** was made by Mrs. Allen to nominate William Meglaughlin as Vice-Chairman, seconded by Mr. Monaco with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

C. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES of meeting September 30, 2009

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Meglaughlin to approve the minutes of the September 30, 2009 meeting, seconded by Mrs. Allen with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

D. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Letter from Sharon A. Dragan, Esq., Township Attorney, regarding **Confirmation of Gallonage of Sewer Capacity, Ryland Office Park, LLC (Walgreens/Wachovia, Block 8, Lots 4, 5, 6 and 7).**

Mr. Monaco stated that he thought the policy decision was that units were transferred in increments of 350 gallons (a unit) and would confer with Attorney Dragan on this matter.

2. Letter dated December 10, 2009 from Vita Mekovetz, RMC/MMC/RPPO, Administrator/Municipal Clerk, regarding **Resolution to Approve Assignment of Sewer Capacity from Ryland Office Park, Block 8, Lots 4, 5, 6 and 7.** No action taken.

F. OLD BUSINESS

1. **Mimosa Drive and Pulaski Road - Sewer Main Connection**

Mr. Monaco stated that at the last meeting it was recommended that the Engineer review the feasibility of connecting homes on Mimosa Drive and Pulaski Road with failing septic systems to the sewer main connection. Engineer O'Brien stated that the estimated cost to install low-pressure mains on these two roads would be approximately \$100,000, excluding the cost of the pumps. Mr. Monaco stated that

there are several possibilities of how the cost of installing the proposed sewer main connection would be paid for. Mrs. Allen asked whether that would include all sewer users or only those residents on those two streets who would be taking advantage of the tie in. A discussion took place on how to assess the fees to those homeowners whose property would be improved by this sewer main tie in. Engineer O'Brien stated the Township could install the main sewer line and then the homeowners would be responsible for coming up to the line, which would lessen the cost to the Township by approximately \$5,000. Mr. Meglaughlin recommended also sending a letter to the other homeowners on those two roads giving them the opportunity to tie into the sewer line.

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Allen to recommend to the Township Committee that the Township Sewer Utility install the sewer main connection, without the laterals or pumps, allowing the two residents that presently have failing septic systems to hook up to the line along with the responsibility of the costs incurred of going to the line, the pump and the hookup fee; this line would then become available to the five other residents on those roads, with the cost of installing the sewer main line to be bonded by the Sewer Utility, seconded by Mr. Meglaughlin with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

Mr. Monaco stated that the hook up fee must be updated and requested Engineer O'Brien to recalculate the fee.

G. NEW BUSINESS

1. *Request for Confirmation of Sanitary Sewer Capacity* – Block 21.13, Lot 7 / Hunterdon Hills Animal Hospital

Ted Bayer, of Bayer-Risse Engineering, stated that he was there of behalf of the Hunterdon Hills Animal Hospital owned by Dr. Westfield. Mr. Bayer stated that the Hunterdon Hills Animal Hospital recently submitted a site plan and variance application to the Township Board of Adjustment to construct a new animal hospital and was requesting confirmation of existing sanitary sewer capacity. Dr. Westfield gave the Committee a brief overview of his site plan along with the plan to conserve water with newer machines and updated plumbing.

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Allen to confirm that the existing unit of sewer capacity is sufficient for the Hunterdon Hills Animal Hospital, particularly with the efforts to conserve water, seconded by Mr. Meglaughlin with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

ADJOURNMENT:

As there was no further business, *A MOTION* was made by Mrs. Allen to adjourn at 7:20 p.m., seconded by Mr. Meglaughlin with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

Respectfully Submitted:

Karin M. Parker
Sewer Advisory Secretary