

INFORMATIONAL MEETING  
SD#1 & SD#2 SEWER PUMPS  
AUGUST 5, 2014  
6:00 PM

Members present: Supervisor Frasier                      G. Kuenzel  
                                 R. Meola    S. Ramant  
                                 M. Fitzgerald (6:30 pm)

Also present: Attorney Viscardi

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Supervisor Frasier opened the meeting at 6:00 pm and explained that the purpose of this Informational Meeting is to obtain information and to explain to the members of Sewer District #1 & #2 the issues and cost of the E1- pumps and other costs incurred at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. No decisions will be made tonight. Ginger Kuenzel will be doing the presentation.

Councilwoman Kuenzel asked the audience to hold their questions until the end of the presentation. She explained that some of the problems with the grinder pumps are sand, flushable wipes, residents leave power on when they are away, they also need to ensure that the pumps are accessible and don't try to fix them yourself.

Option 1

Have property owners own the pump. This would hold them liable and not the town if there was a spill.

Option 2

Have homeowners pay for pump if it needs to be replaced. This would make homeowners more aware of taking better care of their sewer pump.

Supervisor Frasier explained that the Operation & Maintenance continues to increase. Sewer Rent needs to increase. It is not just the cost of the pumps, it is the entire infrastructure.

There were various questions and suggestions on how the town could hold a better accountability.

*A comparison & some analysis on how many pumps in the Districts. Should not be raising the rates without numbers. Research needs to be done.*

*Financial Report how many pumps down and the cost to maintain the Districts.*

*Possibility of 'leasing' the pumps to homeowners so that, depending on when their pump fails, they would pay part or all of the cost. The longer the pump has been installed, the less the homeowner would have to pay for a replacement.*

*If these pumps were purchased under a Federal Grant, you cannot just give them to owners to maintain.*

*The Town should write specifications and go out to bid for the pumps. This could save money.*

*Inflow meters could be installed*

*Form an Asset Management Committee for Sewer District 1 & 2.*

*If the pumps are failing from misuse, then why is the Town not requiring the homeowner to pay?*

*Do we have a higher failure rate than other towns?*

Paul Belden mentioned that if anyone had questions or would like to visit the Wastewater Treatment Plant to please call him.

The Town Board will work on getting more information to the owners of property in Sewer District 1 & 2 and thanked the public for their input on this issue.

Motion by M. Fitzgerald II, seconded by S. Ramant to close the meeting at 7:45 pm. All voting yes.  
Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah F. Manning  
Town Clerk