

DRESBACH TOWNSHIP
Sewer Committee Meeting
May 22, 2018
6:00pm

Committee Members Present: Larry Baeder, Jeff Tesch, Carolyn Hafner, Bruce Nordeen, Mariel Carlisle, Stephanie Swartz, Tim Mormon, Hans Schroeder

Town Board Representative: Pat Burns

Wastewater Facilitator: Sheila Craig

Visitors: Deb Tesch, Mark Grade, Kerry Brinkman, Dave Gilster, Dave McCann, Kim Low, Julia Moore, Jerry O'Flaherty, Bob Bullis, Jim Keiper, Paul Shimshack

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 by Stephanie Swartz

1. Minutes from the April 24, 2018 meeting were accepted.
2. The first agenda item was ERUs and there was a wide ranging, open discussion on ERUs and how they should or should not apply to Dresbach.
3. Larry Baeder made a motion, "That the Sewage Committee recommend to the town board that 2 or 3 members of the committee go through the parcels, properties and ERUs to determine a count of ERUs and each ERU per property." Bruce Nordeen seconded the motion. It passed 7-1.
4. Larry Baeder and Bruce Nordeen volunteered to work with Kim Low on this project.
5. The second agenda was methods of financing the sewage project. There was again a wide ranging, open discussion with the following methods being discussed:
 - a. Flat Rate: Each property pays the same.
 - b. ERU: Each property pays based on their assigned ERU.
 - c. Hybrid of the above two methods.
 - d. Property Value: There was a general consensus that this might have legal difficulties based on an earlier letter from Gilcrest.
 - e. Usage: Not discussed in detail but was acknowledged that this would require metering which is additional cost. Also start up financing issues and seasonal usage issues.
 - f. Levy, Assessment and Deferred Assessment: These were mentioned toward the end with very little discussion.
6. There was discussion about vacant lots and the inability of the SSD to grow beyond the design specifications. Funding is only for what is here and now.
7. Governance and Operations
 - a. Minnesota Rural Waters has workshops on governance and operations of septic systems.
 - b. The Joint Powers Act for the Dresbach and Dakota system provides an outline that Dresbach might use but the individual topics don't apply since the SSD is under one government body, Dresbach Township.
 - c. Sheila indicated that most SSDs in the State are under the governance of the town board.
8. There was no update from MnDOT on Dresbach's request to remove the Frontage Road from the Partnership Agreement. It was discovered that the revised Partnership Agreement that the town board was going to send out had not been changed or sent. Larry and Kim were going to make the changes approved by the board and get it to Sheila to forward to MnDOT.

Meeting was adjourned at 8PM.

Respectfully Submitted By:
Larry Baeder