

**DRESBACH TOWNSHIP**  
**Sewer Committee Meeting**

April 24, 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, Gordy Bateman, Mark Grade, Kerry Brinkman, Dave Gilster, Bill Nissalke, Peggy Morman, Tuan Bute, Dave McCann, Jay Low, Kim Low

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 by Pat Burns.

1. Minutes from the March 20, 2018 meeting were accepted with one correction. Item 2 was changed from "Jeff Tesch indicated he was opposed to the project" to "Jeff Tesch indicated he was opposed to the location".
2. Mariel Carlisle nominated Stephanie Swartz to be the chairperson for this committee. There were no objections.
3. Larry Baeder volunteered to keep the minutes. There were no objections.
4. The Partnership Agreement (frequently called the Memorandum of Understanding or MOU during the meeting) commenced:
  - a. Recital 2 was agreed to stand as written.
  - b. Change the title of the agreement by changing the fourth line from "Dresbach Township" to "Dresbach Township Subordinate Service District".
  - c. Change the end of the Purpose clause from "Waste Treatment Facility" to "Waste Treatment Facility for the Subordinate Service District".
  - d. Several questions and much discussion occurred on the Frontage Road and if Dresbach Township should take ownership. The issues centered on:
    - i. A non-SSD member of the township presented a letter he had received from Sheila Craig dated May 10, 2011 that he would not be involved in future costs of the SSD. He claimed that if the township takes ownership of the road, that he would be taking on some costs of the SSD.
    - ii. It was felt by some that the road is part of the I-90 system and necessary for exit and entrance to the freeway at the two Dresbach intersections. It was therefore felt that road, as an integral part of I-90 system, should remain with the State and not the township.
    - iii. The township needs a definition of the term "Trunk Highway Purposes" in Recital 7.
    - iv. The timing of the transfer of the Roadway Segment to the Township suggests that the road could be repaired but the MnDOT would still maintain ownership of the north end of the facility and continue to run their trucks on the road for an undetermined time. The road needs to be repaired when the last MnDOT truck is going to utilize the road.
    - v. **Motion was made to**
      1. **delete all references to the road and**
      2. **not transfer of ownership of the road to Dresbach Township****from the Partnership Agreement and send this back to MnDOT by Hans Schroeder and seconded by Tim Mormann. The motion passed 8-0.**
  - e. Section 5. Delivery of Records. Why can't these records be delivered to the Township before the Notice of Release?
    - i. Item C. under Deliver of Records. Is MnDOT referring to the historical as-builts of the site of the new construction associated with the WWTP or both?
5. Brief discussion on the Wenck proposal for preparing the Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to Winona County. Sheila will inform Wenck not to proceed at this time while the Township is negotiating with MnDOT. Also, how much of the work being proposed is needed for the final bid package?
6. Brief discussion that a list needs to be prepared and displayed that shows the timeline and steps for the WWTP project to reach completion.
7. The next meeting is scheduled for May 22 at 6pm.
8. Pat discussed the County's variance process and procedures with some follow up questions and comments.
9. Motion to adjourn made by Hans Schroeder and seconded by Jeff Tesch. Approved 8-0.

Respectfully Submitted By:  
Larry Baeder