

Stillwater Town Board
Agenda Meeting/ Public Hearing
Amendment to Castle Cliff Sewer Contract
February 2, 2012 7:00 PM
Stillwater Community Center

Present: **Councilman Artie Baker**
 Councilman Ken Petronis
 Councilwoman Lisa Bruno
 Councilwoman Virginia Whitman
 Supervisor Ed Kinowski

Also Present: **Sue Cunningham, Town Clerk**
 Mark Minick, Supt of Highways
 James Trainor, Attorney for the Town
 Joe Lanaro, Engineer for the Town

7: 00 pm Public Hearing

The purpose of the hearing is to receive input from the Town's residents regarding amendments to the Town's Castle Cliff Sewer District contract.

Supervisor Kinowski called the meeting to order and led everyone in the Pledge to the Flag.

Presentation:

A brief presentation was made by Mary Beth Bianconi and Ed Hernandez of Delaware Engineering on the History of Castle Cliffs Sewer, Castle Cliffs Sewer District, Castle Cliffs Sewer Rates, Village of Stillwater Sewer, Village of Stillwater Mandated Improvement Project, Castle Cliffs Sewer Upgrades and Amendments to Agreement.

Summary of the presentation: Castle Cliffs improvements required whether stay with Village or connect with Saratoga County Sewer District, Village offering low cost financing to Town residents with zero interest, 30-year loan, no change to Castle Cliffs Sewer Rate and cost tracking, opt out provisions and extend agreement 30 years to 2045.

Next steps: Review draft amendment to agreement, consideration and vote by both Village and Town, execute amendment to agreement, bidding and construction commence, Castle Cliffs improvements scheduled to be complete by December 2012 and first village debt payment likely 2013.

Public Input

Dave G questioned the cost involved, no rate change and who pays the loans on the debt. Village Trustee John Basile stated that the Village's past debt is declining so they will be incurring the new debt.

Ms. Bianconi stated that the Village costs to Castle Cliff residents will be an estimated debt along with an O&M that will equal an estimated \$492.88 annually. (This does not include an administrative fee attached by the Town)

Councilwoman Whitman inquired what determines how rates are raised

Trustee Basile stated that the contract & cost of operation will determine how the rates are increased. If the Village raises the rate there will be a six month notification.

Tony B asked what happens if the Town opts out of the contract and goes with the County.

Ms Bianconi stated that they Town would still be responsible for the debt acquired on the Castle Cliff Sewer upgrades.

Jeffery E asked if this was a fair proposal and if other alternatives were considered.

Supervisor Kinowski stated that they looked at 3 options all which were more expensive. They looked at what was best for all residents including the Village.

Engineer Lanaro stated that improvements need to be made even if the Town wanted to connect to the County.

Supt Minick questioned whether the Castle Cliff Sewer upgrades could be done in house.

Ms Bianconi commented that the Village project comes with a 0% interest loan, the borrowing is not extended to the Town, and they are under a timeframe and ready to go to bid.

Supervisor Kinowski stated doing the project in house the overhead would be unpredictable, #'s would be higher and a change in the project could change the entire project.

Mary Ann G questioned the upgrades on the pump station.

Ms Bianconi stated that the pump station will have a life of thirty years when the upgraded project is complete.

Attorney Trainor wanted to clarify that only 82 residents within the boundaries of the sewer district have this debt service.

Ms. Bianconi replied yes.

Engineer Lanaro stated that the upgrades are consistent with the County standards.

Marty D inquired about the sewer lines down the multi use trail.

Engineer Lanaro stated that was sewer district #2 which have already been upgraded and turned over to the County.

Mike C questioned if the Village was going to have a public hearing for Village residents regarding all this.

Mary Ann G questioned the new homes being built in Revolutionary heights and if they are being connected to the County.

Joe Lanaro stated that they are in Sewer #2 and being connected to the County. Sewer District #1 was connected to the Village which at the time of development was most affordable.

Supervisor Kinowski stated the pipes need to be upgraded and maybe down the road it will be feasible to connect with the County.

Councilman Petronis gave a brief history of Sewer District #1 & #2.

Art F inquired about the village absorbing the cost.

Ms. Bianconi stated that the estimated cost for Castle Cliff residents is \$443,216 and the Village is \$3,782,241.

Mary Ann G inquired if the Town decides to go with the County who would pay the debt; the 82 residents or the entire Town.

Supervisor Kinowski stated that the 82 residents in the district would pay the debt.

Len K inquired if the estimated numbers could go higher.

Supervisor Kinowski stated that it was always possible, they have to go out to bid and it's possible the bid could be lower.

Ms Bianconi stated that an extensive evaluation the pipes, flow monitor and detailed analysis was done.

Peter V asked if the cost could go down.

Ms Bianconi stated that it was always possible to reduce the I & I.

With everyone having the opportunity to comment Supervisor Kinowski closed the public hearing at 8:35 PM. **Note:** Supervisor Kinowski stated that a resolution to adopt the amendments to the contract will be brought to a vote at the business meeting on 2/16/2012.

Regular Agenda Meeting

Supervisor Kinowski called the agenda meeting to order.

Sue Cunningham, Town Clerk took the roll call.

Adoption of Minutes: Motion by Councilwoman Whitman and seconded by Councilman Petronis to adopt the minutes of January 5, 2012. **Motion carried.**

Reports

(Town Board & Department Heads)

Councilman Baker

Community Center: Councilman Baker reported that there is a 1 year warranty in place on the generator, maintenance on the furnace is call as needed for the present time. Councilman Baker stated that a request has been made to replace the carpet in the day care room.

Councilman Baker requested a resolution to replace the water tank for \$2500 and purchase material for the storage room at a cost between \$500 and \$1000.

Councilwoman Bruno suggested a walk through of the building be considered.

A discussion was held on and the consensus was to consider the request and look at options.

Solar Panels: Councilman Baker requested to have a brief presentation on solar panels at the business meeting on February 16th.

The Town Board consented to having a brief presentation on solar panels at the next meeting.

Councilwoman Whitman

Town wide Clean-up: Councilwoman Whitman reported on two possible dates for the Spring Clean-up, May 12th or May 19th.

The consensus of the Town Board was to try and confirm the date of May 12th.

Day at the Races: Councilwoman Whitman reported that she was notified the cost for the Day at the Races has been raised from \$35 to \$45 per person.

Community Center: Councilwoman Whitman commented on the Community Center and inquired about a room for emergency management.

Discussion was held and it was stated that in the final contract they can specify use of a room.

Engineer for the Town (Joe Lanaro)

Engineer Lanaro stated a report has been submitted to all Town Board members for review.

Supt of Highways (Mark Minick)

Supt Minick reported that FEMA had been at the Highway Dept going over vouchers that regarded Hurricane Irene. He also reported that the highway dept has been doing tree & brush cutting.

Supt Minick requested executive session to discuss contract matters.

Town Clerk (Sue Cunningham)

Sue Cunningham, Town Clerk reported that the Town Clerk January monthly report has been submitted to all board members for review.

Councilwoman Bruno reported that Assemblyman Jordan would like to hold a Town Hall meeting here possibly in February. She will get back to the Town Board with a date & time.

Supervisor Kinowski

Family Day: Supervisor Kinowski stated that he would like to see a committee formed soon for Family Day.

Public Input

Mike C inquired who determines if new flooring is needed in the daycare room of the community center and if it would go to bid.

Councilman Baker stated that a request was made to the director and they would need to get three proposals.

Village Trustee John Basile gave a brief update on the new water connection with County.

Councilwoman Bruno stated that she has had some complaints regarding cloudy water on Colonial Rd.

Trustee Basile stated that this has been corrected.

Brief discussion was held.

Marty D inquired if a meeting for Water Dist 3 & 4 has been set.
Supervisor Kinowski stated no.

Tony B commented on the new water line, consider what has already been paid on the existing debt and residents coming on the new water line should pay more.
Supervisor Kinowski stated that before anything is decided residents will know the final numbers.

Art F inquired where the water tank will be.
Supervisor Kinowski stated that it will be on George Thompson Rd.

Audited Claims

Motion by Councilman Baker and seconded Councilwoman Whitman to pay the audited claims.

General	#58--#79	\$10851.63
Town Outside	#25--#30	\$6601.78
Highway	#38--#48	\$10102.33
Water & Sewer	#10	\$180.00

Motion carried.

Motion by Councilman Baker and seconded by Councilman Petronis to adjourn into executive session for litigation and contract matters at 9:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted by

Sue Cunningham
Stillwater Town Clerk