

Special meeting called by Mayor Young to discuss sewage was held on Tuesday, March 6, 2007 at 5:30 p.m. in the council chambers on Dunne Ave.

Present: Mayor Thomas Young; Council: Rick Chase, Rodney Smoot, Ellen Boyce, James Eichelberger, Carter Parks and Frank Russell; Director of Public Works/Zoning Administrator Fred Matthews; Atty. Lynwood Lewis and Clerk Denise Bernard

Visitor: Barb Schwenk

Mayor Young called the meeting to order.

B. Schwenk had a conference call with Kerry Schmidt, Eddie Smith and Ken Nowakowski. The town can't issue the tentative award, due to the cost. Ken had told them that some of the cost for some of the work is 4 to 5 times higher than in Lynchburg. The town has 60 days to get back to the bidder. USDA has no more grant money; have some money for a loan, but not much more for this job. Ken Nowakowski and Eddie Smith may look at a cheaper system (shallow system). To do the re-design would cost due to changes at the collection end. Could get an estimate on what the cost of the system would be. Another option is to go to the low bidder and ask for an explanation as to why it is so high. Other options are: find more money, raise the rates and make connection mandatory. Accomack County still has the \$300,000 STAG money and Parksley is most ready to begin. Council needs to go to its Supervisors to try to get that money. If the town stops now, the money already spent isn't refunded and if the land is condemned, it can't be used for anything else. The time limit on the STAG money is almost up and the earmarks for them are drying up.

Atty. Lewis stated that Parksley is the only town ready for the money; need to talk to the Supervisors.

Dir. Of Pub. Wks. /Zoning Admin. Matthews stated that the town needed to talk to both Supervisors (Mears and Duncan), and there are only 5 or 6 houses that aren't connecting.

B. Schwenk stated that there are a lot of extra requirements with a Community Development Block Grant; it would be hard to do.

Mayor Young will call Sylvia Parks, Thelma Drakes assistant.

Atty. Lewis stated that no date has been set for the condemnation hearing.

Councilman Eichelberger suggested bore the pipe into the ground, not digging.

Mayor Young stated that the town will get the estimate for the shallow system, meet with Marcor, and meet with Thelma Drake and the two Supervisors. He wants two Councilmen with him when he meets with them. Councilman Russell and Eichelberger volunteered.

B. Schwenk stated that the town will have to spend money on the re-design, if it is more feasible. There is no way the town can do it with the current system. The project won't go to closing until the bid has been awarded.

Mayor Young would like a list from Wiley & Wilson of which prices are out of range.

Atty. Lewis stated that the Mayor need the new cost 1<sup>st</sup>, then meet with Marcor about shallow system and why their prices are so high and Thelma Drake last.

Councilman Russell will contact Supervisor Mears and found out when the STAG runs out.

Mayor Young asked if the whole Council agreed to go ahead. All agreed that it can't be dropped.

B. Schwenk stated that Makamie Park did their own shallow system; Shore Engineering was the engineer.

Mayor Young stated that we must continue, even if it does take three more years.

*Councilman Chase made the motion to adjourn. Motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Russell. Motion passed unanimously.*

Meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.