

A Water/Sewer workshop was held by the Town Board of the Town of Moreau on May 17, 2016 in the Town of Moreau Municipal Building, 351 Reynolds Road, Moreau, New York

Councilwoman LeClair workshop was called to order at 10:05 a.m.

Town Board Members Present

Gina LeClair	Councilwoman
Alan VanTassel	Councilman
Gardner Congdon	Supervisor [arrived at 10:17 a.m.]

Town Board Members Absent

Bob Prendergast	Councilman
Todd Kusnierz	Councilman

Also present: Leeann McCabe, Town Clerk; Kevin Feuka and Tom Owey from C2ae; Jason Denno, NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation; and Dave Rogge, Lamplighter Acres Mobile Home Park

Kevin Feuka gave a brief history of the Route 9 sewer project and where they were at. Based on the information he read, he stated that there was a need for sewer based on some environmental issues. He stated that he had updated the listing through the CWSRF, so that it remains on their radar. He stated that he hopes the Town will continue to score highly.

Councilman VanTassel asked what study had been done to determine that sewer was needed down the Route 9 corridor or did they go by the saying “if they build it, they will come”. He stated that there were environmental needs and this was the first time he had heard about that.

Mr. Feuka stated that it was initiated by the fact that there were some failed septic systems in the area, namely Bluebird Terrace. He stated that decisions were based on a preliminary engineering study that had been done in 2009.

There was discussion regarding the scoring system and Jason Denno stated that the Town is at 61 points.

There was discussion regarding the capacity to the City of Glens Falls. Jason Denno stated that their system had been evaluated in 2013. Kevin Feuka commented that the system can handle 9 ½ million gallons per day and at present they’re only using 4 ½ million gallons. He stated that there was plenty of capacity.

The Supervisor asked if the capacity is by design or if it’s factual. He stated that the Town is getting notifications of overflow regularly from the City of Glens Falls Sewer Plant. He asked if we have the capacity, why is it overflowing. Kevin Feuka replied that there may be problems getting the sewage into the plant.

The Supervisor stated that they had looked at going east from the Town Hall as an alternative. He stated that it would all be downhill from there. He also stated that Fort Edward doesn’t have the space to enlarge their capacity. He thought a study should be done to look into a gravity flow system and the possibility of building a plant. He also stated that there’s no room for commercial growth on Route 9. He stated that there would be on Route 197.

Councilman VanTassel stated that he would like to explore the funding that would be available but there are still a lot of unanswered questions. He asked what kind of study has been done that shows an expansion in economic growth if the sewer were to be brought in? He also asked how the Town gets up to speed.

Jason Denno stated that they would need to re-evaluate with these suggestions and put it all in an engineering report. He stated that they need planning dollars to re-evaluate the system. There are 80% grant opportunities for the planning process. The Town would be eligible for a \$30,000 grant with a cost share of \$6,000.

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Jason Denno stated that we would need to tell Albany that there is a new project to be eligible for an Engineering Plan Funding Grant.

Jesse Fish stated that if they go with what the Supervisor proposes, it won't go by Lamplighter Acres. Councilwoman LeClair stated that if the sewer goes down Route 197, Fort Edward doesn't have the capacity.

There was discussion of building a new Sewer Treatment Plant. Tom Owney stated that the Plant would come down to a user cost. If it's not affordable, it won't fly. He also went on to state that 90% of overflow is from runoff.

Dave Rogge stated that there were questions that were unanswered when the project was brought out the first time.

Dave Rogge stated that in order for the sewer to be brought in, he would have to close his leach pits. Either by filling with sand or removing them. This would cost approximately \$2,500 - \$5,000 per system times 126 systems.

Councilman VanTassel asked what the Town does now.

Supervisor Congdon stated that they need to evaluate a planning grant. They also need to look at the map and color out the unavailable land. He stated that the power lines are 100' back from the road so there's no room for growth on Route 9.

Kevin Feuka stated that the deadline for the CFA Grant is July 27, 2016.

Jason Denno stated that there is \$2,000,000 set aside and he knows that the Town is eligible. They would be eligible for a \$30,000 grant with a total project cost for the plan of \$36,000. The Town would need to show that this is a completely different project. This would be awarded in December and the Town would have 9 months to have the report completed.

There was discussion as to the decision making of the grant. Jason Denno stated that the Town has a good score right now but it will be based on a different plan. They will be looking at the whole of the project all over again. Kevin Feuka stated that you would need to document why the differences and include it with the CFA application.

Jason Denno stated that once awarded, the Town would need a SEQR resolution and agree to the local share of the \$6,000. They would also need a service contract between the engineer and the Town. To start this process, the Town needs to give authorization to apply for the grant. Councilwoman LeClair stated that the Board needs to be aware that if the \$30,000 grant is received, we will have to come up with the remainder of the cost, which is the \$6,000.

Councilman VanTassel stated that this can be done at the next regular Town Board meeting.

Kevin Feuka asked who the contact person would be and Councilwoman LeClair replied that they should contact Elizabeth Lanfear, the Supervisor's Secretary.

The Supervisor stated that he was agreeable to what was discussed.

The sewer portion of the workshop adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

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The Supervisor had an appointment and had to leave and therefore there was no quorum to continue the water portion of the workshop.

Respectfully submitted,

Leeann McCabe
Town Clerk

The above minutes are not intended to be a complete transcript, only a summary. To hear the full audio of the workshop, please visit the Town's website at: www.townofmoreau.org