

A sewer workshop was held by the Town Board of the Town of Moreau on April 21, 2016 in the Town of Moreau Municipal Building, 351 Reynolds Road, Moreau, New York

The workshop began at 7:00 p.m.

**Town Board Members Present**

Bob Prendergast	Councilman
Gina LeClair	Councilwoman
Todd Kusnierz	Councilman
Alan VanTassel	Councilman
Gardner Congdon	Supervisor (arrived at 7:45 p.m.)

**Town Board Members Absent**

None

**Also Present:** Tammy Daley, Deputy Town Clerk, Town Resident Reed Antis.

Council Kusnierz started the meeting by saying the purpose of this meeting was to have the Town Board have a discussion on sewer fees in the Town of Moreau and to come up with a program on how to implement those fees and how they should be applied. He stated the Town Board had received copies from some other surrounding communities in the area how they charge for different things like rates, buy in's and other things like residential vs commercial. This meeting gives a chance for the public to offer input. He stated that they can update the Supervisor when he arrives later in the meeting.

Councilman VanTassel asked, between the Town of Wilton, Town of Clifton Park, or the Town of Queensbury, did any one of them stand out to them that they think the Board should look at as kind of a model to start using. Councilman Kusnierz stated in 2010 the fee for sewer was adopted. The fee annually for operating maintainance would be \$260.00 per year per EDU, and \$1750.00 for hook-up per EDU. Councilman Kusnierz said he likes the Town of Wilton application. He likes how they break it down in certain stages of the process, and also have a breakdown for developers. He stated it is also broken down for water and sewer. He said they have a partial fee due immediately for when the application is submitted to the Town. He also said there is a two part buy in fee, one prior to the subdivision approval and one part for when a certificate of occupancy is issued. He likes the idea of not taking all the fees up front. It is fairer to the applicant. He stated what the fees will be needs to be discussed and maybe if it should be a 2 step process or 3 step process. Councilman VanTassel said he also liked the Wilton application because of their calculation they use for breaking down the fees. There are no questions as to how you came to those fees.

Councilman Kusnierz said he also likes the way the Town of Wilton "spells out" the different EDU's as a single, 2 family, townhouse or mobile home. He stated it's pretty "black and white." He also stated they have a signal EDU using 300 gallons a day. He thinks when they get the numbers they are looking for they need to have an engineer look at the capacity of it. Councilman Prendergast agreed on an engineer looking too, especially if we're looking at 20 years for things like maintainance, operations, future improvements and equipment.

Councilman Kusnierz stated they already have numbers for bringing sewer down Route 9 and based on the number of users we know the cost we are looking at even though it's a big price tag. He suggested maybe putting in place a policy that it is done in incremental build outs from where we have sewer now to make it more affordable.

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A motion was made by Councilman Kusnierz and seconded by Councilman Prendergast to have the Supervisor extend or re-apply to keep our application active for the New York State Environmental Facility Corporation Funding.

Councilman Prendergast	Yes
Councilwoman LeClair	Yes
Councilman Kusnierz	Yes
Councilman VanTassel	Yes
Supervisor Congdon	Absent

Councilman VanTassel asked what the amount of capacity, we are committed to Glens Falls, for sewer is and are we under a fixed amount? Councilman Kusnierz said he believes that we can increase the capacity. Reed Antis stated that he would caution their ability to handle more capacity of their infrastructure because they are sending it down to the Hudson Falls Burn Plant.

Councilman Prendergast stated that he and Supervisor Congdon met with Ed Bartholomew and he said that they received an \$800,000 grant to do a study on sewers, it is a regionalized planning to see if they can combine different municipalities into one. This would include Fort Edward, Hudson Falls, a portion of Kingsbury, Queensbury, the City of Glens Falls and The Town of Moreau. Our portion would be \$22,000 to install a meter on our side of the river. He feels this would give a lot of growth to all municipalities. He stated that there is money, there isn't a specific line item for it. He said he talked to a previous Supervisor and stated that is what the money is for. Reed Antis asked if this would include the Village of South Glens Falls, and Councilman Prendergast stated yes.

The next application they looked at was Queensbury, Councilman VanTassel stated that they don't charge for hook up but have some other tax, maybe a benefit tax. Councilman Kusnierz stated that there were different fees, one was inside district and the other was outside district. There are other fees but abbreviated on what they sent us.

Councilman Kusnierz said with looking at the Saratoga County application it has very detailed fees and the way they break things up, he doesn't know if we need to be at that level with detail. He went through some of the fees that they charge. The one he feels is important is a method on how we arrived on that fee. He feels that should be in the ordinance. Councilman Prendergast said that's why we need to have the engineer look at this. Councilwoman LeClair stated, you can't go wrong with being explicit.

Councilman Prendergast wants to know, how we know, if we have enough capacity to accept new sewer. The developer's engineer would have to supply the proof to the planning process and then our engineer would check it. Reed Antis stated the Building Inspector would check and get sign off before we can take the project. Multiple developers would have first come first serve basis. Councilwoman LeClair asked, how do we know when we've reached capacity? Reed Antis said we have additional capacity from Glens Falls. Councilman Kusnierz said they need to decide how much they are going to save for commercial and how much for residential for expansion.

Supervisor Congdon arrived and Councilman Kusnierz and Councilman Prendergast filled him in on what was discussed before he arrived. Supervisor Congdon stated that Glens Falls is overflowing on a regular basis. He said he talked to Ed Bartholomew about gravity and using Washington County. He said we should be aware, that might be a way to go. Councilwoman LeClair said with all the problems that Glens Falls is having, should they look into someplace else. All were in agreement to look at other places than Glens Falls. They talked about Saratoga County and what their fees are and the capacity that they can

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handle. They discussed getting information together about the Town's sewer policy now along with the rates the Town charges. Are they too high or too low, how much they should save for residential? They want to have Tim Burley's office come in and make a presentation at a Town Board meeting on what he has. They said they know that his numbers may not be exact, but it's a place to start.

Councilman Kusnierz told Supervisor Congdon, that before he arrived at the meeting, the Board passed a resolution for him to sign and submit the application to the New York State Environmental Facility Corporation Funding. He told him we have to apply annually. Councilman VanTassel told him Elizabeth already has the application to be resubmitted. Supervisor Congdon said he was going to make a note of it.

Councilwoman LeClair stated that we have all been so focused on getting sewer on Route 9 and we keep chipping away at our capacity with apartments. She said she has heard from a lot of people in the community that they don't want any more apartments. She stated if we keep getting apartments there is not going to be any capacity for businesses and we are not going to be looked at upon kindly. She asked if there was a way they can develop a corridor of what type of a capacity some of these businesses might need. Supervisor Congdon said if they put a line across Route 197 to Fort Edward that would be part of a grant and it would all be gravity. He said he believes that approval for their expansion will more than double their capacity for Fort Edward. He asked not to be quoted about doubling, but will be a big difference.

Councilman VanTassel asked if they should have someone, maybe Elizabeth, start drafting up an application. He said there are certain parts of Wilton's application that they like, and they like the County's definition on the way that they calculate it. They could plug in the numbers later.

Reed Antis stated they should look into the capacity of the Village of South Glens Falls and are they going to be lumped in. Supervisor Congdon stated he was going to have to check the numbers but he thinks the Town pays more to the city of Glens Falls than the Village does. He said he hasn't looked at the gallons just the dollars.

The workshop ended at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy Daley  
Deputy Town Clerk

The above minutes are not intended to be a complete transcript. The full audio of the meeting can be heard on the Town's website at: [www.townofmoreau.org](http://www.townofmoreau.org)