

PRESENT: Mayor Norman Youmans, Trustees Christine Schreiber, Lauren Tackman, Constantia Town Supervisor Chuck Gilkey, Councilman Rip Colasante, Attorney Warren Bader, Mike Parker (Barton & Loguidice) Jack Dodson, Adam (Dodson and Associates) Zach Avery

Mayor Youmans began by stating all emails/correspondence should go through the Village office and Dodson and Associates. He then gave Chuck the floor as he called the meeting.

Chuck: The project is getting closer as far as the funding goes. Mike Parker stated that at this time the project is above the funding line on the finalized 2015 IUP. Chuck asked Jack what he envisions his part of the project will be? Jack stated that the Village of Cleveland called Dodson & Associates and brought them in to act as their independent consultant on this job including doing design and construction phase services on this job, as well as assist in any inter-municipal agreements between the Village and the Town relative to the joint water project, and any other agreements that may need to be reviewed between the Village, Town and OCWA. He stated they would also work with B&L on the environmental side of this as he believes it could be done jointly and whatever else might need to be done relative to the funding. Chuck inquired as to whether Dodson has a scope of service or a contract with the Village and Jack stated, not yet but we are working towards it and Chuck asked to see a copy when we do. Chuck asked if Warren or Mike needed anything else, and they stated no.

Mike put forth the following schedule:

Hardship Application Due – December 1, 2014

Hardship Determination: July/August 2015

Cut Off Date for Application: February 1, 2016 and the following would be required for that:

Approved engineering report

District formation

Bond resolution

SEQR

SHPO sign off

Jack asked whether the engineering report has been approved by the Department of Health and Mike stated it has been submitted but does not know if it's been approved yet.

Mike stated that they did meet with OCWA last week and they stated they were going to proceed with the inter-connect down 49 and thru the Village and connect with Vienna and they will finance that project separate from this project. Hydrants will be part of this and they will cost just under \$200 each. The emergency interconnect will be metered and charged at a wholesale rate. We don't know what that rate is right now. Mayor Youmans asked what part would OCWA be responsible for and Mike stated the 16" transmission main from Martin Road down the ATV trail to Vienna. The Village would incur the cost for the inter-connect to this and pay the wholesale rate for the water. The discussion continued regarding the estimated user costs. The town's would be approx. \$684. Mike Parker stated going back 2 years what was discussed for the Village was about \$60 per EDU and that has now increased according to the new IEP to \$110 based on a \$2,000,000 grant. Mike stated the report had not been updated but the figures have been and the cost for the Village's project would be \$3.8 million. Jack stated that it would be hard to sell to residents a larger increase and that we would want to go with a number that is acceptable to village residents. Jack asked Mike from his standpoint would it make a difference if the Village did a project for 3.8, 3.4 or 3.0 million? Mike stated that they are selling EFC on the fact that the Village has something to offer the town. Jack stated the Village needs to sell their residents on this and even at \$110 it is pushing it, as a similar project was previously voted down. Norm inquired if the tank itself could possibly be rehabbed instead of building a new tank. Jack stated he is looking at the lifecycle costs now.

Other points of discussion:

10" water main vs. something smaller and the costs associated.

Fire flow with the 10" main vs. a smaller line and if the gallons per minute is only 250, do we need a 10" main?

Necessity of replacing a 100 year old pipe, could it be re-lined, it could be would not be as good as replacing and new materials are better and suited for flexibility. If the new tank is not placed up on the hill, a 10" pipe doesn't make sense and there could be savings realized.

Mike inquired if Jack would suggested anything less than an 8" pipe and he stated he would have to look at it, and the hydraulics and a 6" pipe could work. Jack stated that these are scope issues, and that the Village is by no means looking to cut a project in half, but looking to get the biggest bang for the buck. We need to be mindful of the costs to residents and look at ways to save money if possible. Jack commented that the project calls for replacement of a pipe up the streets, but doesn't include much coverage for pavement replacement, and piping may need to be reduced in order to do proper restoration. The overall cost of the project is at \$8.9 million and Jack asked if this is the amount the town intended to borrow and Mike stated it would be less now that OCWA is out. They agreed there needs to be contingency money, at least 10% with a 25% cost differential.

More Discussion Points:

Legal costs and that they should be shared by both municipalities.

Construction contracts and what they would entail.

Eric Pond has send a copy of the engineering report to the Village attorney. Jack asked what else B&L is looking for from the Village. Mike asked how quickly can the Village schedule a referendum. The Village is not forming water districts, there are legal costs involved. In the previous project with West Monroe, the Town of Constantia was the lead agency and they entered into an inter-municipal agreement and they are looking to likely do the same with this project thru a memo of understanding. Jack asked that they send that previous agreement over to the Village to look at to get an idea of what they want.

Jack: We are not looking for the town to pick up 100% of the cost of bonding and some of the legal fees due to financing. Closing costs, etc. should be shared as this is a hardship application

Jack: What about construction contracts: does B&L have their own tank going into this project? Mike: no, so a tank would be its own contract. If EFC comes back with anything other than what's documented in the report, we may not get the \$2 million grant. But until we get the letter back from EFC, we are assuming on the grant. EFC must agree that the village is just making a project contribution, in joint project: village's project is \$3.5 and the town is the rest of the project. Mike: The only issue for the hardship determination is why the village isn't paying the target service cost of \$600. The Village can feed water back to the town and so that is the benefit and that's why upgrades are needed.

When is it appropriate for a referendum vote: B&L wants it as soon as possible. The Village needs a hard figure before the vote. The scope of the project must be correct, then it can be sold to the public.

In looking at what must be done, the Village has to do the tank and lines in their opinion. Rip asked whose call it is to decide on what size lines are used? The engineers are looking at this now. The town won't wait to file the hardship application, as it is due Dec. 1.

No SEQR has been done for the Village, no water district has been formed for the town. Mike stated as it stands now they have enough signatures on a petition to form the district, but they having

Rip stated it would have been nice from a board members standpoint to know what the Village's involvement was going to be. It would have been nice if it all could have been done at once. And it seems as this is splintering off into 2 separate projects. Norm: we are doing 2 separate with an inter-municipal agreement. This is different from West Monroe, but we have a completely different situation, as we already have our own water system. The town will from a district, which will solely be the towns. The town qualifies for the hardship with 130 points without the village, if the referendum fails in the village. Originally the town did not have enough points. The inter-municipal agreement addresses the financing

The town hasn't gone thru the public hearing process yet, bond resolution, subject to permissive referendum, but they are doing thru order of the board, and it can be challenged.

The village is looking to do a permissive referendum, and let the residents make the decision.

Norm: Our mandate is by the Health Dept. on the water tank which is about a \$500,000-\$700,000 project alone. When will the town be thru district formation? After first of the year. If the referendum is scheduled and the town is close to the district being formed, that helps the vote for the village as well, and that town has formed their district.

What can be done up to the point of notification of the grant approval? The town wants to be ready for the Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> deadline to have a full application in, before the determination of the grant.

Rip asked if the Village wasn't comfortable going to referendum before the grant was approved, and Jack stated, no we would, but wanted to have a number. The funding has to match what people are voting on. We need to be confident the EFC is coming back with a assumed offer. Rip asked can we write into the vote, that the dollar figure is contingent upon receiving the \$2 million grant, and Jack said we could, but we also need to have a walk-away point, if the increase is more than we say.

The best thing to do is move forward with the best info that you have. It's not till July and August that we will have

an answer, and there is a lot of time between now and then to do work, but how much do you do, before you have an answer. The town has already done SEQR, so they are ready, the village hasn't done SEQR and need to know this first. Same with inter-municipal agreement and want drafts and negotiated agreements or at least a memo of understanding.

The Town doesn't have as much support in the second district as they did in the first. The target service charge for the town thru EFC is \$684. This is a little less than the other water district. The debt service is about \$380 and the rest is O&M. \$200 a year is the cost of each hydrant per year to OCWA.

What is actual option that Cleveland would supply water to the town. Rip asks if this is literal or just for funding purposes. Discussed meeting once every 60 days or so. Mike asked that by the 18<sup>th</sup> should the village have a date for a referendum vote? Chuck asked that what would the informal meetings look like for the village to have with the public, Jack stated they will not be informal, but be public hearings. They will be informational and he wants the public to be informed. Chuck asked if B&L should be at these meetings, and Jack stated anyone is welcome to be there and Chuck asked if the Village attorney will be there, and Jack said he will be there, it's up the village to decide and Norm stated if there is a need for her to be there, she will. Rip asked what the previous referendum said, and Norm said it was significantly less cost and increase to taxpayers, but Norm believes it wasn't voted down due to cost, but that it was poorly presented. They had resistance prior to the meeting, and they didn't have the information, and people were out of control, questions asked that couldn't be answered. It is critical to get the information out there. Chuck stated that OCWA doesn't want our water system, it needs too many upgrades. Jack stated he will talk to OCWA to clarify that they don't want Cleveland's system. Jack stated that we want a joint project and we want to put our best face in front of our public, and Chuck stated we weren't going to get a better deal, but that they weren't going to hinder their chances and they want to get on the application ASAP.