

SPECIAL MEETING
DOLGEVILLE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FEBRUARY 3, 2022

Chester Szymanski is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Village of Dolgeville - Sewer Project Special Meeting

Time: Feb 3, 2022 04:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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PRESENT:

MAYOR: Mary E. Puznowski

TRUSTEES: Joshua Galletta - Absent

Amanda Jaquay

Amber Kraszewski

William Reynolds

ATTORNEY: Mark Rose - Absent

RECORDING SECRETARY:

Tammy L. Chmielewski

ATTENDED: Chet Szymanski. Amy Mowers, Jason Ballard, Neal Winkler, Michele Weakley, David Jaquay.

Mayor Mary E. Puznowski at Village Hall called this Special Meeting of the Dolgeville Village Board of Trustees to order at 4:36 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance recited.

Sanitary Sewer Project

Chet Szymanski came before the Board on the following:

Last year we had an engineering planning grant - \$ 100,000.00 that we worked through with GHD to do a sanitary sewer collection inspection project.

The project included a syphon, side streets and the main focus was on Main Street, including North Main Street. The report identified approximately \$ 7 million worth of work.

We used the information and started working with Barton & Loguidice to put the project on the EFC 2022 Intended Use Plan. The project fell above the funding line and eligible for 0% financing.

The decision before the Board is what part if not all do we want to finance. The critical area is under Main Street and needed before DOT will do paving.

Financing \$ 7 million/30 years equates to approximately \$ 233,000.00 per year, which is not do-able by the village. The design costs of the project are included in the financing. The application cost is not included in the financing.

The village could back out a portion of the project and just do Main Street for a little over \$ 3 million/30 years for approximately \$ 100,000/Yr.

The village could apply this year for a WIIA grant. The grant might cover up to 25-50% if awarded. The timeline for submittal of 3/1/22 is very short. We are waiting for a letter from EFC regarding questions/comments that need to be addressed.

The project would encompass from Timmerman Street the entire length of Main Street including North Main Street – manhole to manhole. The project will be a dig/replace with pavement restoration. There is a section near Stewart's that was repaired and we could do a lining (if necessary).

Note: It is looking good that we will get FEMA funding for North Main Street – (sewer/paving).

Can we replace water lines at the same time? That will increase cost and we can't do unless we concrete the line and encase the sewer.

Jason – I don't know if we can do that as part of SRF due to the SEQRA scheduling timeline. We could do the water portion under CWSRF.

Mayor – is there any money available under CFA? Jason – there is money available under CDBG, however, this is income based and the information would not be ready by March 1st. We can't do any work before the grant is awarded – ex. - paperwork, postings, etc.

CDBG grants are 100% funded and the current maximum award is \$ 750,000. Any grant money awarded the village, EFC will reduce from the original total amount.

Re-payment of an EFC loan – sign a two-year short term loan, pay first principal amount 2023 and initial payment at closing.

\$ 3, million-dollar loan, less possible grant of 25 = approximately \$ 75,000/payment per year for 30 years.

Initial cost increase per service \$ 82.00/Yr. (these are approx.. est. and we need to take into consideration special users, potential grant awards).

Based on 912 bills, minus outside users.

The above figures are estimates only, at this time.

Board is concerned how are people on fixed incomes going to pay for this increase?

The new low income housing program is available now to help with payment of water/sewer bills.

Board also discussed coordinating with NYSDOT regarding paving of Main Street. The village will do infrastructure and put in a patch to cover the area and request DOT to push the village up on the paving list to help reduce costs.

Starting the project with this goal would drop the initial amount the village would have to finance and reduce costs to sewer users.

Discussion included repairing water lines while the area is open. D.P.W. work with contractor for this purpose. The sewer lines are deeper than the water lines. Digging the area is the most expensive, not the replacement pipe. The main line is relatively in good shape. The laterals on the line are the main concern at this time.

Application deadline March 1st next step is getting revision from GHD, SEQRA will be a Type II action due to the village doing in kind services to replace pipes, bond resolution at a public hearing (10-day notice) before adoption of resolution. Bond council must be contacted before we can set up hearing.

Village finances per treasurer: Village took out a bond in 2006 with an annual payment of \$ 140,000, will be paid off in 2026.

There are other finances that need consideration: recent \$ 200,000, our last project and the flood money \$ 512,500.

As the current finances stand it depends on the additional expenses @ the WWTP if we could afford the current bond payment and any additional bond payments. We don't have a fund balance for WWTP. We are still using savings to balance the budget. We are still not collecting enough in sewer rents to pay the annual expenses.

Board considerations: the village can back out after the application is submitted and additional discussions as needed. The cost of the application is approximately \$ 7,000.

The original application will be for \$ 3 million. The Board will consider re-applying for funding in 2024 for the remainder of the project if financially feasible.

Board reviewed maps showing areas of Main Street already cameraed and cleaned. There is a small section near Cramer Lane where nothing is needed. There are lines along the system that are 6” and slated for replacement to 8”. There is a section on Snell Street/North Main area where the D.P.W. replaced the line in the year 2000 but is noted in the current mapping for replacement. Underdrains would be disconnected in this project. There are some manholes in poor condition. Project scope will try and save manholes and only replace those as needed to cut down costs. The new sewer would go around the current line and the laterals connected to the new sewer.

The next televising project includes manhole inspections this will give updates for the project.

The next EPG \$ 100,000 grant meeting is rescheduled for February 24th @ 1:00 p.m.

The Board is in agreement we need to move forward with the application, talk to DOT Linda Lubey to reduce costs and do necessary lateral work during the project.

We need to address the syphon replacement in the near future and chase grants for this purpose.

***EFC Funding Application
Submittal to be placed on
The Intended Use Plan
In the amount of
\$ 3,000,000
Resolution # 22-2022***

The following resolution offered by Trustee Reynolds sec. Trustee Kraszewski. Ayes all.

Motion to move forward with an application with EFC to be placed on the Intended Use Plan for 2022 in the amount of \$ 3,000,000 for a Sanitary Sewer Project – Main Street. Sec. Trustee Kraszewski. Ayes all.

AYES: Trustees Jaquay, Kraszewski, Reynolds

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Trustee Galletta

ADOPTED – February 3, 2022

***Hire Barton & Loguidice
To Prepare an Application***

***With EFC for the 2022
Intended Use Plan
Resolution # 23-2022***

The following resolution offered by Trustee Reynolds sec. Trustee Kraszewski. Ayes all.

Motion to hire Barton & Loguidice to prepare an application with EFC for the 2022 Intended Use Plan for a Sanitary Sewer Project – Main Street. Sec. Trustee Kraszewski. Ayes all.

AYES: Trustees Jaquay, Kraszewski, Reynolds

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Trustee Galletta

ADOPTED – February 3, 2022

Contact Attorney Rose regarding Bond Counsel (Orrick). Schedule Public Hearing for February 22nd @ 6:00 p.m. @ Dolgeville Health Center. Publish Public Hearing notice. Send Attorney Rose contract information to B & L – Jason Ballard.

Adjournment

By Trustee Reynolds

Motion to adjourn special meeting at 5:30 p.m. Sec. Trustee Kraszewski. Ayes all.

_____ Mayor

_____ Village Clerk