

At 7:00 p.m. Supervisor Lester called to order a public hearing located at the Town Hall, 18 State Street, Brockport, New York on August 23, 2005. The purpose of the public hearing was to hear all persons for or against the request by petition for the establishment of a water district extension for the Shumway Road/Sweden Walker Road Water District.

Town Board Members present were Supervisor Lester, Councilperson Rob Carges, Councilperson Patricia Connors, and Councilperson Danielle Windus-Cook. Councilperson Tom Ferris was absent. Also present were Building Inspector Bill Weber, Town Clerk Karen Sweeting, Finance Director Leisa Strabel, and Highway Superintendent Fred Perrine.

Visitors present were Jim and Mary Eunice Weinkauff, Nick and Lynn Mouganis, Mr. and Mrs. Tornatola, Gary and Lynda Pasco from 179 Shumway Road, Allen Ford from 155 Shumway Road, John Egan from 456 Shumway Road, Michele and Russ Johnson from Shumway Road, Don Pophal from Sweden Walker Road, Sue and Bob Berlin from 500 Shumway Road, Lance Kepler from 4875 Sweden Walker Road, Timothy Bates from 69 Royal Gardens Way, Ken Schlecht from 5859 Brockport Spencerport Road, Lauren McCracken from 650 White Road, and Joan and Jim Hamlin from 50 Park Avenue. Several others were in attendance but did not sign in.

Supervisor Lester introduced the members of the Board and asked Town Clerk Karen Sweeting to read the legal notice published in the Town newspapers. Notice was read.

Supervisor Lester then introduced Jim Oberst, the Town Engineer from MRB/group. Mr. Oberst stated that the Monroe County Water Authority was looking at the proposed project area to loop the water system. The MCWA provided a map of options to the Town. The options available met the objectives that would allow water service to be extended down Shumway Road and Sweden Walker Road. The MCWA had budgeted \$750,000 to the looping project and will be putting that money toward the extension to satisfy both interests. Mr. Oberst stated that a majority of signatures were received on the petition; so all factors considered the project could move forward.

Mr. Oberst detailed the current water services down Shumway Road and Sweden Walker Road and explained to the public the proposed extension that would run into the back of Talamora Trail (Highlands). He stated that this project would meet with the project currently under construction on Colby Street and Sweden Walker Road. Mr. Oberst also stated the reasons for the MCWA deciding to construct the loop for this area. The loop would aid the pressure and hydraulic concerns. The Town would not be able to extend the district without the financial assistance from the MCWA.

Mr. Oberst stated that the engineers report held the details of the project and meets the criteria set forth by the MCWA. He mentioned that the project costs fall below the state threshold; therefore the district extension does not have to be submitted to the state for approval.

Supervisor Lester added that the proposed water district extension would cost almost \$1,000,000 to complete without the financial assistance from the MCWA. If the Town did not receive the funds from MCWA, the area could not get water. If the residents did not want to proceed with the project the MCWA would still proceed with the looping portion of the project.

Mr. Oberst stated that the objective of the MCWA is to complete the loop and improve the hydraulics, not extend the water service. He also stated that the figures are as close as they can be to the threshold to try and include as many parcels west on Shumway Road as possible. As it now stands, there is a gap of approximately 1,700 feet. Mr. Oberst stated that obviously, the Town's desire is to connect at some point, but it is not possible with this project without going over the state threshold.

John Egan from Shumway Road mentioned the concerns of pressure behind Talamora Trail.

Mr. Oberst stated that the MCWA recognized problems with pressure and to correct these problems, the loop needs to be completed.

Mr. Egan asked what effect on pressure would the proposed Wal-Mart have.

Mr. Oberst answered that the Wal-Mart developers have met with the MCWA to identify which main they would tap into. Mr. Oberst stated that he has not heard of what the answer is yet, but Wal-Mart may have to upgrade the current main.

Mr. Tornatola asked why a few weeks ago the cost of the project to the residents was \$548 now it is \$573. Supervisor Lester explained that the figures are an estimate of the project. The figures may fluctuate based on a number of circumstances, water usage, construction fees, etc.

Lance Kepler asked if the cost could go higher. Supervisor Lester answered that if the costs do go higher, the project will continue. The Town must submit the extra costs to the State Comptroller for approval.

Supervisor Lester stated that the continuation of the project is up to the residents and many have expressed concerns with their wells. A great portion of the Town of Sweden is not covered by public water. Mr. Lester stated that if the residents submit a petition for a water district, the board could look into the costs to see if it meets the state threshold. Some of the other water districts recently formed could not have been possible without the cooperation of efforts outside the Town of Sweden. Town forces must charge for labor and equipment. Mr. Lester stated that the Colby Street/Sweden Walker Road extension was possible due to the Reclamation Fund of Iroquois Rock Products. This project will be possible due to the MCWA. Mr. Lester stated that he has met with officials to try to complete the loop and extend the extra 1700 feet; unfortunately the Town is unable to extend it any further.

John Egan asked when the construction would begin. Highway Superintendent Fred Perrine answered that his department could begin as early as next spring or summer. Mr. Perrine stated that a lot depends on the rock blasting.

Dan Mills from Shumway Road expressed his concerns with the Route 531 extension. Mr. Mills asked if the proposed route of the road extension would interrupt the water extension. Supervisor Lester stated that the MCWA wants to loop the water lines and doesn't believe that the 531 extension will interrupt any plan to do so. Mr. Oberst stated that the 531 extension plan is still under study and he has not heard where exactly the extension will go. Mr. Oberst stated that the Department of Transportation seemed far away from having a final layout.

Don Pophal from Sweden Walker Road stated that from the numbers that Mr. Oberst gave at the beginning of the hearing there is a ten percent (10%) contingency. Mr. Pophal asked what the probability is that the contingency be lower and asked how it compared to Colby Street/Sweden Walker Road Extension. Mr. Perrine answered that the Colby Street project was a third complete and they are under the proposed costs at this point, again it just depends on many circumstances especially the rock.

Supervisor Lester asked if anyone else would like to place a comment on the record. There were none. Mr. Lester thanked the visitors for attending the meeting.

The public hearing was closed at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen M. Sweeting  
Town Clerk