

SOUTH FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP
Act 537 Plan Hearing
Meeting Minutes
South Franklin Township Municipal Building
June 14, 2016

Supervisors: Chair Kellie Orlosky, Vice-Chair William Cline and Mark Knestrick.

Solicitor: Jim Jeffries

Township Manager: Tyler Linck

Visitors present: Ken Howard, Robert Neilson, Dennis Vasquez, The Wilkerson's, Martha Klindedst, Sharon Pasquariello, Carolyn Kurucz, Kelly Roddy, Lisa Clore, Katherine Weir, Jay Weir, and Carl Garrett

Chair Orlosky called the hearing to order at 6:00pm. Chair Orlosky turned the hearing over to Solicitor Jim Jeffries. Solicitor Jeffries opened the hearing and directed Ken Howard of Bankson Engineers to conduct the hearing.

Mr. Howard began an overview and history of the Township's efforts in developing an Act 537 Sewage Facilities Plan. He explained the process of surveys and needs assessment to determine the areas of need within the Township. He discussed the beginning project then delved into the alternatives. He arrived at alternative #8 which is the plan the Township is moving forward with to completion. Details include 330 EDU's, 44,000 linear feet of pipeline, and an estimated \$11,570,900 in funding is needed. He recommended the Township continue moving forward the plan with adoption in July and then submit to DEP for official approval.

Dennis Vasquez asked if public sewage would ever reach Vaneal Road. Mr. Howard said this could be part of Phase II in the future or there is possibility of future expansion at the Franklin Manor Treatment Plant that could accommodate flows from the Vaneal area.

Robert Neilson asked how much it would cost per home. Mr. Howard projects a \$1,000 tap-in fee plus the cost of the residential lateral to the main line. Mr. Neilson asked about monthly charges. Mr. Howard explained it would be based on water but would be in the \$55-60 range. When will the project start? DEP approval in February 2018 and potential construction commencement in September.

Lisa Clore asked which side of Lagonda Road would the line run and would the home owner be responsible for crossing the state road. Mr. Howard detailed the line on the map showing it would run on both sides of the street but no home owner would be responsible for crossing the state road. It was also asked if there would be a frontage fee additional to the tap-in fee. Mr. Howard said no.

Vice-Chairman Bill Cline stated that the tap-in fee is not set in stone and may vary once project time arrives.

Kelly Roddy asked where the main line would be extended to for property owners to connect. Mr. Howard stated that the main line will be brought to the property line and the property owner is responsible for connecting.

Robert Neilson asked about the cost of permits and design. Mr. Howard said this is generally 10-25% of the overall costs and factored into the \$11.5 million figure. There are approximately \$2.1 million budgeted for permitting and design.

The Wilkerson family asked if it will be mandatory to tap-in even if their previous home owner installed a new on-lot system. Mr. Howard stated that, yes, it will be mandatory.

Carl Garrett asked if there will be an additional cost for running the line from the house to the main line. Mr. Howard stated that, yes, there is an additional fee.

Chair Orlosky adjourned the meeting at 6:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tyler Linck