

SALFORD TOWNSHIP WATER SEWER ADVISORY BOARD
June 13, 2008

1. Attendance: Members: Barb Lynch, Tony Mielich, Tom Neff, Jim Styer, Steve Wagner, George Witmayer, Cindy Vanhise, Charles Loughery

Observers: Betty Ann Bleam, Brenda Moyer, Mr. & Mrs. Underkoffler, Robert Markus
BGM representative: Al Peterson

2. Agenda: The agenda was to review and understand the issues related to including the sewer grinder pump and related lines as part of the Salford Township owned and maintained equipment as opposed to the practice of having the residents own and maintain the sewer related lines from the main line. The current plan is for the line and grinder pump to be installed to within a short distance of each eligible property owner's house at the expense of the total sewer system. Each property owner would be responsible to connect to the grinder pump and pay for the electricity.

Al Peterson, representing BGM, the engineering firm contracted to design the sewer system in the village of Tylersport was invited to attend and presented an overview of the rationale related to the design the system.

He made the following comments:

- A. The current system was designed to operate effectively and efficiently as a pressurized system.
- B. The projected cost of this system is slightly less than a gravity flow system.
- C. The gravity flow system would have a higher capacity than the pressurized system.
- D. The gravity flow system could be augmented with pumping stations.
- E. The grinder pumps have a proven track record as mechanically reliable with minimal maintenance and/or repair.
- F. The current system was designed to adequately handle the current demand with minimal excess capacity.
- G. The current system was designed to inhibit development in the surrounding areas.
- H. All work done on the project would be at prevailing union labor rates.
- I. The rationale for township installation of the connecting line is to maintain consistency of work.

Several observers voiced concerns about connection issues. One observer, Robert Markus, raised strong concerns about the appropriateness of the pressurized system and ultimately the legality of creating this type of barriers to development. He also raised concerns about the partnership with WB Homes and their interest in pursuing the construction of the homes, as planned.

3. Next Meeting: Friday, June 27, 1:00 pm.