



**ACME TOWNSHIP
INFRASTRUCTURE CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Thursday, March 23, 2006, 3:30 p.m.
Acme Township Hall
6042 Acme Road, Williamsburg MI 49690**

Meeting called to Order at 3:40 p.m.

Members present: M. Lewis (Chair), T. Bergklint, S. Feringa, B. Henry
Members excused: B. Beall, P. Brink, L. LaSusa, J. Maitland, J. Stinson, H. VanSumeren
Staff present: S. Corpe, Township Manager
K. Zopf, Legal Counsel
N. Edwardson, Recording Secretary

A. Limited Public Comment: None offered

B. Approval of 08-03-05 Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes:
There was not a quorum present. Minutes to be approved at the next scheduled meeting

C. Discussion Items:

1. Proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendment #134 – Sewer District

Corpe said our current sewer district is short. The options are limited. If you are R2 or R3 you will hook up to the sewer. Change came about because of a map in our Master Plan that everyone erroneously took for our sewer district map. Corpe revised the sewer district map with feedback from landowners and a review of some additional materials that refine the boundaries relative to areas that are currently served by the sanitary sewer. There are maps of the existing sewer lines and pump stations within the township; and they show how the overall system is broken into “service districts” in terms of areas of land each portion of the system could serve. All plans for sewer extensions within the sewer district or connections shall be submitted to the township for review and approval prior to construction, and construction shall be at the cost of the landowner or developer.

Corpe made a reference to a memo dated 1997 from Sherrin Hood, along with a copy of the Sewer Shed Boundary Map. The memo and maps were developed by Hood in 1997 to address a desire to develop what has become Cranberry Woods, which could not be done because Section 6.11.1(o) required sewer service to divide the land and the existing sewer lines did not come anywhere near there, nor could they be brought there cost-effectively.

Corpe made reference to the revised sewer district map from 2/27/06 showing four different colors. Red; proposed sewer district, yellow; Steckley property requesting inclusion, blue; Beehler property requesting inclusion and green; County Planning recommends inclusion. Steven Fox, Attorney for Mr. Steckley, commented that he understood there was not a quorum present but said if you are in agreement that it is logical and rational to include the Steckley property.

Fox would appreciate some comments generated into today's minutes. Lewis uncomfortable with doing that as a individual but rather the comments should come from the committee as a whole.
We will table until the next meeting.

Discuss proposed regional water service study

Lewis commented that most of you are aware that the City has a treatment plant. The City is acting as the lead agency here for conducting a water system Master plan study. Lewis pointed to a map with a list of qualifications for the firms applying. He doesn't know how many firms have applied. The City is still reviewing applications. Garfield, Blair, East Bay and Acme townships have been potential partners in the study. Lewis has been advocating that we do this for some time. From the technical standpoint it is in everybody's favor to do this. Lewis would encourage this study. The cost to be worked out once a firm is selected. Henry asked if this would be in June and Lewis responded the first part of April. This committee will look into the financial part of this study. Feringa commented that water and sewage plans need to work together.

Discuss submission of a requested list of traffic monitoring locations to the Road Commission

Lewis and Kurtz have discussed often the road system in Acme. We do not have guidelines for private roads as the County does. This is a real need of the township. There are two classifications of roads: primary and local. Monies for road repairs come from Gas Taxes. This money is divided among the townships. Primary roads can receive up to 100% where the private roads only receive up to 50%. The difference then comes from other sources; township, special assessment districts or developers.

D. Public Comment/Other Business

Kurtz commented on Holidays Hill and the poor conditions of the roads. We need to continue to make this a priority. Kurtz suggested that we keep all members of this committee informed. Kurtz also commented that an increase in gas tax funding and special district assessments are the way to go.

Henry commented that there was only four members out of ten present today. Corpe responded that it was Spring break for the schools so several members were on vacation.

ADJOURNED AT 4:35 p.m.