



**ACME TOWNSHIP
INFRASTRUCTURE CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Thursday, April 27, 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), B. Beall, T. Bergklint, P. Brink, S. Feringa, B. Henry, J. Maitland
Members excused: L. LaSusa, J. Stinson, H. VanSumeren
Staff present: S. Corpe, Township Manager
N. Edwardson, Recording Secretary

Lewis passed out to all members present a notebook from the Grand Traverse County Board of Public Works. This notebook is green and is referred to as the "Green Book". Lewis commented that this is the guideline for the DPW and an excellent source of reference for this committee.

A. Limited Public Comment: None offered

B. Approval of 03/23/06 Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes:
MOTION BY HENRY, SECONDED BY MAITLAND TO APPROVE THE 03/23/06 MEETING MINUTES WITH ONE CORRECTION. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C. Discussion Items:
1. Definition of quorum necessary to conduct business:
Corpe commented that Hal VanSumeren has resigned from this committee and also she had been unable to get a hold of J. Stinson. Corpe thought he might be doing some schooling out of the area. We are now left with eight members. A quorum is a majority of those present, four members will need to be present to vote.

MOTION BY FERINGA, SECONDED BY MAITLAND, THAT FOUR MEMBERS MUST BE PRESENT TO VOTE. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

2. Proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendment #134 – Sewer District
Corpe showed a sewer map in the Master Plan of 1999. The solid black line is the official sewer lines. Corpe showed on the map the sewer district as proposed by the township in red, and the areas owned by those petitioning for inclusion in various other colors.

One request was received just before the meeting to include the parcel of land zoned B-3 and MH-1 in Bates on the south side of M-72 and owned by Generations Management in the district. Corpe expressed two concerns; the approval of Future Land Use map and also the “Domino effect”; which means if you allow one piece of property then you would have to allow another.

After much discussion about capacity and other issues of concern; the committee elected to accept the requests for inclusion into the proposed sewer district from Mr. Steckley and the Music House, as well as the areas on the west side of US 31 north of M-72 that were surrounded by the proposed district but not included, except for lands owned by the GT Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians, at the Tribe’s request. The advisory elected not to accept the requests from Mike Beehler, Lewis Griffith or Generations Management at this time. It will be appropriate to review the district once a future land use map is adopted, and a further review regarding the sanitary system sub-districts and their capacities to accept more flows occur.

The advisory requested addition of a paragraph to the section regarding alternative options to direct connection to the township sanitary system for landowners within the district. There had been two options previously; a third option allows for a connection sanitary system operated under permit from and according to standards and requirements of MDEQ and/or EPA-regulated that is not under township or county control.

Feringa raised the concern for the Tribe that as the ordinance is written they would be precluded from using their EPA-regulated sanitary system to serve properties they own within the township. Corpe commented that the ordinance was written so as not to be exclusive to the Tribal system and that the Board of Trustees retains discretion over the use of the option.

Beall asked if we are pro-active in selling bonds? Lewis said no plans to encourage at this time. Beall commented that he hopes we are not sitting here five years from now wishing we had done things differently. Maitland said it was up to residents or developers to get involved.

MOTION BY MAITLAND, SUPPORTED BY BEALL, TO RECOMMEND TO TOWNSHIP BOARD THE REQUESTS FOR INCLUSION INTO THE SEWER DISTRICT STECKLEY AND THE MUSIC HOUSE AS WELL AS THE AREAS ON THE WEST SIDE OF US 31 NORTH OF M-72. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Nels Veliquette comment about the impact of Costal Management on the septic area in Peaceful Valley, Yuba and Acme Creek. He believes we need to take a serious pro-active approach.

MOTION BY BRINK, SECONDED BY MAITLAND TO EXTEND TO SHORELINE PROPERTIES, LIMITS WILL BE REVIEWED AND BOUNDARIES REVISITED. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- 3. Admission of Blair Township into the DPW/transfer of treatment plant capacity
MOTION BY MAITLAND, SUPPORTED BY BEALL TO RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD THE ADMISSION OF BLAIR TOWNSHIP INTO THE DPW. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

ADJOURNED AT 5:00 p.m.