



**ACME TOWNSHIP  
INFRASTRUCTURE CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
Friday, December 14, 2007, 4:00 p.m.  
Acme Township Hall  
6042 Acme Road, Williamsburg MI 49690**

**Meeting called to Order at 4:05 p.m.**

**Members present:** M. Lewis (Chair), T. Bergklint, D. Dunnigan, S. Feringa, B. Henry, M. Krakow (joined at 5:00 pm), J. Maitland  
**Members excused:** P. Brink  
**Staff present:** Sharon Vreeland, Township Manager  
N. Edwardson, Recording Secretary

Lewis welcomed Doug Mansfield and Mike Slater of Mansfield & Associates to the meeting today.

**A. Limited Public Comment:**

Jim Goss, 4105 Bay Valley Dr, asked if public comments could be made at any time during the meeting. Lewis responded that public comments are always welcomed.

**B. Approval of 9/18/07 Advisory Committee meeting minutes**

**MOTION BY DUNNIGAN, SECONDED BY MAITLAND, TO APPROVE THE 09-18-07 MINUTES WITH CORRECTIONS. MOTION CARRIED WITH FERINGA ABSTAINING.**

**C. Discussion Items:**

**1. Discuss Revised Draft of Private Road Ordinance**

Lewis handed out a amended draft copy of Acme Township Private Road Ordinance to committee members. Committee members went through the entire document in detail, offering comments and suggestions for revision. Additional changes that were discussed in meeting today will be made, attorney will review, and then to the Board for approval.

Goss, handed out materials on SmartCode.

**2. Discuss M-72 Potential Sewer District expansion**

Currently the township sewer service district, as amended in 2005, expands as far east along M-72 as the eastern edge of the Meijer-owned parcels just east of Lautner Road. Vreeland felt the advisory should be ready to provide input and support to their deliberations and eventual recommendation to the Board of Trustees on whether or not the district should be expanded.

The advisory noted that this is a complex issue based on many factors, including but not limited to: Lift Station #6 capacity needing to be expanded in the future to serve the existing district, regardless of whether or not the district is expanded; impacts of potential inclusion of the entire area between the Meijer property and Bates Road in the district to reach the subject parcel; the allocation of system expansion and upgrade costs between the public and the development interest making the request; whether or not a district expansion is cost-effective (whether it cost more to the public than could be justified by connection and usage revenues); how much capacity we have allocated to us and available in the East Bay Township pipes our flows use to reach the treatment plant; and the potential level of implied obligation by the township to first serve properties already in the district (perhaps even reserving capacity for them to develop later, which would require more immediate lift station capacity upgrades to serve newcomers to the district).

Lewis also stated an impression that there could be room for discussion about how remaining capacity is calculated. All of the calculations are done based on “residential equivalent units” – the amount of flow theoretically generated by a single family residence. Lewis believes that the REU figure used by the DEQ in their permitting and evaluation processes is higher than actual average residential flows in our area. He suggested that we talk to the DEQ about a potential change in the formula; it might be a “longshot” but if successful would yield more capacity available before upgrades had to be made. Research is also needed into how Lift Station #6 was paid for, as this may impact the answer to the question of our level of current obligation to vacant properties within the service district.

The advisory’s consensus was that they did not oppose expanding the sewer district but felt that more information, such as financial, is needed before they can provide a detailed report or recommendation to the Planning Commission and Board of Trustees.

**ADJOURNED AT 6:00 p.m.**