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SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

December 2, 2015

1550 Sheridan Drive, Suite 100

Lancaster, Ohio 43130

7:00 P.M.

President Dave Petty called the Board of Health meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Roll call was taken:

Roll Call: Tina Childers – Present
Charlie Engen – Present
Dr. Darryl Koop – Absent
David Petty – Present
Jim Massey - Present

A quorum was established. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Staff Present: Larry Hanna, Administrator; Kathie Whitlock, Administrative Assistant, Sheri Johnson, Clerical Specialist; Kelly Spindler, Environmental Director

Others Present – Paul Kemmer; Robert Kalish, Mayor of Baltimore; Scott Brown, Village of Baltimore; James and Tina Jasper; Shelley Seifert; Roger Woods, Marie Coulter; Ron Coulter; Don Morrison, Village of Baltimore; William VanAlmsick; Naomi Morehart; Larry Witherspoon,; Bev Kenny, Steve Kenny, Marilyn Waits, Gina Krasner, Gwen Worley

Opening Comments

Dave Petty, Board of Health President, stated that the meeting is solely for a public hearing for the residents of Baltimore regarding the sewer line out of Baltimore on Route 256 which residents will be required to hook into.

Don Morison, Engineer, explained the project. A sanitary sewer system was installed on Route 37 and 256. The line came from the Village of Baltimore. The line was extended along Walnut/Liberty line. Residents along the east and west side of the line are being asked to tie in. There are 14 homeowners affected. Mr. Morrison gave the cost to connect. The residents on the west of township line will be tied into a gravity system and the cost to tie in is approximately \$3,850.00. Residents on the east side of the township line will be tied in to a grinder pump system and the cost to tie in is approximately \$8,900.00.

Scott Brown, Village of Baltimore, stated that these costs cover the nuts and bolts of the project. The costs include demolition of their existing systems and the restoration of the property. Mr. Brown gave a detailed explanation of the breakdown of the costs. The financial offer expires in November, 2016.

Mr. Petty discussed the Ohio Revised Code and the requirement that homes within 200 feet of a sanitary sewer line must tie in regardless of whether their system has failed or not. Mr. Petty stated that the meeting is to discuss when and how the homeowners will tie in. The soonest the Village of Baltimore is ready to have homeowners tie in to the system is January, 2016.

PUBLIC HEARING

Residents were given the opportunity to make comments and ask questions. One homeowner, Naomi Morehart installed a septic system on her property two years ago. Prior to installing the septic system she contacted the Village of Baltimore, Administrator, Scott Brown and inquired if she could hook in to the sanitary sewer line, Mr. Brown stated he didn't know if it was available. Mr. Brown did not call her back until her replacement septic system was being installed, Mr. Brown told her it would cost \$10,000 to connect.

It was asked why the line was put in. It was explained that the line was installed on Route 37 and 256 because the Fast Max business's septic system had failed and the soils wouldn't allow for a replacement system to be installed. The health department required the owner of Fast Max to reduce its water usage by shutting down the public restroom. The Village then installed a sanitary sewer line out to Fast Max. The village paid to run the line to Fast Max.

Another resident had received a letter from the Village of Baltimore in 2012 which stated that they would not have tie in to the system. He then received another letter recently and stated that he now has to tie in. They felt that they should be grandfathered in and any new owners should be forced to tie in.

Questions ensued regarding water and whether the residents would be forced to tie into the Village of Baltimore water system too. The answer was yes but there would be no cost to tie in. Questions were asked regarding annexation and if they would be forced to annex. Several comments were made regarding annexation. Residents were against it. Residents were informed that this meeting was not about annexation. Residents were told they could attend the Village Service Committee meeting on December 21st at 6:30 to discuss that issue. Village Council meetings are the 2nd and 4th of each month.

Questions were asked regarding the point where the 200 feet requirement to tie in to a sanitary sewer system is measured from. Mrs. Spindler, Environmental Director read the regulations and stated that it is from the foundation of the home to the easement in which the utility is located.

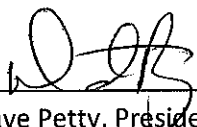
Monthly fees were discussed. Cost for sewage per month is \$49.80; cost for water per month is \$25.71. That is the minimum costs. Hooking in to the water is not an option. Residents were not in favor of being asked to tie in to the sanitary sewer system. They don't want water or sewer on their properties.

Bob Kalish, Mayor of Baltimore, stated that the financial offer is contingent on recommendation by the health department and then Village Council could discuss and amend the ordinance to meet the health department stipulations.

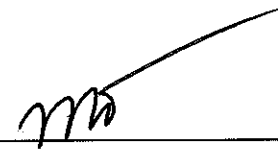
BOARD OF HEALTH DISCUSSION

Mr. Petty asked if the Board Members had any comments. Board members were not prepared to vote at this time. Mr. Petty stated that the board will discuss this and possible options for this situation, at the board meeting.

Adjournment – There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m. on **motion by Jim Massey and seconded by Tina Childers**. Mr. Petty stated that the board will discuss this issue. No action will be taken until the February meeting. Homeowners will be notified by mail so they can attend the meeting, if they so choose. **The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.**



Dave Petty, President
Fairfield Department of Health



Mark Aebi, M.D., Secretary
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