

MINUTES OF SEWER FEASIBILITY COMMITTEE

January 10, 2018

The Ad Hoc Sewer Feasibility Committee met on Wednesday, January 10, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. in the Terrace Park Community Building. Committee Chair, Mayor Tom Tepe led the meeting. Councilmembers in attendance: John Gaskey, Lauren Ingebritson, Judith Lehman, Pax Lindell, and Regina Sharp. In addition, committee members Joe Alter, Amy Roe, David Center, Marc Michaelson and Jane Yancey attended. Village Administrator/Chief of Police Gerald Hayhow also attended.

Mayor Tepe started with a recap of where we left off at the last meeting on October 11, 2017. At that meeting we had several Hamilton County Officials. As we explored the size and magnitude of this project, County Officials said, we need to go back and think about how this might be handled and what the legalities are. County Officials requested to meet with a small group from the committee this afternoon. The Mayor stressed that this was an informational meeting and no decisions whatsoever were made. From Terrace Park: Mayor Tepe, Councilmembers Sharp and Lindell and Village Administrator Hayhow attended. From Hamilton County: Greg Kesterman, Assistant Health Commissioner; Tim Ingram, Health Commissioner; Charlie Annis, Prosecuting Attorney (represents MSD); and Dave Meyer who is in charge of utilities in Hamilton County attended. They told us that they have spoken to the County Commissioners and the County Administrator and they are committed to spending their County resources. They have instructed Commissioner Checco from MSD to put out a request for proposal for an independent engineering firm to figure out what it will cost to get the pipe(s) to Terrace Park. They have a good idea of what it will cost once the pipe gets to Terrace Park. They are going to put together information and figures for where the pipe would come from and what it will cost. This will take 6 – 9 months to look at and figure out. There is no cost to the village for them to investigate. If it's not feasible they will tell us. They are spending the money, so we are hopeful that that means they think it's possible.

While we don't bring infrastructure, we could create a launching pad for them to go out from here. Members who went to the meeting feel confident that they want us. They said getting the pipe to Terrace Park is the big hurdle. Once here, they've been doing this for years and have encountered most situations, including things like trees. The issue is where is it coming from and where is it going to.

Members present stressed to them again and again that we have people who want to invest in their homes, how we can help them? They basically said until you have a plan our hands are tied. The biggest first step would be for us to become part of the MSD. There are no actions we can take until they do their study and come back with findings. At that point there are a number of steps for us to take. We will need to pass a resolution to become part of MSD and then they need some type of commitment. 51% of people need to be in favor. This committee will need to educate residents and then do a straw poll. If we find a majority in favor, MSD will do a mailing or door to door ballot for official commitment.

We'll know more in 6 – 9 months. The current program dollars per household and discounts could change. Until further notice, the Sewer Feasibility Committee is on hiatus. When we have further information, we will send out a notice for a meeting.