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Special Meeting Minutes
March 5th, 2020 8:00 am
West Lakeland Township Office

In Attendance: Supervisor Marian Appelt, Supervisor Dave Schultz, Chairman Dan Kylo, Township Engineer Ryan Stempski, Deputy Clerk Jennifer Samec

1. Reviewed minutes from Cottage Grove special meeting on 2/27/20. Supervisor Schultz motioned to approve; Chairman Kylo seconded. Motion carried.
2. Purpose of meeting was to review Township Engineer Stempski's draft comments regarding the 3M PFAS Settlement "Conceptual Drinking Water Supply Plan" for West Lakeland. Mr. Stempski suggested that the 2040 Comp Plan be reviewed for population projections to determine whether any proposed water supply system may need to be altered to meet future township needs. Large quantities of PFAS contaminated ground water utilized by Tiller, Bryan Rock and Aggregate gravel pits for aggregate washing and its potential negative effects on surface water was also discussed and considered. Prairie Island Indian Community (PIIC) land was considered as a possible partner in providing clean water from its property within the township. Community specific water supply scenarios for specific neighborhoods in the PFAS affected areas were also considered. It was noted that West Lakeland has an unusually large density of wells affected compared to other municipalities included in the 3M PFAS settlement.
3. A large number of the projected 900+ homes within the PFAS plume have been outfitted with a Point of Entry Treatment (POET) system, also known as GAC filters, these systems would have to be managed into perpetuity. The township neither has the desire, nor resources, to manage this large number of individual systems. West Lakeland's best long-term alternative would be to pursue a community water supply system. It would be easier to manage one central water supply system rather than 900 individual systems if another contaminate was found in the ground water. A shared water supply system with Lakeland or Woodbury was considered, but not preferred, and Lake Elmo's water supply system is already near or over capacity.
4. Comments to be submitted for consideration to MPCA on our community-specific proposal:
 - West Lakeland would be asking for 100% road replacement costs. Our community is 50% urban and 50% rural roads.
 - Plastic water main would be an acceptable alternative.
 - West Lakeland would be willing to exempt 20% of the easement costs.
 - Contingency costs provision added for potential future rock excavation.
 - West Lakeland would be willing to eliminate extension of water system east of Stagecoach Trail and along 94 with the exception of the Summerfield neighborhood.

- West Lakeland would be willing to explore partnership with PIIC for water supply systems.
 - West Lakeland wants to consider the possibility of including TCE affected residents in this plan.
 - West Lakeland requests a cost analysis of municipal vs rural system to our community.
 - West Lakeland would like the option of keeping wells open for irrigation purposes only if the science supports it.
 - For those residents who choose not to hook up to the community water supply, the costs associated to continue on the GAC system would fall upon those residents and any related costs to hook up in the future should they change their mind.
5. Comments to be submitted to MPCA on various other scenarios:
- West Lakeland does not support regional solutions due to the obstacles of cost, unknown contaminants, and time to deliver.
 - West Lakeland does not support POET systems as they would be a management challenge due to the large percentage of residents affected and limited staffing. Also creates questions about additional future costs with well replacement, etc.
6. Moved to adjourn by Chairman Kylo at 10:05 am; seconded by Supervisor Appelt, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Samec". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J".

Jennifer Samec, Deputy Clerk