Proceedings of a work session of the Town Board of the Town of Pamelia held on Wednesday, February 28, 2024 at the Municipal Building, Route 37; Supervisor Scott Allen called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Other members present were Council members Lisa Brenon, Ricky VanTassel, and Samantha Eves. Engineers John Condino, Dustin Clark and Taylor Jennings, Ken Lowe, Quality Control Specialist on the current Water Project, Brian Nutting, Director of Water/Sewer Division at DANC, Highway Superintendent Bruce Call, and Supervisor's Clerk Annie Snyder were also present.

Sewer

Supervisor Scott Allen reported that money is running out with the Fund Balance diminishing.

He stated that previous contractors have changed the type of pumps being used in the Pump Stations. He explained the E1 pumps and Franklin pumps. He stated that some parts of the E1 pumps are being replaced with Franklin parts. Many have been repaired, but pumps are going on 20 - 25 years old. Scott stated that there are 55 or 57 grinder pumps in houses and small businesses. Also, he reported that generators are also aging. A discussion followed.

Engineer John Condino stated that the current system is in dire need of rebuilding. A scaled back Project just to do repairs does not score well enough to get any funding.

John suggests putting together a larger Project to take care the of current system and future needs. A discussion followed about having repair reserves, which is built in to a Project.

Council member Ricky VanTassel asked how there is accountability with the Town Operators of the Water/Sewer systems with a new Project. Scott Allen stated that the Town gets monthly reports from DANC. Engineer Taylor Jennings stated that there is also a contract with the Development Authority.

Supervisor Scott Allen reviewed the sewer districts in the Town.

John Condino reviewed how the Rt 3 Sewer Board was started and how it has been operated through the years.

Engineer Dustin Clark reviewed how the previous Water Project was started, and where the Town would have to begin to form a new Sewer Project.

Dustin stated that there is a base to work off of from the previous proposed Project. There is a SEQRE Environmental Review that didn't expire. There was engineering background work on the expanded Project and can be reused, but will need to be refreshed and updated. A new Engineering Report would have to be approved by the Board and submitted by June 14th.

He stated that after that, there would have to be a District Formation, Bond Resolution and Board actions that would take three to four months.

B&L would be seeking to get a 50% Grant and 0% interest loan. The balance would be due by users. He stated that there is Sewer money available.

Dustin and Taylor outlined a projected Sewer Project to include over 200 new users with an approximate cost of $1,050 - $1,350 per year per user.

After discussions, the Board agreed that a Sewer Project is necessary and discussed the sustainability of a Project.

Adjournment

The Work Session adjourned at 8:50 pm on a motion made by Samantha Eves and seconded by Lisa Brenon. All voted aye; carried.

Gwen Call

Town Clerk

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