

SPECIAL MEETING – APRIL 16, 2014

On Wednesday, April 16, 2014, the Town Board of the Town of Raymond, held a Special Meeting. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM. Roll call was taken as follows: Present were, Chairman Gary Kastenson; Supervisors, Wayne Loppnow, Paul Ryan, Dave Lecus and Tim Geszvain. Also present were, Town Clerk, Linda M. Terry and Town Engineer Chris Stamborski, from RA Smith.

The purpose of this meeting was for the following:

1. Meeting with Representatives from the Village of Caledonia to discuss development along the Town/Village Border, items for possible future cooperation and other items of mutual concern.

At this time, Representatives from the Village of Caledonia introduced themselves: Bob Bradley, Village President; Howard Stacy, Utility District Committee President; Tom Ludwig, Village Engineer, and Mark Janiuk, Village Administrator.

Bob Bradley would like to know what Raymond's thoughts are regarding helping to fund over-sizing the sewer pipe in Caledonia.

Tom Ludwig stated that the Village needs to submit a report to SEWRPC, and need to know what Raymond's intentions are. Mr. Ludwig showed a power-point presentation regarding the various routes that the sewer can take. The current route is along the interstate. He showed the 20 year and the 40 year scenario.

Alternate #1 would cost approximately 13.8 million dollars.

Alternate 2A would cost approximately 21 million dollars.

Alternate 2B would cost approximately 13.6 million dollars – this route would be down Highway "V", (instead of along the interstate), and uses a lift station on Golf Road. Raymond would pump in at Highway "K".

Supervisor Ryan asked what's the difference (other than the price), in the three designs?

Mr. Ludwig stated that Highway "V" is more beneficial to Caledonia. It really wouldn't matter for Raymond. The Racine water connection for Caledonia, is along Highway "V" – it would make sense to put sewer on one side and water on the other.

Bob Bradley also noted that the Department of Transportation would frown on ripping up the newly done frontage road, for sewer pipes.

Chairman Kastenson stated that either way it goes, the Town will still need to purchase "capacity" from Mount Pleasant.

Chairman Kastenson also asked – of the 13.6 million – how much of that is Raymond's portion?

He was informed it would be about 4 million dollars.

Mr. Janiuk stated that Raymond would still need to purchase capacity from Mount Pleasant. In order for Caledonia to hook up to Mt. Pleasant, it cost the Village five million dollars.

Chairman Kastenson said so in other words, four million is just to over-size the pipe – it doesn't include bringing it under the interstate; nor does it include buying the capacity from Mount Pleasant.

Mr. Janiuk stated that Raymond would also need to set up a Utility District.

Mr. Stamborski asked if the four million would be payable up front, or is it a "pay as you construct" thing.

Mr. Bradley said that would be negotiable. He also stated that if Raymond chooses not to go along with Caledonia now, Raymond would need to pay for the piping by themselves at a later date.

Supervisor Ryan asked if the Town of Raymond is tied into working with Caledonia – could we go to MMSD (Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewer Dept.)?

Mr. Foth stated that when they (Caledonia) submit the facility plan to SEWRPC, they will need to know what Raymond is going to be doing.

Mr. Bradley stated that if the property on 7-Mile Road ever develops it would probably be better for that to go to MMSD.

Mr. Janiuk stated that before Caledonia puts any pipe in the ground, they need a contractual commitment from Raymond.

Supervisor Ryan asked when they would need a commitment from Raymond?

He was told "Very soon".

Chairman Kastenson states that he feels it is too much of a cost for Raymond. After we pay 4 million dollars to Caledonia, we still need to pay Mt. Pleasant for capacity, and, we still won't be able to use the sewer because we'll also need to pay to install the pipe under the Interstate and in the Town as well.

Supervisor Ryan stated that the Raymond Board needs to speak to our Engineering firm to find out what the Town's different options are.

Chairman Kastenson asked Caledonia what their costs for water would be?

Mr. Janiuk stated that, according to the agreement that Caledonia has with Racine, Caledonia cannot supply water to Raymond.

Mr. Stamborski asked if we could be provided with a rough estimate on the water cost?

Mr. Bradley said that it would probably cost Raymond a couple million dollars.

Mr. Janiuk stated that the residents would get billed from Racine Water Utility. The Town would need to talk to Mr. Haas from Racine.

Mr. Bradley said that Caledonia needs to know if Raymond wants to join with them or not.

Supervisor Ryan asked if there is an option for Caledonia to "maintain" the sewer system, if Raymond were to join?

Mr. Bradley said that could be negotiated.

Caledonia will need an answer within the next two months.

Chairman Kastenson asked if we talked to MMSD, if they would like to go with to the meeting?

Mr. Bradley said they would not – they (Caledonia) just want to know the Town's vision for 7-Mile Road.

Mr. Art Binhack – a Raymond resident, asked if Caledonia has had a business ask about sewer expansion – is that what is pushing this matter?

Mr. Bradley stated that yes, Caledonia has had some inquiries.

Chairman Kastenson stated that if Raymond were to go along with this; and pay the money for the over-sized pipes, etc., Caledonia could still deny a business on the Raymond.

Mr. Janiuk stated that Chairman Kastenson should read the boundary agreement – some of the agreement “disappears” if the Town gets sewer.

Supervisor Lecus stated that no matter what happens – Caledonia, as a board, still has not approved this.

Mr. Binhack asked if the Village has looked into a TID for paying for the sewer?

Mr. Janiuk stated that they have.

Chairman Kastenson asked if Mt. Pleasant has sewer out to the interstate?

Mr. Janiuk stated that they do.

Mr. Bradley stated that Racine is looking for water customers.

Mr. Binhack asked if the Town of Raymond were to work with Caledonia regarding the oversized sewer pipes, would the Town be willing to negotiate regarding development along the interstate?

Mr. Janiuk again stated that some of the boundary agreement would go away.

Supervisor Ryan suggested a meeting being set up for the Board to talk to the Town Engineer.

At 8:45 PM, the meeting was ADJOURNED ON A LECUS/RYAN MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

**Linda M. Terry
Town Clerk
Town of Raymond**