

**TYRONE TOWNSHIP
BOARD WORKSHOP
APPROVED MINUTES – JULY 25, 2017**

CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor Cunningham called the workshop to order on July 25, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Present: Supervisor Mike Cunningham, Clerk Marcella Husted, Treasurer Marna Bunting-Smith, Trustees Al Pool, Soren Pedersen, Chuck Schultz and David Walker (arrived at 6:12 p.m.).

Discussion regarding the following topics:

Future 2018 sewer connections - 6:00 p.m

Bob West, Hartland Township's Director of Public Works, attended the workshop to share how his township handled their mandatory sewer connections:

- Three options were offered to Hartland Township residents required to connect to the sewer:
 - 1.) A turnkey option to be assessed over 20 years. The township hired a contractor to perform the work required for sewer connection from start to finish. This option also kept the cost down since the contractor could do several connections on the same street, etc. Approximately 70% of the residents accepted this option.
 - 2.) The option of allowing residents to contract the work to connect themselves. About 10-12% of the residents chose this option.
 - 3.) The option of allowing residents to keep their engineered septic systems and not connect, but to be charged a fixed O & M rate.
- Informational meetings were held and they emphasized the township could rightly enforce those residents required to connect to do so and explained why. He felt the meetings were very important and seemed to make people understand.
- Every property owner had a different assessment amount based on estimated costs for each individual parcel.
- Photos were taken of the properties pre-work so that properties could be restored as closely to original as possible.
- Emphasized a contractor that is willing to work with the Livingston County Drain Commissioner is helpful.
- Used change orders when needed and had property owners sign them to ascertain awareness.

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John Harris, Tyrone Township's Attorney, said a policy could be made to connect at any time as long as the property owner was billed within the time the bond expires.

Proposed Orchard Parkway Drain - 6:30 p.m.

Ken Recker, Livingston County Chief Deputy Drain Commissioner, attended the workshop to explain and answer questions regarding the Orchard Parkway proposed intercounty drain. Mr. Recker summarized the problem: land developers in Fenton Township had originally figured approximately 50 acres flowed into the area's retention pond. In reality, about 200 acres flow into the pond and causes flooding to several homes in Tyrone Township. An intercounty Drainage Board was established to determine the course of action. The Drainage Board is chaired by the Dept. of Agriculture and has representatives from Livingston County and Genesee County. This Drainage Board determines the necessity of a drain.

According to the Drain Code, either township could start proceedings to impose a special assessment district within both counties. Alternately, a circulated petition among property owners can start the process to establish a special assessment district. A property owner circulated a petition and received 24 signatures; thirty six signatures were needed.

Mr. Recker said another possibility was to shorten the drain so it resides only within Tyrone Township, but it is not yet determined if this a feasible fix. If the drain is within Tyrone Township, only 17 signatures would be needed to start a special assessment district.

Mr. Recker estimated that 60-66% of the properties are in Fenton Township and 30-38% within Tyrone Township.

ADJOURNMENT

The workshop adjourned at 7:00 p.m.