

VILLAGE OF TANNERSVILLE
WORKSHOP
Thursday, May 6th, 2004.

The Village of Tannersville Board of Trustees held a workshop in conjunction with the Town of Hunter Board on Thursday, May 6th, 2004 at 6:00 pm in the Village Hall.

Present: Glenn Weyant, Mayor
Paul Morra, Trustee
Robin L. Castle, Clerk
Tal Rappleyea, ESQ., Village Attorney

Also Present: From the Town of Hunter: Dennis Lucas, Supervisor, Paul Dibbell, Councilman, Raymond Legg, Councilman, Dolph Semenza, Councilman, Mark Hyer, Planning Board Chairman, and Larry Gardner, Town Attorney. On Behalf of Catskill Development LLC: Jeff Baker, Attorney, Jeff Prince, Boris Abromovich, Paulette Barlette & Jeff Budrow from J. Kenneth Fraser & Associates, and Elliot Fishman from Santos & Associates. Also in Attendance: Fred (Skeeter) Haines, Ella and Pete Manfredi, Nathan Hommel, and Ron Sheppard from the NYS DOH.

The Mayor opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Mayor began by giving a brief overview of the proposed projects for the water systems in the Village. He stated that we are aggressively addressing the shortfalls in the Village.

He highlighted the following:

1. A proposed well at Clum Hill Road to be drilled by the developer, Catskill Development Inc.
2. A proposed well at the Village Tank Site which would have a pumping system and disinfection facilities. This proposal was included in a Financial Assistance to Business Grant (FAB) that the Village submitted this winter.
3. Proposed reactivation of the 1978 constructed Sun View Steel Water Storage Tank which is currently not in use. It can hold up to 250,000 gallons of water.
4. Replacing the water mains on Spring Street, Fromer Street, Van Drive, and others to be determined as needed. This issue was addressed in a to the Governors Office for Small Cities in an application for the Community Development Block Grant submitted this spring.
5. Conduction of a Village Wide Leakage Study.
6. Rehabilitate Dibbles Dam and Pump Station on the Schoharie Creek. It was constructed in 1930 and the drainage area is approximately 9946 acres. This can be addressed in the NYS DEC Dam Safety Grant work.
7. Rehabilitate the spillway at Reservoir Number 3. This reservoir covers a drainage area of 300 acres and can hold 8 million gallons. At this present time it is over flowing. This can also be addressed with the NYSDEC Dam Safety Grant work.

8. Enlarge Reservoir Number 3.
9. Increase the chlorination contact time at the Rip Van Winkle Lake Well house. This is a back up water supply that was constructed in 1980.
10. Replacement of aging water mains Village wide. Some contain Iron.
11. Equipment upgrades at the Village Water Treatment Plant. Currently there is a 170,000 gallon water storage tank. Would like a pressure reducing station and chlorination facility.

On the above highlights discussions took place.

Supervisor Lucas stated that in a recent letter from the DOH to the Village, it addressed deficiencies in the Village water system. He asked if the two wells on the eastern end of the Village would have much problem solving.

Mayor Weyant replied that there is only information on the current well. It pumps 80,000 gallons of water per day. The proposed well is a test well. This will be directed to the DOH as they are the governing authority.

Ron Sheppard from the NYS DOH stated that when the aquifer study is done, it will include the neighboring wells and the impact on those wells. If the test well has a significant impact on those neighboring wells, then the test well site will be eliminated as a possibility.

Supervisor Lucas addressed the concern of when the test drill would be drilled and if a survey on the impact will be done. Jeff Prince replied that Titan proposed to drill the test well within the next week. Fraser Engineering is picking the sites and doing the studies including the impact.

Supervisor Lucas asked the Mayor if the Town of Hunter could be copied on all correspondence regarding this project and the Mayor said it would be done.

Fred Haines stated that Reservoir Number 2 has a hole in it. Also a small piece of land between Reservoirs 1 & 2 is located in Onteora Park. He also brought up the concern that he knows of 2 wells that are down. 1 is down 365 feet producing 3 gal/min, and the other is down 350 feet producing 2 gal/min.

The Mayor replied that this was the purpose of the aquifer study and that he was notified that Reservoir number 2 is overflowing.

Fred Haines continued stating that back when he was mayor there was a problem up at the water plant and Villa Vosilla was getting too much chlorine. The tank up by Sunview was to support the upper end residents. He also suggested that the Village not consider any agreements and he is not trying to stop development. Currently there is plenty of water but he has seen droughts and reservoir number 3 dry.

Supervisor Lucas asked if the testing was made possible by the project itself financially. The Mayor replied that yes the developer was taking care of the costs and a proposed escrow agreement is in the process of being taken care of for the expenses the Village has incurred.

Supervisor Lucas addressed the issue of how much water is dependant on meeting the deficiencies and the testing being successful. The Mayor referred this question to Mr. Fishman of Santos & Associates.

Supervisor Lucas then asked if any surplus of the needed water for the condo project will be supplied to the Village Water system. The Mayor replied yes and if a chlorination station could be set up by the well. The Mayor also stated that if the land is annexed into the Village, the units will have cheaper water rent.

Supervisor Lucas asked if there are options for the water. The Mayor stated that the options were those that were discussed and are on the yellow handout provided at the beginning of the meeting. If 75% of those proposed water projects are completed, the Village will be in good shape.

Councilman Semenza asked if the units will be feeding at the same aquifer as the Clum Hill Residents. Ron Sheppard replied that most likely it will be the same aquifer and may or may not have an impact on those residents.

Councilman Dibble brought up the issue of a draw down test on the test well. Jeff Prince replied that that test will be done, and they don't expect any impact due to the fact it is a high yield area.

Supervisor Lucas asked if there were certain protocols pertaining to this project. Jeff Baker, the attorney for Catskill Development LLC, stated that the yield expected for the development will be part of the Environmental Impact Study and will be scoping in specific protocols.

Supervisor Lucas asked if the Village Board was reviewing the project. The Mayor replied that the Village Board will begin SEQRA when agreements from the contractor come through (escrow agreement and MOU).

Attorney Baker stated that the Lead Agency letters for the SEQRA review should go out and the Village shouldn't let the fee get in the way.

Mark Heyer, Town of Hunter Planning Board Chair, stated that the scoping should be done first.

Supervisor Lucas asked if scoping would involve noticing the public.

Attorney Baker stated that the draft scope would be noticed for comments.

The Mayor then opened the discussion for upsides and downsides from the Town of Hunter Board and the audience.

Mrs. Manfredi asked who would be taking care of the roads and how would they benefit from annexing into the Village.

The Mayor replied that this project would be a gated community. They would have the responsibility of taking care of their own roads. They would get Village Water and Garbage Pick up. The Mayor stated that he asked the Fire Department to start attending these meetings to address safety concerns.

The question was also raised about the intersection of NYS Route 23A and Clum Hill Road. Jeff Prince stated that on March 5th, and March 17th, there were new traffic studies conducted. The Mayor stated that that intersection is being discussed with the Town of Hunter and Robert Winans from the Department of Transportation.

Fred Haines then asked the developers why annex into the Village. Attorney Baker replied that they will be provided sewer, water, be in the NYC watershed. Trustee Morra added that they will receive garbage pick up.

Fred Haines asked if they will be addressing storm water run off. Attorney Baker stated that the DEP and DEC will be conducting the storm water study.

Supervisor Lucas was referencing the Chapter 16 Annexation supplement from the NYCOM manual, and the Mayor stated that according to NYCOM the Village doesn't need to go through this process to annex vacant land.

Supervisor Lucas made a motion to make Mayor Weyant the chairman of this work shop. Councilman Dibbell seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Councilman Dibbell asked if the well laws established and did not impact others, will there be chlorination. Ron Sheppard replied that yes there will be chlorination and the Department of Health is looking for the Village to have an up to date water system whether the project goes forward or not.

Just to familiarize everyone with the Developer of this project the Mayor introduced Boris Abromovich of Catskill Development LLC.

Nathan Hommel addressed the issue of the development being allowed to connect to the sewer system. Attorney Baker stated that they are going forward hoping on the possibility to connect to the Village Sewer System

Village Attorney Tal Rappleyea stated that there are a set of specific guidelines to go by.


Mrs. Manfredi asked how many more hookups will be allowed if the 144 units are approved. Attorney Baker addressed this issue stating that it will be addressed in the Environmental Impact Study.

Mrs. Manfredi then asked if all of the units do not develop and therefore do not need the sewer hooks do they have to in essence give them back. Attorney Baker stated that there may be sunset provisions put in place. There is always the possibility of the development having their own waste water treatment facility.

Attorney Baker asked if the Village would be sending the Lead Agency letters out.

Attorney Rappleyea and the Mayor agreed that the letters would be sent out to all involved agencies.

Being there was no more questions, the Mayor made a motion to close the work shop. Trustee Morra seconded. All in favor, motion carried.



Glenn Weyant, Mayor



Paul Morra, Trustee

Edward Legg, Trustee Absent.