

Redman Road Water District  
Informational Meeting  
July 19, 2017

Present: Councilperson Jason Baxter and Supervisor Eric Peters.

Also present: Highway Superintendent Steve Baase, Deputy Town Clerk Michelle Johnson, Town Engineer JP Schrep and Town Board Lawyer Ken Licht.

Residents: Jeanne Brightly, Carol, Art and Robert McFarlane, V. Sciortino, Cliff and Margie Burch, Betsy and Dean Brightly, Richard Renz, Joe Heberle, Paua Reis, Ken and Nancy Frearson, Steve Partyka, Jeff Ackles, Dave Leverenz, Bryan Loomis, Doretta Arva, Kristin Kowalski, Scott Martin, David Beehler, John Maher, Mark Vanderkarr, Robert Huffer and Blossom Mundt.

Supervisor Peters opened the meeting up and asked JP to explain the costs involved with getting the water district set up.

JP indicated that there are two options that can be done for this water line that will cover 8,000 feet.

The first option is with utilizing ductile iron pipe which is the approve material by the Monroe County Water Authority and they would then operate and maintain it. This options pricing will include protection of traffic, rock removal, boar the road, installing 24 service taps, 14 hydrants, gate valves and restoring driveway and lawns. Total Construction Costs is \$376,091.00 plus 5% contingency of \$18,804.55 plus Legal and administration of \$11,282.73 plus Engineering of \$37,609.10 for a total project cost of \$443,787.38. This will be approximately \$1017 per year as a line item on your tax bill. Water will cost approximately \$254.00 a year depending on useage for an annual amount of approximately \$1272.00.

The second option is with PVC which if anything had to be fixed on the PVC since it is not what Monroe County recommends to use the District would be responsible for the cost of repair. It is less expensive but more bedding would be required and tapping procedures would be different. It would reduce the Project cost to \$348,732.00 which would be an overall annual cost of approximately \$1053.00.

If they chose to go forward they will try to work under the estimated costs and the fact that we would be using the Hamlin Highway Department to do the work rather than a contractor that is saving 10 – 15% in cost.

This water district would also have to be approved by the Comptroller to make sure that it is not above the running average. If it is above that, there will be more formal applications and they would determine if they would allow it based on the cost. If they feel it is too much to put on an individual they may not allow it to be approved.

Supervisor Peters works for the Monroe County Water Authority and in his years of experience there has been no issues with using PVC so he does not feel it is a problem to use that option. The other items would be under Monroe County Water Authority spec and would be covered. The pricing is very close to the threshold with the Comptroller, so that may not be a huge issue. He would like to gage the

interest of the people wanting to do this district. There are some good points to have Public Water – it is the cheapest utility you can get, it is health tested, and it helps with fire protection and could possibly decrease insurance costs if other factors are met under the ISO requirements.

Questions from the Public:

Are these the only 26 houses without water in the town of Hamlin.

Not in Hamlin but in this area, yes, there are water lines before and after this area.

Why was it stopped getting to this area years ago when they brought it down to the area before this.

The Controller at the time said it was more debt than they should incur and at that time there may have not been the majority of people wanting it on the petitions so it may not have been passed at that time.

Every house and lot is considered a unit. Each unit will be splitting the costs. With more units involved the lower the cost would be. This includes the taps at each property and if you are not going to tap in now, you should pay the couple hundred dollars to get the tap now because if you decide to tap in at a later date and would need a tap installed it will cost on the average of \$2,000 instead of only a couple hundred, so this is the best time to at least get the tap even if you decide not to join in when the line comes through. You can even do your own digging to save costs if you would like.

Can people keep the well and the public water.

You can, however, you will be subject to inspections and permanent easement that Monroe County Water Authority will have to come and make sure that at no time the well is interconnected to the public water as the well water can not be anywhere near the public water due to safety regulations. This is not driven by Monroe County Water Authority, but by the Health Department.

Will my garden and lawn be repaired after the line is put in.

All work will be done in the road right away so it will not affect anyone's personal gardens or lawns.

What will determine if this goes forward.

Petitions will be the first step to get the 51% of the Assessed Value and 51% of the units are for the project to go forward. The Town does not dictate when a district goes in, the people in that area need to bring it to the Town's attention that they are interested in pursuing it and then the studies begin and petitions get passed.

Why can't we ask some of the other places that don't have the water lines in to work with and lower the cost.

Sometimes they start to broaden who is involved but depending on the units and the amount of pipes needed sometimes bringing in more can lower the cost, but sometimes it increases the cost and does not make financial sense.

How long will this take to happen if it does get approved.

Petitions will take a couple months, Forming the district will be a couple months, Attorney getting the approval will take several months and then design and survey and permits approved it will be around a year before construction can begin.

A vote was taken and it was a 50/50 split in the room with 10 for and 10 against.

Supervisor Peters indicated that he wanted to make sure that everyone knew this was not a tax increase, it will not increase your assessment, it will be a line item for the water district that will be on your tax bill.

A resident indicated that their well has to be inspected three times a year and you would be surprised what conditions there are that you may not be aware of on your personal wells. It can cost over \$30,000 for a filtration system with the well water. Wells can deteriorate and cause all kinds of elements to get in the water. With public water there is fluoride in it that is a positive. With well water equipment has to be replaced more often due to the calcification also.

We will go forward with the Lawyer getting the petitions ready and see how it goes to proceed.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no one else wanting to speak the meeting was adjourned at 7:09.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathi A. Rickman, MMC  
Hamlin Town Clerk