

**Town of Hamlin
Lakeshore Sewer District
February 2020
Informational Meeting Questions**

- 1. What happens if the homeowner doesn't allow an easement?**
 - a. You will not receive the grinder pump. They will try to avoid properties opting out for the placement of the main line but it will not be guaranteed.
- 2. What happens when the power goes out?**
 - a. The grinder will not function if you have no electricity however there is about 75 gallons of storage (avg toilet flush is 1-1.5 gallons). A generator can run the grinder. The alarm will also not work during a power outage.
- 3. How long do the grinder pumps last?**
 - a. They are expected to last 15-20 years. There are spares and spare parts accounted for in the budget in the event of malfunctions. The town is responsible for the maintenance and repair.
- 4. What if you choose to opt out?**
 - a. You are still required to pay the \$75 Debt Service.
- 5. What will happen with property assessments?**
 - a. There is no expected change due to the sewers going in.
- 6. How do they measure the amount of disposal water?**
 - a. They use your water bills to make an estimate, MCWA provides to MCPW.
- 7. When is it expected to start?**
 - a. This summer will be design and permitting. Approvals will probably be pushed to 2021. Goal is to be completed by 2022. The deadline for the grant is 2022.
- 8. Where would the money go if the sewer district is not approved?**
 - a. We will lose the grant money.
- 9. Will it go down the center of the street?**
 - a. Probably not, we have to wait for all of the mapping to be completed.
- 10. How is the electric for the grinder paid for?**
 - a. The electric will be included in your regular electric bill as your household usage. It will not be a separate line item.
- 11. Is there enough force to continually push through the pipes or will it back up?**
 - a. All of the pumps are positive displacement; enough to push all of it.
- 12. Can we do some of the work ourselves?**
 - a. Yes, you will be required to get the house hooked up to the grinder; plumbing and electrical. It is also the property owner's responsibility to take care of septic tanks. The town is responsible from the grinder to the main lines.
- 13. What are the requirements to abandon the septic tanks?**
 - a. Get it pumped and then fill it with sand.

- 14. Do homeowners need to get permits for the work being done on their properties?**
 - a. No, the permitting is all apart of the main plan.
- 15. Does each homeowner have to hire their own plumber and electrician?**
 - a. Yes, for the work from your house to the grinder pump. They must be certified on this system in order to do the work.
- 16. How do seasonal properties handle the system in the off season?**
 - a. It's recommended to run clean water through to get the solids out and then the electric and water can just be turned off.
- 17. Is there a max distance that the lines can be run from the pump to the main line?**
 - a. It's not really a concern. It can be run much further than any of the properties will be needing.
- 18. Is there a max distance from the grinder to the house?**
 - a. It's recommended to be less than 20-30 feet from the house.
- 19. How far can the alarm panel be from the pump?**
 - a. About 20 feet, it can be mounted on a post or on the house, it must be outside.
- 20. Can you hide the grinder with bushes or flowers?**
 - a. Yes, as long as it can still be accessed for maintenance by the town.
- 21. Who pays for the grinder pump?**
 - a. It is apart of the construction project cost.
- 22. How many grinders will be on each property?**
 - a. One grinder for each single-family home.
- 23. Does the homeowner have to pay to fix their yard from the construction?**
 - a. No, restoration is included in the project cost.
- 24. Will flooding displace the grinder?**
 - a. There will be concrete at the bottom to keep it from floating up during any flooding.
- 25. How will you get to the property if it is flooded?**
 - a. We would have to wait until the property is safely accessible.
- 26. How long until the sewer districts are made by the town?**
 - a. Hopefully within weeks.
- 27. When will there be more formal sessions?**
 - a. Everyone will be notified by mail, published in the paper, on the town website, and will be posted on Facebook.
- 28. How will the district be formed?**
 - a. There are two ways to form the district.
 - i. There is a petition of the lakeshore residents
 - ii. The Town Board can make the decision to create the sewer district
- 29. When will the vote be?**
 - a. Within a few months
- 30. Will there be absentee ballots for those out of town if it goes to a public referendum?**
 - a. Yes
- 31. Why not address the lake level problem?**
 - a. The REDI grant has requirements and the sewer project must stay within the grant guidelines.
- 32. Are there other communities that have this system?**

- a. Yes, Port Bay, Warren County, Blind Sodas Bay, Fairhaven, Town of Milo
- 33. Will this make improvements to the lake quality?**
 - a. It will make notable improvements to the lake; water quality and ecology
- 34. Where are the flood level requirements for the manhole?**
 - a. Guidance at this time is the top of the lid be at 251'.
- 35. How difficult is it to get the manhole cover off?**
 - a. There are four bolts that hold the cover down.
- 36. Can it handle a garbage disposal?**
 - a. Yes
- 37. How noisy are they?**
 - a. Less noise than your refrigerator.
- 38. Can there be additional money to add Sandy Creek?**
 - a. Under this grant we will not be able to add other areas until this district is finished. Once the sewer system is in we may be able to add.
- 39. Is it possible to include a gas line in the same trench?**
 - a. No, for safety they are not put in the same trench and they have different requirements. This would fall under RG&E.

Please note: We do not have detailed information about individual properties at this time.