

**TOWN OF KIRKWOOD
PUBLIC HEARING**

July 20, 2010

A public hearing in the matter of the Increase and Improvement of Facilities of Extensions Two, Three and Four of Sewer District No. 1 and Sewer District No. 6 in the Town of Kirkwood (Stratmill Road Pump Station) was held on July 20, 2010 at 6:00 PM at the Joseph A. Griffin Town Hall with Supervisor Gordon Kniffen presiding.

Present: Supervisor Gordon Kniffen
Councilman Robert Weingartner
Councilman Lewis Grubham
Councilwoman Linda Yonchuk
Councilman William Diffendorf, Jr.

Also Present: Herbert Kline, Town Attorney
Gayle Diffendorf, Town Clerk

Supervisor Kniffen verified that he had affidavits of posting and publication in the Press & Sun Bulletin and The Country Courier, and that a short EAF had been filed. He read the following letter of explanation that was sent to all property owners in the various sewer districts serviced by the pump station:

To the Owners of Real Property Located Within the Various Sewer Districts
Serviced by the Stratmill Road Pump Station

Due to the condition and age of the current sewer pump station in your sewer district, the Town finds it necessary to replace it. We have hired an engineering firm to study and design the replacement sewer pump station. We considered attempting to rehabilitate it, which would mean maintaining the current tank. To do that we estimated the savings would be minimal and we would be risking having to replace the tank in a few years. This would be critical as we would have to do a major teardown and that in itself would be costly. Therefore, we have submitted the project to bid and have now received them. We estimated the cost to be \$196,000 for the construction and the low bid received was \$176,273. In addition, there will be costs such as engineering, legal and so forth, so we will be looking to finance approximately \$200,000 for the entire project.

For the Town to proceed further, we are required to hold a public hearing, which will be advertised in the Press & Sun-Bulletin. However, the Town Board desired to send you each an individual letter advising you of this situation and to make sure that you are aware of the time and date of the public hearing at our Town Hall. We have our Budget Director involved in an effort to identify the most cost effective manner of financing this project so it will be more acceptable and affordable to you.

At this time we are estimating the cost to be approximately, at a high, of \$135 for each unit per year over 5 years. A unit equates to 100 feet of frontage minimum and a percentage of additional front footage less than 100 feet. There are other cost considerations which we can discuss in detail at the public hearing.

Please make every effort to join us for this important public hearing and participate and let us know your thoughts. The public hearing will be held at the Joseph A. Griffin Town Hall on Tuesday, July 20, 2010 at 6:00 PM.

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Supervisor Kniffen opened the hearing to public comment.

Mike Maciak questioned if this would be enough for new development in the area. Since Mr. Jones was not present to respond, Supervisor Kniffen will get a definitive answer for Mr. Maciak.

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Hearing no additional comments, Supervisor Kniffen ordered the hearing closed at 6:08 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Gayle M. Diffendorf
Town Clerk