

Regional Sewer District Work Shop  
January 26, 2009

A presentation was put on by American Structurepoint. The following council persons were present. Mr. Bernacchi, Mr. Cunningham, Mr. Garner, Mrs. Sosinski, Mr. Ford, Mr. Mrozinski, and Mr. Yagelski. Council Attorney, Don Baugher, Auditor Craig Hinchman and Chief Deputy Auditor, Mary Ray also attended this meeting.

Benefits of a Regional Sewer District

Health Issues

Possible contamination of the groundwater

High groundwater tables increase septic backups and failures

Contaminants dumped down the drain can cause groundwater contamination

Economic Development

Commercial and Industrial Development

Controlled residential development

Maintain Local Control

Allows control over development within the County-wide Zoning Plan.

Provides solutions for business and homeowners with failing septic systems.

Perceived Disadvantages of a Regional Sewer District

Costs

Existing septic systems work fine.

Monthly sewer bill is too costly

Will my sewer bill subsidize development

General Info on Regional Sewer Districts

Can become a Regional Water and Solid Waste District as well.

Regional Sewer District is its own governmental entity

Board members are made up of an odd number ranging from 3 to 13.

Maximum of 4 year term for any member serving on the board

Member does not have to be a resident of the district

Sewer Rates for Regional Sewer Districts

District can fix, alter, charge and collect reasonable rates and other charges in the area to every person whose premises are receiving service for the purpose of providing the following:

Payment of the expenses of the district

Construction, acquisition, improvement, extension, repair, maintenance, and operation of the district's facilities and properties.

Payment of principal or interest on the district's obligations.

To fulfill the terms of agreements made with:  
The purchasers or holders of any obligation; or  
A person or an eligible entity.

District can refuse the services of the district's facilities if the rates or other charges are not paid by the user

Provide by ordinance for reasonable penalties for failure to connect and also apply charges for any court proceedings necessary.

Rates and Charges do not have to be uniform throughout the district for all users.

Sewer Connections Regional Sewer Districts.

Sewer Connection Requirements

Require connection to district's sewer system and discontinuance of septic tanks and similar structures if'

Available sanitary sewer within 300 feet of the property line

District has given written notice by certified mail to the property owner at the address of the property at least 90 days before a date for connection; and

If property is located

Outside the district and district has obtained and provided to the property owner a letter from local health department

Within the extraterritorial jurisdiction of a municipal sewage works or public sanitation and they are unable to provide service.

Springfield RSD to a Countywide RSD

Why modify the existing district?

Saves approximately 9-12 months

Minimizes the steps and notifications required for the creation of a district

Expedites the construction project to serve the Renaissance Academy.

What does it cost?

Payoff the existing creation cost owed to McMahan & Associates (+/- \$114,080)

Payoff the existing rate study costs owed to Cender & Associates (+/- \$9,500)

The Council Member and Council Attorney asked numerous questions.