

**HAMBURG TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL UTILITIES COMMITTEE**  
**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2010 – 2:30 P.M.**  
**10405 MERRILL ROAD, HAMBURG, MI 48139**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Hohl at 2:30 p.m.

**Roll Call of the Committee:**

**Present:** Hohl, Semprevivo, Hahn

**Absent:**

**Also Present:** Tony Randazzo and Brittany Campbell

**2. CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

Hohl opened the call to the public and seeing no response, closed the call to the public

**3. CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no correspondence to be addressed at this meeting.

**4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

MOTION BY HOHL, SUPPORTED BY HAHN TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED.

Ayes: Hohl, Semprevivo, Hahn      Absent:      Nays: None

Motion carried.

**Unfinished Business:**

- A. Pine Creek Bluffs – **Phase 2** Sewer Extension Project Update
- B. Steve Ward/Village Center Drive Sewer Extension Update
- C. Carlesimo/Lakeview Development Sewer Extension Update
- D. Forest of Whispering Pines Development – Sewer Extension Update
- E. Ore Lake Sewer Rehab Project Update
- F. Chilson Commons Development Sewer Connection Update
- G. Hamburg Professional Center – REU Review
- H. The Ridge Subdivision Project Update – Sewer Extension Request
- I. The Village at Hamburg – Sewer/Water Connection Project Update
- J. Development Sewer Extensions – Dedications and Bills of Sale
- K. Municipal Water S.A.D. Progress/Project Update
- L. LCWA Information/Updates

- M. Rita Ferguson Sewer Connection – 11505 Dunlavy Lane
- N. Direct and Indirect Sewer Connection Fee Discussion
- O. Sewer Back-up Events Letter – River Court Subdivision Mailing
- P. WWTP Improvements – SRF Project Update
- Q. Proposed Water Softening Discharging Device Regulation Ordinance

**Current Business:**

- A. DPW Monthly Report – February Statistics
- B. Motley Direct Sewer Connection Agreement – 3754 Ponchartrain Dr.
- C. Proposal to Purchase Spare Grinder Pumps
- D. Allen ZBA (Case #2010-03) Variance Request – 5200 Gallagher Blvd.

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

MOTION BY HOHL, SUPPORTED BY HAHN TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2010 MUNICIPAL UTILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING AS PRESENTED.

Ayes: Hohl, Semprevivo, Hahn      Absent:      Nays: None

Motion carried.

**6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

A. Pine Creek Bluffs – Phase 2 Sewer Extension Project Update.

MOTION BY HOHL, SUPPORTED BY HAHN TO TABLE ALL UNFINISHED BUSINESS UNTIL NEW INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE.

Ayes: Hohl, Semprevivo, Hahn      Absent:      Nays: None

Motion carried.

B. Steve Ward/Village Center Drive Sewer Extension Update.

MOTION BY HOHL, SUPPORTED BY HAHN TO TABLE ALL UNFINISHED BUSINESS UNTIL NEW INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE.

Ayes: Hohl, Semprevivo, Hahn      Absent:      Nays: None

Motion carried.

C. Carlesimo/Lakeview Development Sewer Extension Update.

MOTION BY HOHL, SUPPORTED BY HAHN TO TABLE ALL UNFINISHED BUSINESS UNTIL NEW INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE.

Ayes: Hohl, Semprevivo, Hahn      Absent:      Nays: None

Motion carried.

D. Forest of Whispering Pines Development – Sewer Extension Update.

MOTION BY HOHL, SUPPORTED BY HAHN TO TABLE ALL UNFINISHED BUSINESS UNTIL NEW INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE.

Ayes: Hohl, Semprevivo, Hahn      Absent:      Nays: None

Motion carried.

- E. Ore Lake Sewer Rehab Project Update.  
MOTION BY HOHL, SUPPORTED BY HAHN TO TABLE ALL UNFINISHED BUSINESS UNTIL NEW INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE.  
Ayes: Hohl, Semprevivo, Hahn      Absent:      Nays: None  
Motion carried.
- F. Chilson Commons Development Sewer Connection Update.  
MOTION BY HOHL, SUPPORTED BY HAHN TO TABLE ALL UNFINISHED BUSINESS UNTIL NEW INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE.  
Ayes: Hohl, Semprevivo, Hahn      Absent:      Nays: None  
Motion carried.
- G. Hamburg Professional Center – REU Review.  
MOTION BY HOHL, SUPPORTED BY HAHN TO TABLE ALL UNFINISHED BUSINESS UNTIL NEW INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE.  
Ayes: Hohl, Semprevivo, Hahn      Absent:      Nays: None  
Motion carried.
- H. The Ridge Subdivision Project Update – Sewer Extension Request.  
MOTION BY HOHL, SUPPORTED BY HAHN TO TABLE ALL UNFINISHED BUSINESS UNTIL NEW INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE.  
Ayes: Hohl, Semprevivo, Hahn      Absent:      Nays: None  
Motion carried.
- I. The Village at Hamburg – Sewer/Water Connection Project Update.  
MOTION BY HOHL, SUPPORTED BY HAHN TO TABLE ALL UNFINISHED BUSINESS UNTIL NEW INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE.  
Ayes: Hohl, Semprevivo, Hahn      Absent:      Nays: None  
Motion carried.
- J. Development Sewer Extensions – Dedications and Bills of Sale.  
MOTION BY HOHL, SUPPORTED BY HAHN TO TABLE ALL UNFINISHED BUSINESS UNTIL NEW INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE.  
Ayes: Hohl, Semprevivo, Hahn      Absent:      Nays: None  
Motion carried.
- K. Municipal Water S.A.D. Progress/Project Update.  
MOTION BY HOHL, SUPPORTED BY HAHN TO TABLE PENDING FURTHER REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATION FROM THE TOWNSHIP FINANCIAL ADVISORS.  
Ayes: Hohl, Semprevivo, Hahn      Absent:      Nays: None  
Motion carried.

- L. LCWA Information/Updates.  
MOTION BY HOHL, SUPPORTED BY HAHN TO TABLE ALL UNFINISHED BUSINESS UNTIL NEW INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE.  
Ayes: Hohl, Semprevivo, Hahn      Absent:      Nays: None  
Motion carried.
- M. Rita Ferguson Sewer Connection – 11505 Dunlavy Lane.  
MOTION BY HOHL, SUPPORTED BY HAHN TO TABLE PENDING FURTHER REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATION FROM THE TOWNSHIP FINANCIAL ADVISORS.  
Ayes: Hohl, Semprevivo, Hahn      Absent:      Nays: None  
Motion carried.
- N. Direct and Indirect Sewer Connection Fee Discussion.  
MOTION BY HOHL, SUPPORTED BY HAHN TO TABLE PENDING FURTHER REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATION FROM THE TOWNSHIP FINANCIAL ADVISORS.  
Ayes: Hohl, Semprevivo, Hahn      Absent:      Nays: None  
Motion carried.
- O. Sewer Back-up Events Letter – River Court Subdivision Mailing.  
MOTION BY HOHL, SUPPORTED BY HAHN TO TABLE ALL UNFINISHED BUSINESS UNTIL NEW INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE.  
Ayes: Hohl, Semprevivo, Hahn      Absent:      Nays: None  
Motion carried.
- P. WWTP Improvement Project – SRF Loan Update. Randazzo explained that several members of the Township staff and Stantec met with the MDNRE to discuss the sodium and chloride study findings. Members of the MDNRE stated that they would like more information. They would like 2 more wells installed closer to the Huron River, installation of staff gauges at Buck Lake and at the River, and will require that a deeper well be installed for the property located at 6275 E. M-36. The State wants to see the sodium numbers reduced as soon as possible and directed the Township to enforce the elimination of point source contamination. This means the complete prohibition of sodium chloride use in water softeners for all homes on the sanitary sewer system.

Semprevivo asked if the Township has the facilities to test for sodium chloride and the ability to enforce penalties against violators. Hohl stated that the Board will have to move forward with an Ordinance prohibiting the use of sodium chloride. The alternative is being slapped with a 201 Administrative Consent Order from the State and they take over the operation of the wastewater treatment plant. O & M charges will increase significantly if that happens. To offset the costs of using potassium chloride Hohl is looking into providing property owners with a coupon with 1 or 2 free bags of potassium chloride per quarter to help bring the cost down to comparable numbers using sodium chloride.

Hahn suggested that the information be submitted to the public through an information campaign. Randazzo noted that if the Township receives the Education Grant that the funds would help pay for workshops, brochures, and other information about the sodium reduction. The public education should consist of the five (5) parts as outlined by Hahn.

Hohl recommended that the Committee set-up a timeline to accomplish these goals using the following suggested dates:

March 16, 2010	Present proposed Ordinance to Township Board
April 1, 2010	Hire Sampler; possibly an intern to take water samples
April 6, 2010	Adopt Ordinance
April 15, 2010	Find source for KCL (potassium chloride)
May 5, 2010	Ordinance in Effect (30 days after date of publication)

- Q. Proposed Water Softening Discharging Device Regulation Ordinance.  
MOTION BY HOHL, SUPPORTED BY HAHN TO TABLE ALL UNFINISHED BUSINESS UNTIL NEW INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE.  
Ayes: Hohl, Semprevivo, Hahn      Absent:      Nays: None  
Motion carried.

## 7. **CURRENT BUSINESS**

- A. DPW Monthly Report – February Statistics.  
MOTION BY HOHL, SUPPORTED BY HAHN TO NOTE THE REPORT AS RECEIVED AND TO BE FILED AND TO ALSO FORWARD A COPY TO THE TOWNSHIP BOARD AS AN AGENDA ITEM FOR THEIR REVIEW.  
Ayes: Hohl, Semprevivo, Hahn      Absent:      Nays: None  
Motion carried.
- B. Motley Direct Sewer Connection Agreement – 3754 Ponchartrain Dr.  
MOTION BY HOHL, SUPPORTED BY SEMPREVIVO TO APPROVE THE MOTLEY SEWER AGREEMENT FOR A DIRECT CONNECTION AS PRESENTED, AS ALL ESTIMATED SEWER FEES WERE PAID UP-FRONT IN CASH.  
Ayes: Hohl, Semprevivo, Hahn      Absent:      Nays: None  
Motion carried.
- C. Proposal to Purchase Spare Grinder Pumps.  
MOTION BY HOHL, SUPPORTED BY SEMPREVIVO TO FORWARD THE PROPOSAL TO PURCHASE SPARE GRINDER PUMPS TO THE BOARD WITH THE RECOMMENDATION TO PURCHASE 5 NEW PUMP CORES IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$10,495.00.  
Ayes: Hohl, Semprevivo, Hahn      Absent:      Nays: None  
Motion carried.

D. Allen ZBA (Case #2010-03) Variance Request – 5200 Gallagher Blvd. Campbell explained that the property owners are proposing a new all-season sun room that will actually improve the encroachment into the grinder pump easement. The new structure will be located seven (7) feet from the grinder pump station; whereas the old structure to be demolished was only 3-feet away. The DPW Field Superintendent completed an inspection of the site and agrees that the approval of the variance is in the best interest of the sewer system.

In further discussion:

Randazzo explained that Sharon Schlagel owns the home located at 8841 Riverside Drive and her parents own the home next door at 8837 Riverside Drive. During the Ore Lake sewer rehab project new grinder pump stations were installed for each home. Mrs. Schlagel claims that one of the pumps was installed across the property line and she wants it moved in case they sell the other lot. The Township has requested Schlagel to provide a survey showing where the property lines are actually located to determine if the grinder pump was installed on the neighboring property. The property owner does not wish to pay for a survey. Randazzo stated that he will draft a letter to the Schlagels stating that if the property at 8837 Riverside Drive is sold and a survey is provided showing that the grinder pump was installed across the property line the Township will pay to move the grinder pump station at that time. The Committee agreed with this solution.

**8. CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

Seeing no requests to address the Sewer Committee, Hohl closed the call to the public.

**9. INFORMATIONAL/EDUCATIONAL MATERIAL**

There was no information and/or educational material available for this meeting.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION BY HOHL, SUPPORTED BY SEMPREVIVO TO ADJOURN THE MEETING.

Ayes: Hohl, Semprevivo, Hahn      Absent:      Nays: None  
Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

The foregoing is considered to be a true and accurate record of all items discussed. If any discrepancies or inconsistencies are noted, please contact the writer immediately.

Respectfully submitted,

*Brittany K. Campbell*

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