

COUNCIL OF TRAPPE
TRAPPE TOWN HALL
SEPTEMBER 17, 2019

Council of Trappe Meeting: President Newnam called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Council members Norm Fegel, Tonya Pritchett and Walter Chase were present. Other attendees for the Town: Town Administrator Braband and Attorney Ryan. Public Attendees: Don English and Ryan Showalter.

Attorney Ryan stated that last week a meeting was held to go over the Talbot County Water and Sewer Comp Plan for Lakeside. In attendance at this meeting was Attorney Ryan, Administrator Braband, Superintendent Callahan, Scott Getchell and Katherine McAllister from GMB, Ryan Showalter, Ray Clarke and Terry Martin from Talbot County and 2 County Attorneys. The County currently has Lakeside marked as S2/W2 which means that they will get water/sewer service within 3-5 years. Attorney Ryan stated that when a discharge permit is applied for with MDE, MDE will check with the County to be sure it is consistent with their comp plan. Ray Clarke reached out requesting to meet to discuss this project and any water/sewer comp plan changes that need to be made. During the meeting different proposals were discussed on what should be amended and at what time the request should be made. At the conclusion of the meeting it was decided that if the Town Council wanted or needed an amendment to the County Plan, the Town Council would make the request to the County. After the meeting Attorney Ryan received a call from the County Attorney who stated that he had talked to Council President Corey Pack and somehow the information got confused and was relayed to President Pack that the Town was going through the developer or Ray Clarke to make internal adjustments to the plan and that the Town wasn't going to make a formal application. That is not what was discussed. Due to this confusion the County Council stated that unless the Town responds to the County before their September 24th meeting, they are going to submit comments to MDE opposing the Town's discharge permit. Therefore, Attorney Ryan requested this meeting with the Town Council to get direction on what they want to do. Attorney Ryan stated that she doesn't think that the Town is ready to submit a request to the County requesting an amendment to the County water/sewer comp plan. During previous discussions the consensus was to submit a request in December. Attorney Ryan stated that at this point her recommendation is for the Town Council to send a letter to the County Council advising where the project is and the Town's intent to submit a request when they are ready but it has not come to the point to do so yet. Ryan Showalter stated that at the meeting Ray Clarke stated that he received verbal confirmation from MDE advising the County Council that they consider all of Lakeside to be S1/W1 already which means it is available for immediate water and sewer service. At the meeting the County advised that they would like to designate a portion of Lakeside as S1/W1 and the other portion as S2/W2. Attorney Showalter stated that he is fine with that but doesn't want to see the County in 2 years say that what is S2/W2 will stay that way until the County is ready to move forward. This was discussed at the meeting and a suggestion was to add a note to the S2/W2 section that said this section would automatically convert to S1/W1 after 2 years. The County staff did not have a problem with adding this note. Attorney Showalter stated that the other concern is that a builder comes along and wants a large section but wants to start at Barber Road and not the current start area and the County says no. As long as there is the ability to move around the acreage and accommodate the market it won't be a problem. Attorney Ryan stated that a letter to the County Council explaining the project, the status and what the Town foresees is all that is needed at this time. The letter will also explain that if an amendment is needed the Town will follow the County's process and not try to bypass the Council.

Commissioner Chase made a motion to have Attorney Ryan send a letter to the County Council explaining the project, the status of the project, what the Town feels is needed at this time and that the Town will officially request an amendment if and when it is needed. Commissioner Pritchett seconded the motion.

VOTE:

Newnam – Y Fegel – Y Pritchett – Y Diefenderfer – Y Chase – Y

Motion approved.

Commissioner Fegel made a motion at 6:22 pm to conclude the meeting. Commissioner Pritchett seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Erin Braband, Town Administrator/Clerk