

## **CASCADE CHARTER TOWNSHIP**

### **CITIZENS PFAS COMMITTEE MEETING**

May 5, 2022 at 4:00pm

Kent District Library– Wisner Center

2870 Jacksmith Ave SE

Grand Rapids, MI 49546

**Members Present:** Ben Greemann, John Lipford, Kris White, Patti Baldwin

**Others Present:** Township Manager (TM) Ben Swayze, Project Manager with Prien Newhof Brian Vilmont, Management Office Administrative Assistant Jessica Stine

**ARTICLE 1. Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 4:06 pm.

#### **ARTICLE 2. Approval of the Agenda**

Motion by Member White, Supported by Member Baldwin to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

#### **ARTICLE 3. Acknowledge Visitors & Public Comment**

Nina and Mahi Mahesh (6600 Mahesh Dr SE) said that they have had undrinkable water for quite a while. They have tried multiple systems to clean it but have been told the color is due to a toxic amount of iron. Mahesh stated that he owns both houses on the private drive. Vilmont explained that they could potentially go under the creek near their house and bore an emergency connection if a private line was extended down the main road. If they were able to get water, sewer would still be infeasible.

#### **ARTICLE 4. Approval of Minutes from 4/14/2022 meeting**

Motion by Member Baldwin, supported by Member Greemann to approve the 8/4/2022 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

#### **ARTICLE 5. Update on Public Water Extension Project**

There is now a contractor on board for the first phase. They are waiting for materials to arrive which is taking significantly longer than normal due to the pandemic; it is likely take until August to get the materials, so work on the project may be able to start in late September. This timing would mean connections would be able to begin in the winter months, dependent on weather.

TM Swayze said that the same contractor is on board for phases one and two and they will likely have the same project engineer. Plumbing bids, to connect residents on the existing main line without current connections, are currently being accepted. The plumbers whose bids are accepted will be put on a list for residents to choose which plumber they want. There are 170 residences eligible for this connection. The City of Grand Rapids has the contract out for bid for

contractors that will install the main line, which will be posted for three weeks. At the June 21<sup>st</sup> meeting, the committee will approve the bids and send a list to the township.

TM Swayze will email an update to the citizens with the list of plumbers they can choose from. The price paid by the township will include removal of the pressure tank, abandoning, burying, or capping of the current well, and integration of internal plumbing fixtures into the new system.

To determine where the line will be connected in the right of way, water and sewer records will be pulled from the Kent County Health Department and the contractors will work with the plumbers to determine where the main line will connect to the property.

The project Gmail is ready but will not be released for use yet.

The committee talked about what order the residents connections will occur in. Contractors will have the information on which areas/residents are eligible and then they can begin scheduling the connections. They will have to wait until bacterial testing is done and it will generally take one to two months for residents to get connected once the main line is laid down in the street.

#### **ARTICLE 6. Roundtable/Q&A**

The Township Board approved extended bottled water service. A notice will go out in two weeks explaining how residents can set up the service. Now everyone in the project area is eligible for the bottled water service. The amount it will cost the township is likely \$2,500 to \$3,000 per month.

17 residents had whole house water filters installed, between 6 and 8 said no, and the rest didn't respond. The service is still available to them if they change their mind and respond.

#### **ARTICLE 7. Public Comment**

There weren't any visitors in attendance who wished to comment.

#### **ARTICLE 8. Adjournment**

Motion was made by Member White to adjourn. Supported by Member Lipford. Meeting adjourned at 4:45pm.

**Approved by the Citizens PFAS Committee – TBD**