

**NEXT MEETING:**

**TUESDAY APRIL 5, 2022**

**6:00 pm**

**Special Meeting  
Tuscarora Twp. Sewer Sub-Committee  
March 1, 2022**

Call to Order: 6:00 pm

Roll Call: Bob Kramer (Committee Chairman), Janet Vance (Committee Secretary)  
Quorum present

Motion to Accept the Minutes as written: Kramer / Vance seconded. Motion passed.

Motion to Approve the Agenda: Kramer / Vance seconded. Motion passed.

**AGENDA:**

1. Phase 1 Update / Next Steps
2. Phase 2 application
3. EGLE Phone Conference 2-22-2022
4. EGLE Strategic Water Quality Initiatives – Grants for Substantial Public Health Risk Projects
5. Schedule next meeting
6. Citizens Comments
7. Subcommittee Comments
8. Motion to Adjourn

1. Phase 1 Update / Next Steps:

Phase 1 has been accepted and the next step will be waiting for the petitions to be submitted by the Citizens Group (CHIRP). About 32% of the total land mass has been turned. The project's projected cost is \$6.325m, with approximately 190 REU's in the proposed district.

NOTE: All property owners must sign the petition to be valid.

2. Phase 2 Application:

The application has been submitted.

The total project cost is approximately \$5.635m and we are waiting to hear about the possible \$3.5m Federal Earmark to aid in funding.

3. EGLE Phone Conference:

Kramer, Vance, and Ridley had a phone conference with EGLE.

Township needs to authorize application to qualify.

4. EGLE Strategic Water Quality Initiatives – Grants for Substantial Public Health Risk Projects:

CWSRF (Clean Water State Revolving Fund) is a fund tailored to small communities under 5000 population. They have grant money available for “Strategic Water Quality Initiatives” and Tuscarora Township may qualify for up to \$1.5m. The USDA and EGLE recommended we apply for this particular grant because it would not interfere with the grants already awarded by the USDA. This additional money could not be used to lower the REU cost, but could be used for other costs, such as hook-up fees, sewer plant upgrades, emergency generators, etc.

5. Next scheduled Meeting April 5, 2022 6:00 pm

6. Citizen Comments:

Q: Does the petition have the price / REU on it, and how does the property owner know what the cost would be before they sign?

A: No. The petition is a citizen initiative, and the township has no control of the petition working. However, CHIRP (Citizens & Homeowners for Indian River Progress) is circulating the petitions, and enclosed a cover letter explaining the projected costs.

Q: If the project comes over the projected costs, does the property owner have an opportunity to withdraw their support of the project?

A: No is the best answer at this time. We will look into the legality of this and get back to you.

7. Sub-Committee Member Comments: NONE

8. Meeting adjourned 6:40 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Vance

Tuscarora Township Trustee / Sewer Sub-Committee Secretary