

Melrose Township Board of Trustees Minutes
Special Meeting January 22, 2013

Call to Order: 7:02pm

Present: L. Meadows, S. Burr, P. Cotanche, V. Goodwin, R.H. Berry

Guest: Peter Wendling and Paul Repasky

New Business: Review process and procedures to move forward on the water system.

Special Assessment District: 50% of property owners must sign the petition. Signing indicates willingness to pay share of eventual cost. Once built, the system should be self supporting for regular operation and maintenance. A possible sinking fund for future capital improvements can be created. The cost of financing would be added to taxes each year.

Projected capital cost based on existing system is \$1.75 million. With cost of studies, engineering and bonding the approximate cost would be \$2.2 million. Based on 240 users over 40 years would be \$360 per year. Approximate cost of annual operation is \$30-60,000. Approximately \$25-\$30 per month per user.

There is a possibility that existing system could be purchased. The existing system is in bad shape. More information from DEQ would need to be gathered to find out what repairs would need to be made. If the opportunity to buy the current system develops, we will have to decide how to finance it.

Peter Wendling said the users could file a class action suit to stop Hass from implementing district actions. To file a class action law suit, system users would need to form a nonprofit group and pay legal fees.

The next steps to take:

- Develop estimates
- Draft cover letter for the petition
- Petition language finalized

By spring be ready to move ahead with the special assessment district.

Peter will explore what Mr. Hass could or could not do to try to stop the new system construction.

Adjournment: 8:30pm