

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED CONSOLIDATION OF THE CALEDONIA
EAST WATER UTILITY DISTRICT WITH THE CALEDONIA
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October 5, 2010

President Coutts called the Public Hearing to order at 7:08 p.m., at the East Side Community Center, located at 6156 Douglas Avenue, Racine, Wisconsin.

Present: Trustee Burton, Trustee Griswold, Trustee Wanggaard, Trustee Weatherston, Trustee Wishau and President Coutts.
Absent: Trustee Bradley was excused
Also present: Village Administrator Tom Lebak, Tom Ludwig from Foth Engineering, Utility Manager Bob Lui and Attorney Pruitt

Ludwig explained the boundary lines involved in the consolidation. The purpose of the consolidation is to combine the 2 districts (east and west) into one.

TESTIMONY

Judy 6011 4 Mile Road wants Oak Creek water instead of Racine if she has to hook up. Ludwig explained the areas that are served by Oak Creek and Racine. He explained that the consolidation is not requiring areas not served by municipal water to hook up to it.

Lenny Witt wants municipal water. Lui explained that those interested in wanting municipal water should submit a petition to the Utility District.

Dale Miller 6520 Douglas Avenue talked about the blended rate.

A resident at 125 Adams Road wanted to know what the consolidation means to him. Ludwig explained that the intent is to serve new development not to make it mandatory to switch over for those who have functioning septic. Attorney Pruitt stated that if someone is within 500 ft of a sewer installation it is mandated to connect. For water the ordinance is different. It depends upon new or old buildings. New buildings do have to connect. Currently, the existing homes do not fall within the mandatory hook up area for water.

Joyce Brainard 5301 Old Field stated her subdivision is new and they do not want to hook up to municipal utilities. She wanted to know the procedure to get out of the TIF area. Attorney Pruitt explained that some subdivisions were exempt from the ordinance unless their current system fails. He also explained that the area can be amended with certain action. Ludwig explained the loop process. It would come down Hwy V to serve the first area of the TID. The combined rate is .80 per thousand.

Resident at 1313 Adams Rd is happy with his water and does not want municipal water.

Trustee Weatherston explained that there are no plans to bring sewer and water to the residential areas at this time. The intent is to bring services to the interstate.

Trustee Griswold stated that both sides of the road should be included in the district. He believes that due to the tight soils in that area, there is a potential of failing systems and it would be a reassurance to have an option.

Susan Dey Hwy 38 is happy with her well and would like a copy of the ordinance that addresses the mandatory hook up requirements. She asked if there are any plans in the future. She was told it is not know at this time.

Resident of Wind Point wanted to know how this would impact those on the east end. Ludwig stated it would not have any impact.

Resident asked if the consolidation is going to reduce his rates and when. Ludwig explained that some of it is mandated by PSC regulations, but it will maximize the equipment and resources used and will equalize the sewer rate across the district.

Jerry 5231 Hwy 31 is looking forward to the consolidation.

Resident 3042 East Frontage Rd. asked if there are any plans to bring sewer down the I-94 corridor. President Coutts stated that there are no plans to bring it out there at this time due to the costs involved.

Resident 9127 Morgan Ct asked what prompted the consolidation and what are the cost savings? Lui explained that since last year when the district changed to just east and west, the west side saved .40 per thousand. He did not have exact costs of the savings for this consolidation. Harry Garnett, Commissioner on the Utility District explained that approximately \$140,000 was saved in personnel costs from last year's consolidation.

Trustee Wishau stated that the head count reduction was due to the last consolidation.

Resident 5303 Willow View Road stated that getting bigger is not the answer.

Wendy McCalvy did not agree with the 500 ft. hook-up requirement. There was some confusion regarding it starting from the lot line or the residence. Attorney Pruitt explained that it entails any part of the building for sewer and any part of the building or right-of-way for water.

Resident 6011 4 Mile Rd asked about the water line size. Lui explained that her pipe was installed by a contractor not the Utility District. She would be able to keep the same line.

ADJOURNMENT

President Coutts adjourned the Village Board. The Hearing adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karie Torkilsen
Village Clerk