

**SANITARY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT #29
SARPY COUNTY
GRETNA, NE 68028**

Meeting Date: July 1, 2012
Time: 7:00 P.M.
Location: Gretna City Hall

Board Members Present

Mel Carstens
John Wolken
Don Stungis
Lee O'Neal
Barb Schutte

Guests

Phil Schutte
Terry Comstock
Judy Comstock
Charlie Steiner
Dana Steiner

Meeting was called to order and the following was discussed.

SEPTIC SYSTEM:

The written bids from Backlund Plumbing and Great Plains Septic for the repair and maintenance work on community septic tank #4 (Located on Lot 29 / Schutte's) were reviewed. After discussion Barb made a motion to accept the bid from Great Plains Septic. Second to the motion was made by Don. All board members were in agreement of this bid.

Great Plains Septic has been notified and work is scheduled to begin at the end of this month.

As a reminder to everyone that is on a community septic tank. **Please refrain from using Northern Quilted Toilet paper and Charmin Ultra toilet paper. These papers DO NOT BREAK DOWN WHEN FLUSHED INTO THE SEPTIC TANKS. Please DO NOT flush Baby Wipes, Puffs, and Kleenex as these also DO NOT BREAK DOWN IN THE SEPTIC TANKS.**

PLEASE flush ONLY human waste and toilet paper that is compatible for septic systems. DO NOT flush feminine products, rubber or latex products into the community septic system.

WATER:

As a reminder: New Rates for water usage go into effect beginning the third quarter of this year. (July, August, and September)

- \$15.00 Base Fee per quarter to all homes connected to the community wells. This is a new fee.
- \$50.00 Sewer Fee per quarter to all homes connected to community septic systems. (Previously was \$30.00 per quarter)
- \$2.00 per 1000 gallons of water used. (Previously was \$1.25 per 1000 gallons)

The high temperatures and no rain have created a very dry, hot summer. Please remember that we are on community wells and exercise good judgement when using water while we are in this dry period of time.

ROAD:

A little history about the road for those new to the area.

- The road is a public road that is privately maintained and paid for solely by the homeowners. It was crushed rock prior to the asphalt.
- Cracks in the road are filled in yearly by resident volunteers.
- The total cost for the road is \$200,000. and is paid by homeowners, through bonds,
- The bonds will be paid up in 2015.

Homeowners have expressed concern regarding the additional wear and tear on the road that 5 different trash companies are creating each week.

Advantages of having one contracted trash company for this subdivision would be an IRS tax advantage/deductibility to paying for your service via your taxes, as well as eliminating the wear and tear on the road of having multiple garbage services coming through the area, no quarterly billing for trash service.

We have contacted the five companies (Abes, Gretna Sanitation, Papillion Sanitation, Premier, and Waste Management) and asked for a written 3 year contract bid from each of them. We have received the proposed bids.

The lowest bid proposed the following:

3 year contract for 5-2013 to 5-2016

Container Size	Frequency	Monthly Rate
96 Gallon Toter-Trash	1x per week	\$12.25
96 Gallon Toter-Basis Recycle Program	Every Other Week	Free

**The following additional/optional services are available and would be billed directly to the property owner.

**96 Gallon Toter-Yard Waste	1x per week	\$5.50
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The yard waste will only be billed 8 months of the year April 1st to November 30th. You may keep the container year round and use the container for any additional trash you may have for the months of December 1st to March 31st. This would be billed directly to the customer if this option is added

We are using an approximated figure of \$5,310.00 (total estimated cost) per year for our subdivision. **If** we are to proceed, this **approximated** amount (\$5,310.00) would be added to our General Fund.

The budget set for the General Fund for fiscal year of July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2012 was \$4,365.00. Lid law allows for only a 2 ½ % increase per fiscal year.

Information provided by the SID's account tells us that a special election (rather than a town hall meeting) **will be required**, if we are to proceed with this, due to the requested increase in the budget. There are lids and levy limits which limit increases, which is why a special election is required.

Our accountant tells us that the general fund levy would increase approximately from 5.8 cents to about 12.9 cents.

If, after a 3 year contract with a company, the SID decides to discontinue contracted service they can elect to return to having each homeowner select a trash company of their choice. If this were to happen, the tax levy could be decreased.

I have visited with Rich James, Sarpy County Assessor and this is the formula that he gave me on how the property owners cost would be figured.

There are 36 taxable parcels in the Westridge Farms subdivision.

The projected / estimated monthly fee for trash is \$12.25

\$12.25 times 3 (months/1 quarter) = \$36.75

\$36.75 times 4 quarters = \$147.00 for a year

The preliminary value for 2012 of the subdivision is \$7,456,284

Formula:

36 times the yearly trash rate of \$147.00 times the taxable value of your parcel divided by \$7,456,284.

If you are uncertain as to what the legal taxable value of your parcel is call me and I will help you with the information that was provided to me by Rich James. The figures he gave me are for 2011. He didn't have the 2012 figures available. Notices from Dan Pittman, Sarpy County Assessor, for 2012 were mailed to property owners in June.

This will give you a close estimate as to the amount that your property taxes would increase. Please take a moment to look and see how much you are presently paying for trash pickup and compare the costs.

BEFORE the Board continues any further with this issue we need to know if this is what the majority of property owners want and will vote for in a special election.

If the majority of homeowners are interested in having the subdivision contract to one trash company we will continue forward. If the majority of homeowners are not interested, we will not pursue this any further.

Please fill out the attached paper and return it to me. Put it in the envelope in my World Herald holder by my mail box or give it to me. Call if you wish and I will come and pick it up. **Please return by Sunday, July 29, 2012.** Thank you for your cooperation, I sincerely appreciate it.

FINANCIAL:

County Treasurer General Ledger for June 2012

Service Use Fee Fund: \$17,506.06

General Fund: \$ 936

Bond Fund:

M-T-D

Y-T-D

Beginning cash on hand:

28,711.15

28,459.94

Beginning investment on hand:

0.00

0.00

Beginning Balance:

28,711.15

28,459.94

Tax Receipt Collections:

2010 Real Estate Taxes

0.00

8,777.83

2011 Real Estate Taxes

253.91

10,784.74

Tax Receipt Totals:

253.91

19,562.57

Homestead Exemp Allocation

18.33

156.26

Real Estate Tax Credit

0.00

702.12

Motor Vehicle Pro Rate

15.97

58.40

Other Receipt Totals:

34.30

916.78

Disbursements:

0.00

-19,553.75

Property Tax Commission:

- 5.08

- 391.26

Ending cash on hand

28,994.28

28,994.28

Ending investment on hand

0.00

0.00

Grand Totals:

28,994.28

28,994.28

FINANCIAL CONTINUED:

The following bills were presented and approved by the Board for payment. Warrants have been issued but were not cleared as of the County Treasurer General Ledger statement for June 2012.

A&M Pumping	\$ 500.00	Service Use Fee Fund
Backlund Plumbing	\$ 1,160.00	Service Use Fee Fund
Backlund Plumbing	\$ 1,970.00	Service Use Fee Fund
Great Plains Septic	\$ 3,250.00	Service Use Fee Fund

Motion to adjourn was made by John. Second to the motion was made by Don.

Next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, August 5th at 7:00 P.M. at the Gretna City Hall

Submitted by,
Barb Schutte / Clerk

S.I.D. #29 SARPY COUNTY
WESTRIDGE FARMS SUBDIVISION
Survey

Yes, I am in favor of having one contracted trash company servicing the Westridge Farms Subdivision. I understand that a special election is will be required if this is to be done. I understand that the cost to me would be assessed by the county and included in my property taxes.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Date: _____

No, I am not in favor of having one contracted trash company servicing the Westridge Farms Subdivision.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Date: _____

Please return to Barb by Sunday, July 29, 2012
20001 Westridge Road
402-332-4680 Feel free to call if you have questions