

## MINUTES

### Empire Wastewater Task Force Meeting October 8th, 2024

Meeting convened at 6:05 PM, members present: Tom Rademacher, Paul Skinner, John Bruder, Bruce Taggart, Mark Oberschulte.

Paul Skinner discussed what the Task Force had been working on.

The Wade Trim draft report was reviewed:

- a. The USDA funding source failed to mention that anyone within 200 feet of the sewer line must tap in. Paul felt that some of the other funding sources left out some information and he would follow up on that.
- b. Paul felt that most of the information provided was similar to past reports. He questioned some of the operating and maintenance cost estimates and updating REU's and Affordability Index.

Bruce Taggart felt a better explanation was needed for how they came up with their numbers.

Terry Bacon questioned on Wade Trade comments on Village taxes. Who is writing analysis and what they know. Last two sentences of additional economic considerations not fact based but social comments.

Maggie Bacon comment on Harry Luzius as an expert on his analysis.

Paul said Harry Luzius had gotten his information from Sludgehammer and Gozling & Czubic from another source.

Frank Clements question on what the final cost of the system might be.

Pete Lavalley question on the timeline to present to council. Paul felt it would be about six weeks.

Mark Oberschulte asked if there would be a Village vote.

John Bruder asked who would vote. It would be those effected by the installation of a sewer system.

Terry Bacon, Village could do a special assessment, if bond cannot be met, the whole Village would be on the hook.

Wade Trim to incorporate any changes.

Respectfully submitted,  
Thomas Rademacher