

Carlton/Twin Lakes Committee Meeting at Carlton City Hall
Tuesday, March 14, 2013
6:00 p.m.

The meeting began at 6:00 p.m. Committee members present: Kitty Bureau, Guy Wait, Randy Willie, Sue Chapin. Others present: Ken Witte, Derek Wolf.

The committee agreed to set scheduled meetings on the second Thursday of the month at 6:00 p.m. at Carlton City Hall.

Discussion on various options of ownership for the water line (outside of city limits), including the city owning the entire line, the township owning the entire line, and joint ownership.

In regards to the city owning the entire line, the following “pros” were discussed; it would be easier for the township, would ultimately mean more income for the city, funding availability may be better for the city, and the city already has water line maintenance and meter system in place. The following “cons” were discussed; city would possibly have to hire more staff, city would have to pay the township for the line design and possible other costs.

In regards to the township owning the entire line, the following “pro” was discussed; the township would retain more control over the line. The following “cons” were discussed; funding may be more difficult for the township to obtain, the township would be paying maintenance costs.

In regards to joint ownership, the following “pro” was discussed; both parties would have control over the line. The following “con” was discussed; possibly more legal costs to work this out.

Various aspects of the water line were discussed, including costs, the impact to both township residents and city residents, and technical issues including whether or not the line should loop to provide better service in case of a problem with part of the line. Bureau will contact MN Rural Water regarding funding possibilities.

Discussion on some of the new questions provided by Troy Gilchrist, however many of those answers will depend on what type of ownership is decided upon. The portion of the township that would be provided service is covered by the current design, however the committee did not rule out the potential of providing water beyond that design. This does not need to be decided at the beginning.

Witte commented that business owners along the corridor already want a water line. Discussion on the time frame for putting in the line. May depend on county development, the state garage expansion, or possibly FDL.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan M. Chapin, Clerk