

Carlton/Twin Lakes Committee Meeting at the Carlton City Hall
Tuesday, January 22, 2013
5:30 p.m.

The meeting began at 5:30 p.m. Committee members present: Kitty Bureau, Guy Wait, Randy Willie, Sue Chapin. Others present: Derek Wolf.

Discussion on various aspects of a joint powers agreement, as follows:

Board:

A joint board would be formed, preferably not too large - three members representing Carlton and three members representing Twin Lakes Township was discussed as an optimum number on the board. Current committee members expressed interest in being on the board. If there are two supervisors serving as Twin Lakes representatives then the board meetings would have to be open to the public and be posted. Discussion on whether there should be an equal number of elected officials representing both entities. Chapin will check with attorney regarding this issue. Discussion on whether to have any non-voting members on the board; probably not. Discussion on how many votes would be required for the board to approve a decision; tabled for now.

Discussion on having county representation on the board. The committee agreed that option could be left open for sometime down the line, but was not necessary at this point. Bureau mentioned that Pat Oman had attended a city council meeting and expressed interest in being involved; the committee felt that any county representation should include a county commissioner.

Water Line:

Discussion on ownership of a water line; even if a county representative served on the board, ownership of the line would still be with Carlton and Twin Lakes, probably 50/50.

Discussion on what decisions the board would be responsible for. Agreement that a joint board would handle decisions regarding day-to-day operations and maintenance of a water line (management of the line), and that those terms would be worked into a joint powers agreement. Any major decisions (such as financial) would need the approval of both the city council and the town board.

Funding:

Discussion on the current low rates for bonding. Wait mentioned various business owners he has spoken with who would like the water line. Discussion on what part the county might have in funding - help out with some funds up front? Pay a large hook-up fee? Help acquire other funding that the city and township maybe don't have access to? Chapin will check with MSA on current funding options that they are aware of.

Discussion on how water would be metered at the county development site. Wait said that more income would be generated if all individuals and businesses within the development were metered individually, than if there was just one meter for the entire development. The committee agreed that at this point it is difficult to determine specific financial commitments required from the city and the township.

In regards to the state facility on Highway 210, Chapin updated that the cost estimate to run the water line to that facility is \$2 million, and that information has been sent to Fred Johansen.

Discussion about the organization Minnesota Rural Water. Bureau will check with them regarding possible funding options for a water line, and regarding any additional insight they may have regarding a joint powers agreement.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan M. Chapin, Clerk