



# HOWARD COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS BOARD

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## Minutes of the Howard County Public Works Board – Tuesday, December 13, 2016

**Members present:** Mr. Cory Summerson, Ms. Abby Glassberg, Mr. Alan Whitworth, Mr. Brandon Robinson, and Mr. Pedro Ramirez.

**Staff present:** Jim Irvin, Executive Secretary; Daniel Davis, Utility Design Division; Chaunta Taylor, Recording Secretary, Real Estate Services Division, Department of Public Works.

Mr. Summerson called the meeting to order at approximately 7:30 p.m.

**1. Approval of minutes:** Mr. Cory Summerson indicated that the first item on the agenda is the approval of the minutes of September 13, 2016. Mr. Summerson asked if there were any comments or questions. There were no comments or questions from the Board.

**Motion:** On a motion made by Ms. Glassberg and seconded by Brandon Robinson, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of September 13, 2016.

**2. Water & Sewer Capital Projects:** Mr. Daniel Davis, Chief, Utility Design Division, proposed three (3) new capital projects for the upcoming 2017 and 2018 fiscal year. The purpose of this presentation is to seek recommendations from the Public Works Board concerning three (3) new capital projects that are proposed. One (1) for the current 2017 fiscal year and the ten-year water and sewer capital improvement program and two (2) for the upcoming 2018 fiscal year and ten-year water and sewer capital improvement program.

The user costs associated with the water and sewer extensions are as follows:

Sewer house connection charge	\$ 4,500.00	
Sewer In-Aid-of-Construction charge	\$ 600.00	for a 1-inch meter
Sewer Account Charge	\$ 11.13	per quarter
Sewer use charge	\$ 3.10	per 748 gallons
Water house connection charge	\$ 2,400.00	
Water Meter Setting Charge	\$ 385.00	for a 1-inch meter
Water In-Aid-of-Construction charge	\$ 600.00	for a 1-inch meter
Water Account Charge	\$ 14.57	per quarter for a 1-inch meter
Water use charge	\$ 1.93	per 748 gallons (Winter Rates)
	\$ 2.15	per 748 gallons (Summer Rates)

All user costs noted in the presentation are subject to change each July 1.

(a) Capital Project S-6698, FY 2017 Cedar Lane Routine Sewer Extension

**Staff Presentation:** Mr. Davis indicated that the first project to be brought before the Public Works Board is Capital Project S6698, the Cedar Lane Routine Sewer Extension. The purpose of this first presentation is to seek a recommendation from the Public Works Board concerning an extension of the public sewer system under capital project S6698, the Routine Sewer Extension Program. The project is the Cedar Lane Routine Sewer Extension and consists of the design and construction of 675 linear feet of 8-inch sewer to serve one property on Cedar Lane at a total estimated cost of \$625,000.

The project was requested by Ms. Lois E. Peters the owner of 6636 Cedar Lane; parcel 154 on tax map 35. The property is improved, is within the Metropolitan District and is eligible for public water and sewer service. The property is 2.0 acres in size and is zoned R-20.

The proposed extension was evaluated against the criteria for routine extensions and met all requirements. The property abuts a County road, the extension is less than 1,000 feet and there is sufficient capacity in the system to serve the property.

Interested citizens were notified of tonight's meeting by advertisement in local newspapers and by postings in the project area.

**Board Comments:** Mr. Whitworth asked if the sewer extension at the end and that's why the extension is going up and is this only for one property owner. Also, is this gravity? Mr. Davis explained there isn't any sewer going up Cedar Lane and yes the extension was requested from one property owner but it could be extended in the future and yes it is gravity. The Board also inquired about the cost and if other owners were contacted or interested. Mr. Davis explained the detail of what the cost and what was included and that at this time only one property owner requested having sewer.

**Public Testimony:** None.

**Motion:** On a motion made by Ms. Glassberg and seconded by Mr. Ramirez, the Board unanimously recommended that the Director of Public Works approve Capital Project S-6698, FY 2017 Cedar Lane Routine Sewer Extension.

(b) Capital Project W-8332, FY 2018 Heritage Heights Water and Sewer Extension

**Staff Presentation:** Mr. Davis stated the seconded project to be brought before the Public Works Board is Capital Project W8332, the Heritage Heights Water and Sewer Extensions project. A project for the design and construction of 700 LF of 8-inch water main within Thompson Drive, 700 LF of 8-inch sewer main within Thompson Drive and 700 LF of 8-inch sewer main within Tulane Road in the Heritage Heights community. Fiscal year 2018 funding of \$900,000 is requested. The total probable estimate is \$900,000.

An extension of water and sewer service was initially requested by two (2) property owners located on Thompson Drive. After receipt of this initial request notifications were distributed to each owner along Thompson Drive and Tulane Road seeking their input and interest in having the water and

sewer system completed (in full) therein. The returned responses indicated support of a capital project to complete water and sewer service along Thompson Drive and Tulane Road.

Interested property owners were notified of tonight's meeting by advertisement in local newspapers and by postings in the project area.

**Board Comments:** Mr. Ramirez inquired will all owners along Thomas be hooked up and are they required to be hooked up. Mr. Davis explained that there 24 home that were impacted and they received 17 favorable responses and no they aren't required to be hooked up. Ms. Glassberg asks are they allowed to hook up later if requested, Mr. Davis responded yes. Mr. Whitworth asks is there a frontage fee, Mr. Irvin responded there isn't one.

**Public Testimony:**

Mr. Mark Wilson, resident of 12301 Wake Forest Road, Clarksville, Maryland. Explained that the Heritage houses was built in 1960 with the original septic system and the system is old and he feels that they were told it was in the 10 year comprehensive plan and that never happened he feels it's time for an upgrade because they are the only two streets that are still on septic.

Mrs. Shirley Wilson, resident of 12301 Wake Forest Road, Clarksville, Maryland. Explained how the loss power and it's very inconvenient how they have to use the facilities when the power goes out in their homes and they have elderly neighbors who aren't capable.

Mr. Robert Anders, resident of 6115 Tulane Drive, Clarksville, Maryland. He moved there 6 years ago and he has public water that he is paying for but don't have sewer. Everyone has public water and sewer except the two communities and the new communities have it as well and he feels it worth considering to all the public.

**Motion:** On a motion made by Mr. Whitworth and seconded by Ms. Glassberg, the Board unanimously recommended that the Director of Public Works approve Capital Project W-8332, Heritage Water and Sewer Extension.

(c) Capital Project S-6298, FY 2018 Dorsey Run Road Sewer Extension

**Staff Presentation:** Mr. Davis stated the third project to be brought before the Public Works Board is new FY18 Capital Project S6298, the Dorsey Run Road Sewer Extension. A project for the design and construction of 475 LF of 8-inch sewer main along Dorsey Run Road to serve one property with a failing septic system. Fiscal year 2018 funding of \$400,000 is requested. The total probable estimate is \$400,000.

The requesting property is currently served by a septic system that is failing. The business, Praxair, requested that the County extend sewer service to allow connection to the public system.

Interested property owners were notified of tonight's meeting by letter, by advertisement in local newspapers and by postings in the project area.

**Board Comments:** Mr. Whitworth asked if this was underneath the railroad bridge at the bottom of Dorsey Run. Mr. Davis, responded it not a bridge, it's by Dorsey Run. The sewer is up to the North, the owner seats on a break and he can't be pump to the other system and there is no system for him to fall in by gravity. His system was failing so the Heath Dept. reached out asking the County to

assist. Ms. Glassberg asks how large is the property? Mr. Davis responded around 2 to 3 acres. Mr. Ramirez inquired how they are crossing Dorsey Run. Mr. Davis and open cut crossing but the challenge will be the bridge and the manhole is under the bridge so they will attempt going off to the side.

**Public Testimony:** None.


**Motion:** On a motion made by Ms. Glassberg and seconded by Mr. Robinson, the Board unanimously recommended that the Director of Public Works approve Capital Project S-6298, Dorsey Run Road Sewer Extension.

3. **Board Elections:** Mr. Irvine asked for any nominations for chairperson and for vice chairperson.

**Motion:** On a motion made by Ms. Glassberg and seconded by Mr. Whitworth, the Board unanimously recommended that Director of Public Works accept Mr. Summerson be nominated for chairperson. On a motion made by Mr. Summerson and seconded by Mr. Whitworth, the Board unanimously recommended that Director of Public Works accept Ms. Glassberg be nominated for vice chairperson.

There being no further business, the Public Works Board meeting adjourned at approximately 7:58 p.m.

  
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Executive Secretary

  
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Chaunta Taylor  
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