

BANGOR BOROUGH AUTHORITY & ROSETO BOROUGH SEWER AUTHORITY
Special Public Hearing/Meeting – 197 Pennsylvania Avenue August 18, 2021- 7:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE TO FLAG

Solicitor Margle asked for an introduction of the public officials and representatives in attendance.

ROLL CALL

Attending Bangor Authority Members

James Kresge
Michael Gable, Engineer
Robert Engle
Brian Berger
Robert Rhodes, Vice-Chairman
Stanley Margle, Solicitor

Attending Roseto Authority Members

Syzane Arifaj, Solicitor
Michael Abate
Bryon Killian, Engineer
Michael Goffredo, Chairman
Daniel Confalone

Solicitor Margle gave an opening statement giving a general purpose of the meeting and an outline of what is proposed for the merger of the Authorities.

Solicitor Arifaj stated that the Roseto Sewer Authority mailed letters to the Roseto residents explaining the background and history of both Authorities.

Michael Goffredo and Robert Rhodes explained the advantages of the proposed merger.

Attending Bangor & Roseto Residents

Alserio Vicentus
Mark Spry
Krista Ashmore
Melanie Bingham
Rosemarie Capone

Josette Chaffier
Walter & Tomasina Grabias
Ken Tillman
Carl Renna
Peter Scarfaro, Jr.
Nicholas & Cathy Martino
Alan Nelson
Prospero Zito

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Peter Scarfaro, Jr. was present from 10 Washington Street and asked, when the systems merge, where will the priority lie for the system as a whole and how many representatives will be on the Roseto Authority board? This is being discussed and possibly two representatives will be on the RBA. The priority of issues will be made on a system like basis. Mr. Scarfaro also questioned if there would be any cost savings to the residents of Roseto? Solicitor Arifaj commented that the end goal would be for the residents of Roseto and Bangor to pay the same sewer fees.

Carl Renna from 507 Sage Street asked, if there was a merger would both authorities be open to having an independent entity who specializes in running a sewer authority take over the system? Solicitor Arifaj stated that it would probably take away from the cost savings to the residents. Solicitor Margle stated that BBA would like to keep this a local operation with the employees and consultants who know the system, but if an outside consultant is needed it would be addressed.

Ken Tillman of 521 Garibaldi Avenue asked about the Roseto and Bangor sewer fees. Solicitor Arifaj and Margle addressed those questions. Mr. Tillman also asked why the expired contract with Roseto & Bangor has not been negotiated? Solicitor Margle stated that the merger is more beneficial to the Authorities than renegotiation of the inter-municipal agreement.

Nicholas Martino of 106 Eisenhower Blvd asked, if someone offered the Bangor Borough Authority millions of dollars to take over would they consider selling? Solicitor Margle commented that the Authority would do what was best for the residents. Mr. Martino asked, if residents could be billed by water usage and not a set fee? Mr. Dysard stated that it would be a decision of the merged Authority Board.

Peter Scarfaro, Jr. asked questions regarding Bangor's I&I procedures. Michael Gable addressed his questions.

Peter Scarfaro, Jr. asked for clarification regarding the benefits of the merger by adding additional users. Mr. Dysard commented that it would allow additional sewer capacity in the future.

Alan Nelson asked, if there was going to be an immediate cost savings for Bangor and Roseto due to the potential merger? Solicitor Arifaj stated that the savings will be long term due to repairs and maintenance.

Solicitor Margle ended the public hearing/meeting with closing remarks.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tracy Palmer, Administrative Secretary