

CITY OF AUBURN PLUMBING BOARD
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2014 5:00 PM, MEMORIAL CITY HALL

Present: Frank Siracusa, Greg Gallinger, Steve Bianco

Absent: William Orman

Staff: Carl Castiglione, Plumbing Inspector; Brian Hicks, Sr. Code Enforcement Officer

Guests: John Rossi, Corporation Counsel; Douglas Selby, City Manager

Chair calls the meeting to order.

John Rossi has asked for this meeting to discuss the sewer revolving loan fund. (Attachment 1)

John Rossi: Details program qualifications.

Brian Hicks: States there is a distinction between single family and multi-family residences. Four or more units is considered commercial property. There is no distinction concerning owner-occupation or not.

Douglas Selby: Questions the replacement of the lateral from the street to the house.

Steve Bianco: It is not always clear, sometimes it isn't. The City used to bring it from the main to the property line.

John Rossi: The property owner is responsible to bring it from the main to the house.

Carl Castiglione: The City does bring in the water line but charges the homeowner. Plumbers try to stay away from the street due to the increased cost and labor. Like the idea of having a cap on the funding available. The homeowner furnishes the rest.

John Rossi: Asks for an average quote.

Steve Bianco: 5,000 to 7,000 to the lateral with 6 to 7 feet average. Outside this would increase the cost.

Frank Siracusa: What is figured in the cost?

Douglas Selby: Questions if the funds should be a lump sum limit or an amount per linear foot. Trying to think of a number that would be sufficient 80% of the time.

John Rossi: We can come up with an average that the City will allow but if the cost is increased the recipient would have to show financial hardship for increased funding.

General discussion of using pump systems.

Carl Castiglione: Questions if \$10,000 is a good idea for a cap.

John Rossi: Will discuss it with City Council. Also states that the water meter change was part of an energy package grant that included meters, lighting, etc.

Steve Bianco: Questions when the fund will be re-capitalized.

Douglas Selby: States it has already happened.

John Rossi: \$116,000 received last week.

Brian Hicks: Questions who handles the program.

Carl Castiglione: Vickie Murphy at Municipal Utilities.

John Rossi: Applications can be picked up at water billing.

Brian Hicks: We can review past replacements over a two year period and average different caps for different wards due to different depths.

Meeting adjourned.

Recorded by Alicia McKeen