

Town Council Workshop
September 19, 2023

President Newnam called the workshop to order at 5:00 pm. Council members Michael Sullivan, Brian Schmidt, Rose Potter and Walter Chase were present. Other attendees for the Town: Town Administrator Erin Braband and Town Attorney Lyndsey Ryan.

Attorney Ryan stated that the Talbot County Council introduced two Resolutions at their September meeting 12th meeting that affect Trappe.

Resolution 348 that has been introduced will correct the parcels that were accidentally changed on the water/sewer maps that were included in Resolution 281. These parcels are being reverted to what they were prior to Resolution 281. After discussion, the Council did not have an objection to Resolution 348.

Resolution 347 that has been introduced will establish the number of EDUs for all phases of Lakeside, specify the water/sewer classifications for each phase and require annual reporting updates to the County from the Town. After discussion, the Council opposed the portion of the statement that stated that the Lakeside WWTP will provide wastewater treatment for 400 EDUs (250 gallons per day per EDU). The Lakeside WWTP discharge permit is for 100,000 gallons per day, not specifically 400 EDUs. The Council also opposed the requirement in the Resolution mandating that the Town provide flow updates to the County, at least annually, whether at an annual CWSP meeting or by separate letter to the County Engineer. The Council also opposed the continuation of the reporting requirement that the Town shall also promptly notify the County Engineer of any updates to the Phasing Plan for the Lakeside project, including any changes in the phasing or allocation of EDUS from those set forth in this Resolution. This requirement is not mandated for any other jurisdiction and/or development. The Council also discussed language related to reclassification of property in the future. The Council does not oppose the phases or EDUS as stated in the proposed Resolution.

The County Public Works Advisory Board met on September 14th and plan to meet again on October 2nd to continue their review and discussion on the proposed Resolutions. The County Planning Commission is meeting on October 4th for their review and discussion.

The Town Council directed Attorney Ryan to draft a letter on their behalf outlining their above stated opposition to the proposed Resolution 347 and submit the letter to the County prior to their meetings.

There being no further business to discuss, the workshop was closed at 5:32 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Erin Braband, Town Administrator/Clerk