

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

ITEM NO. D(6)

AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT

MEETING DATE: November 22, 2011

SUBJECT: Request to Consider a Resolution of Intent to Pursue the Construction of a Public Sewer Line

DEPARTMENT: Management Services	PUBLIC HEARING: NO
ATTACHMENTS: A – Resolution	FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Arche McAdoo (918-7439)

PURPOSE

The purpose of this agenda item is for the Board of Aldermen to consider a resolution of intent to pursue the construction of a public sewer line.

INFORMATION

The private common sewer lateral serving the 100 block of East Main Street in Carrboro failed on August 26, 2011. Orange Water and Sewer Authority (OWASA) policies do not allow for OWASA maintenance of this type of line, leaving the property owners with the responsibility to repair the line in order to stay in business.

At the September 27, 2011 meeting, the Board of Aldermen approved an appropriation of up to \$60,000 from the Revolving Loan Fund for use by the property owners to repair the line.

At the October 25th, 2011 meeting, the Board of Aldermen authorized Town staff to negotiate for possible purchase of easements needed to repair/replace the line in its current alignment, continue to explore other options, and seek outside funds for the option to build a public sewer line.

Town staff has worked with the property owners to find a common solution to the failed line, but no viable solution has been found to replace the line in its current alignment due to easement issues. Staff has also worked with OWASA staff to determine the feasibility and cost of building a public sewer line to serve these properties and allow for future economic development opportunities along Roberson Street. Staff has worked to seek funding from Orange County, as well as various State and Federal agencies. At the November 15, 2011 Board of Aldermen meeting, the Board made a formal request of the Orange County Board of County Commissioners to provide financial support for the construction of a public sewer line.

FISCAL AND STAFF IMPACT

Town staff will continue to explore the possibility of constructing a public sewer line and continue to seek funding for the project from outside sources. If the Town is unable to procure outside funding, it may become necessary for the Board of Aldermen to consider allocating funding to pay for the project. The estimated cost, including design, construction and contingency, is approximately \$250,000.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Board consider the attached resolution of intent to pursue the construction of a public sewer line.