

**Minutes of the  
Public Utilities Committee  
Meeting 2/16/99**

Attending: Gary Brockett and Ruth McIlrath

Meeting started at 6:00 PM

1. Jay and Karen Brown                      -Council asked to grant a variance  
    1104 Royal Oak  
    2.4 acres purchased in 1997; Public sewer is available;  
    -They feel their septic tank is working efficiently and they clean it every 6-months.  
    The distance to tie-in they feel is a hardship and they may need two lift stations in  
    order to comply.  
    -Discussion:  
    Building inspector reports that the leach field does not work. Mayor reports walking  
    the site and observing possible problems on the site. Everyone is fairly confident that  
    the septic will fail the County test.  
    -Recommendation:  
    To deny variance and require tie-in.
  
2. Jim and Marilyn Cotesworth  
    1082 Bell Road and 1080 Bell Road  
    4 properties there and not two according to owner:  
    -They stated these properties were permanently exempted from tie-in; Felt he would  
    need a grinder pump at great expense in order to comply; Said that septic tanks are  
    75-years old and working fine and need no tie-in to sewer.  
    -Discussion:  
    The "exemption" they referenced was from the County and not South Russell Village  
    Mayor and Council according to former mayor. The age of the septic tanks makes it  
    highly unlikely that they would be able to pass the current County Septic Tank test.  
    -Recommendation:  
    To deny variance and require tie-in.  
    The Committee desires to be fair in applying the Ordinance and concludes that it is  
    unfair to require one person to tie-in to central sewer one month and grant a variance  
    to another person the next month. After our recent experience at Bellwood, it is the  
    Committee's opinion that everyone should comply with the existing Ordinance.
  
3. David Stuart Lowe  
    Sugarbush  
    Property not tied-in to sewer either and there may be raw sewage coming from this  
    property.  
    Discussion:  
    The Committee will look into this situation and report to Council.
  
4. Lyndal Hughes  
    1075 Bell Road  
    Property not tied-in to sewer and the Committee will look into this and report to

Council.

5. **Water Well Monitoring**

The Committee discussed the high priority given to water well monitoring and agreed to begin work immediately to update the existing files on this, contact the County for information they have, and start working on securing preliminary bids to determine cost and scope of such a project.

As work develops on this project, the Committee will report to Council.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM.