

**Town of Twisp  
Special Council Minutes  
05/03/11 – 2:00 PM**

Meeting called to order at 2:08 pm by Mayor Ing-Moody.

Council Members Present:     Clint Estes, Mayor Pro-Tem  
  Traci Day  
  Bob Lloyd

Council Members absent:     Tom Gehring  
  Hans Smith

**Public Works Trust Fund (PWTF) Loan – Wastewater Treatment Plant Installation of a Belt Press**

Superintendent Moss reported to Council that an application for a PWTF Loan had previously been submitted in the amount of \$736,967 with a projected interest rate of .5% to 2%.

Superintendent Moss discussed the estimated costs he projected for the belt press being approximately 1/3 of the loan amount; his primary concern was regarding the additional equipment that a belt press may require and how the Town's current equipment would be impacted by the addition of a belt press. Superintendent Moss explained that if the treatment plant was running healthier and all of the equipment was working properly less sludge hauling would be necessary and the land application currently being done would be an adequate way to run our small plant.

Superintendent Moss explained to Council current practices and practices he plans to implement such as:

- Currently advising the land owners (where the Town applies sludge) on what is needed to meet the Department of Ecology (DOE) requirements.
- The land owners have already installed a tank for winter storage when sludge cannot be applied; he also mentioned two other potential storage options at the treatment plant for winter storage.
- He suggested the possibility of the Town using their own property for future land application.
- Researching the re-implementing drying beds (Twisp used this option in the past).

Superintendent Moss determined that by adding the belt press the Town's debt service would increase by approximately \$30,000 to \$40,000 annually and would cause an increase of sewer rates of approximately 10% - 12% per account. He suggested pulling our application now to avoid going any further in the process; PWTF Board is looking for additional information soon that will begin the process of accepting the loan.

**Motion:**

Council Member Estes moved to approve the recommendation of Superintendent Moss and pull our Public Works Trust Fund Loan application at this time. The motion was seconded by Council Member Day and passed unanimously.

**Development Costs**

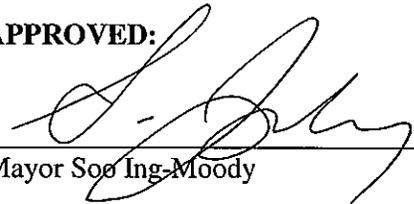
Council discussed development fees related to connecting to the water and sewer services. The discussion was if an accessory dwelling or additional unit was built on the same lot as existing unit, would both units be subject to their own development fees. Superintendent Moss introduced a formula to Council for these situations that would work if the land owners did not want to install separate services and would rather connect from the existing unit.

**Motion:**

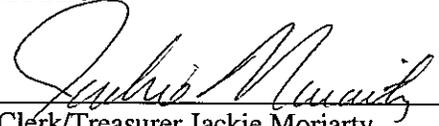
Council Member Lloyd moved to approve the formula proposed by letter by Superintendent Moss for the Hottell property. The motion was seconded by Council Member Estes and passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Ing-Moody adjourned the meeting at 3:54 p.m.

**APPROVED:**

  
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Mayor Soo Ing-Moody

**ATTEST:**

  
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Clerk/Treasurer Jackie Moriarty