

**August 12, 2015**

The Town of Pines Town Council met with the EPA at 6:30 p.m. Cathi Murray led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. In attendance were: Cathi Murray, Bud Prast, Alan Murray and Sandra Hall. This meeting was to go over logistic of the contaminated soil. Jacob Hassan, EPA will be overseeing the fly ash and soil removal. Bill Haswell from Haley and Aldrich, which is contracted to do the work, stated that they are working on a plan for the soil removal. Bill gave the Council and overview of what will be happening and then had some questions for the Council.

**Overview**

Once an area is identified as being contaminated and the work begins the contractors will then put a fence around the area that they will be working on. They will bring in the equipment and begin the removal. They will load the fly ash and contaminated soil in trucks and it will be hauled to a landfill. The contractors will then fill the area with clean fill and soil. They will have individual access agreements for the property owners to sign.

**Questions from Bill**

1. Would the Town have a problem with the work being done between the hours of 7:00 am and 5:00 pm. Monday – Friday. The Council said no but that if an individual property owner had a preference for the hours that they work with the individual. Bill did not think that would be a problem.
2. Is it okay if they close a lane on the roadway if needed? Yes as long as they put up the necessary cones and post the lane closer.
3. The trucks are over our weight limits on the road way what do the contractors need to do to bring those trucks onto our roads? The Town Council will have to write a letter of permission.

**Question from the Council for Bill**

1. If a property owner wants the work done on a Saturday is that okay with you? Yes
2. Will the trucks be covered when they haul the fly ash and contaminated soil away? Yes and they can set up sprinkler systems to keep the dust down around the area that is being worked on and they can wet the soil in the truck as well.
3. We have school buses running through the Town will you work around that? Nipsco has already been working with the school on the schedule of the buses in the Town and Nipsco will continue to coordinate with the school.
4. How many properties will be worked on at one time? At most 3 properties will be worked on at the same time
5. When will this work be started and done as we get into the colder weather and the frost laws take affect? They plan on starting as soon as possible and they do not feel that there will be a problem.
6. What if someone has a question who do they contact? There will be a contact person at the site at all times
7. Where is the fly ash going? The fly ash will go to an EPA approved landfill.
8. Where will the equipment be when not working? The equipment will be kept on site where the removal is taking place until completed. The trucks will be kept at a staging area.
9. What kind of fencing will be used around the worksite area? Chain link fencing
10. Who is taking care of the bond for the contractors? Nipsco will provide a certificate of insurance
11. Who do we write the permission letter to for the trucks that are over our weight limits? Nipsco
12. What is the time frame for the public meeting on all this? Early to Mid-September

- 13. What if someone is uncomfortable with speaking in front of people at the meeting? The meeting will be split up where earlier in the day individuals will have an opportunity to ask questions privately and speak privately with an EPA representative.
- 14. Are you still accepting requests for testing? Yes
- 15. For how long? If an individual calls and feels that they may have contaminated soil then the EPA will check it out.

As there were no more questions the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.

  
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Sandra L. Hall, Clerk-Treasurer

  
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Cathi Murray, Council President