

Miess, Kelly

From: Miess, Kelly
Sent: Monday, August 17, 2020 11:08 AM
To: 'Lori Campbell'
Cc: Wiederhoeft, Adam; Larson, Alan
Subject: RE: Felland Road Special Assessments

Ms. Campbell,

Thank you for resending your feedback. We are assessing the Town of Burke properties per the Intergovernmental Agreement (referred to as the Cooperative Plan) between the Town of Burke and the City of Madison, and following the pertinent City Ordinances. We encourage you to reach out to the Town of Burke Administrator or City of Madison Planning Department if you have any questions about the Intergovernmental Agreement or the long term plans for the area.

I strongly recommend that you register your feedback with the Board of Public Works. Comments can be submitted either virtually during the public hearing at 4:45 p.m. Wednesday August 19, 2020 or in writing before the meeting. Please see the notice that was mailed out for details.

Thank you,
Kelly

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From: Lori Campbell <loricampbell@me.com>
Sent: Monday, August 17, 2020 8:37 AM
To: Miess, Kelly <KMuess@madisonwater.org>
Subject: Re: Felland Road Special Assessments

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Madison Water Utility
Attn: Kelly Miess

We are residents on Felland road, where the Madison City Water Department is currently installing water lines.

We received the recent assessment for the properties on Felland Road, and we are totally flabbergasted at the cost you have assessed for ours and others properties. We don't understand why you would assess by acreage instead of by frontage. I understand you can choose whatever you want, but this is totally unfair and a huge financial burden to anyone with multiple acres of land.

The new water line wasn't something we got to choose or vote for. No one asked us our opinion if we felt that this would be a benefit to us. Personally, I don't want city water service (it is not healthier). We already have well water which I consider a better source of water than the city water, and we have never had a concern of fire protection where we live. The fire department is fully capable of handling a fire concern in our area, as they are in any rural area.

Our personal property (4930 Felland Road) and our daughters property (4898 Felland Road) are both residential properties but because we have more acreage, approx 5 acres and 2 acres respectively, we are being penalized for having more acreage than many other residential properties on Felland Road. That just isn't right and makes no sense what so ever. The assessments are based on long term benefits to the property being assessed and possibly developed in the future. Well, the above two aforementioned properties, being private residences, won't be further developed and it's totally unfair and unreasonable that we are being charged more for this water line than other owners owning less acreage.

You also have said (in a recent reply to Diana Nelson, resident on Felland road), that the long term plan is development for residential lots on the vacant land. We strongly feel that should be a burden on the developer of those properties at the time they are being developed. Not on the current owners. We are a retired couple and this assessment per acre for our additional property (4908 Felland Road) of \$91,925.95, plus our 5 acre residential property (4930 Felland Road) of \$20,589.01 puts the amount that we owe as a huge burden on us.

I don't understand how you consider this fair. Put yourselves in our shoes and tell me how you would come up with \$112,000+? You are only thinking of the government and City side and not taking individual peoples burdens as a concern. It doesn't affect you, so oh well, you are just doing your job. And please don't tell me that it is a consolation that this bill will not be due until we are annexed to the City, because we will still be charged the "consumer cost Index", which is just like being charged interest. If we choose to pay later, when we are annexed into the City, then our \$112,000+ bill will be at least \$140,000, if not more. And on a retired income, that literally makes me sick to my stomach. That's several year's of living expenses for us.

You can talk all of your fancy business talk all day long, telling us why this is fair and how much value this is to us, but in the end it's still us (the little guys) that have to pay these exorbitant costs.

I sincerely think you need to step back and reconsider this assessment. Why can't the City collect its money when each property is developed. The city has much deeper pockets than we do. They can afford to wait for the payment and they will still get their money and the burden goes to the developer, which seems to be a much more fair way to handle this problem. Then, you're not hurting the little guy, and you're passing the burden of the cost of a project (that we don't even want), on to a developer who can afford it and can build that cost into their development.

I sincerely hope that with everything that is going on right now in this world, and with the already heavy burdens on everyone, and where everyone is speaking of kindness and doing well unto others, that you (the city) consider each individual involved as a person and the hardships you will be causing. This is just unacceptable and there is a better way to handle this. We are hoping that the city (people making the choices), have a heart and make the right choice, and don't burden others with something you wouldn't want done to you.

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On Aug 17, 2020, at 8:14 AM, Miess, Kelly <KMiess@madisonwater.org> wrote:

Ms. Campbell,

Thank you for your email, however City computers are not equipped with Pages software, and therefore I am unable to open your document and read your feedback. Could you kindly copy the text into the body of an email and resend it?

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From: Lori Campbell <loricampbell@me.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 16, 2020 7:03 PM
To: Miess, Kelly <KMiess@madisonwater.org>
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Attn: Kelly Miess,

Please see attached letter in regards to the Felland Road Special Assessments

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