

**March 15, 2014**

**Points to Ponder by Council Woman Nancy Leek,**

I wish to thank the citizens that came to the Town Hall meeting last Monday, March 10th. Rita Clary of KRWA explained the procedures to obtain our loan. The big question was, "Will Ozawkie be able to repay the loan?". In my last Points to Ponder I asked the citizens to ponder about two different rates. At the meeting I asked which rate would be best for our city. The consensus was to go with the higher rate.

Starting May 1, 2014, our sewer (waste water) rate will be \$28.50 per month. Of that, \$3.40 will be put in reserve. That will give an annual reserve of \$10,000 per year. There is no question about us being able to repay our own. I am grateful to the citizens so we can save for years ahead. The second set of papers for the loan were signed and given to Rita Clary. The reason for the extra 50 cents is because interest rates have gone up. :(

Brian Kingsley of B&G passed out brochures on the recommended improvements and their cost. He also explained how Ozawkie is taking a proactive approach. He asked City Council for permission to send out bids for our system-wide TV inspection and the Council said, "yes". The question was asked if someone from B&G would be on site when the projects begins and oversee the projects. The answer is, "yes", there will be someone from B&G almost all the time.

Number 3 lift station had to be cleaned out again because people are putting baby wipes and other non-degradable stuff down the sewer (waste water). This costs all of us money. Do you not stop to thing about where the waste goes after you flush? There is no never, never land (lagoon).

Again, thank you citizens of Ozawkie. I am excited to get this project on the way. Yes I will be watching all the time. :)

Nancy Leek City Council