

Lake Claire Water Project History and Planning

Fall / August 2005

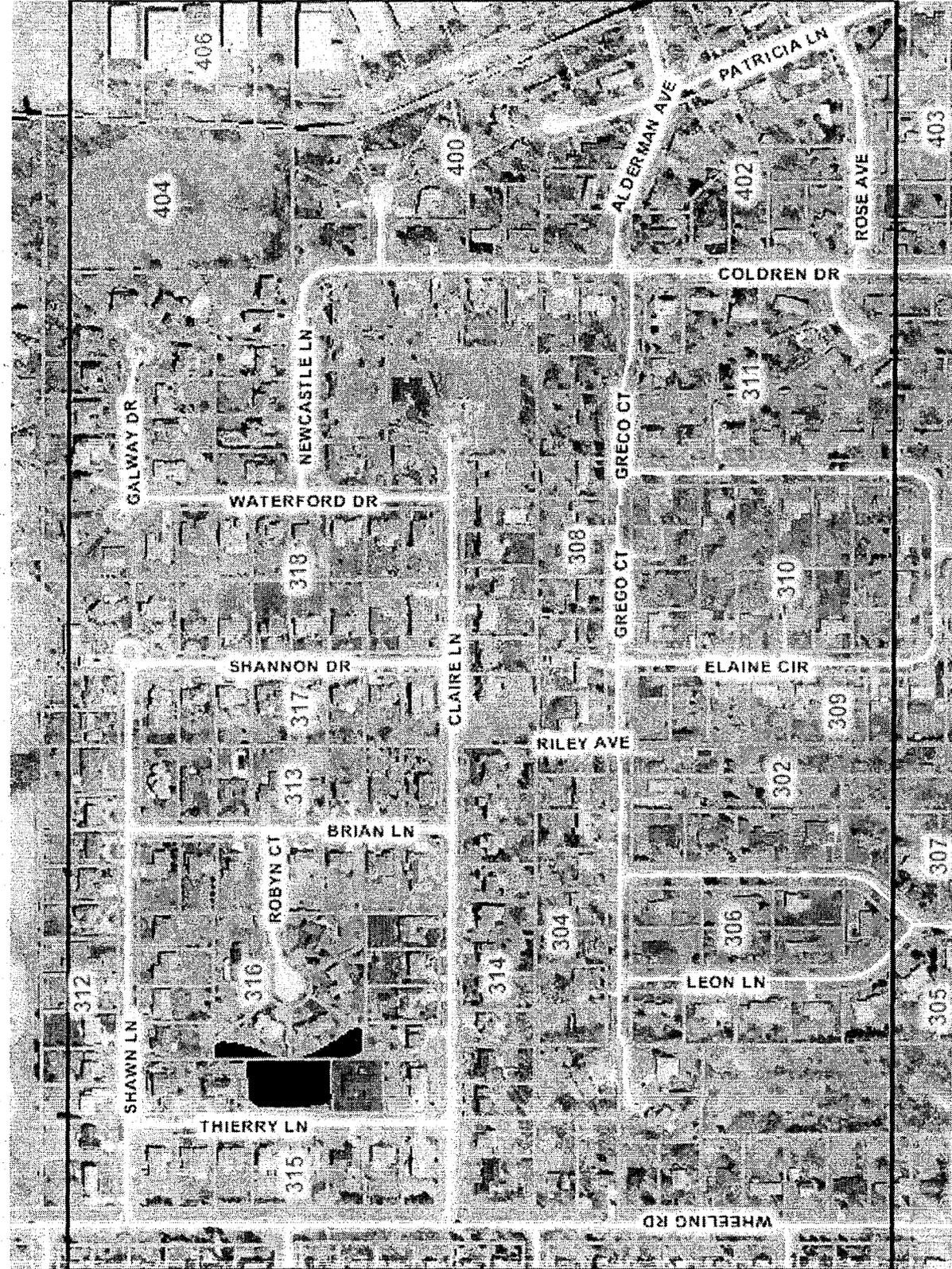
- City approval to extend and pay for Rob Roy Water Main
- Developer posts sign for 7 new homes with City water
- **Frank Marino** pays \$7500 for *only a 'feasibility' study* to become part of the extension
- **I (Bob Korvas)** contact several city officials and employees for additional information. I find out that it is possible to create a SSA (Special Service Area) arrangement if there is sufficient support.
- Late November, I notify all Lake Claire / Shires residents by mail to see if they're interested in obtaining city water and seek volunteers.
- **December 3, 2006 first meeting** is held with volunteers. *We form a committee*, discuss and plan for a full general meeting.
- **December 27, 2005** the neighbors are notified and a *general public meeting* is held in the Boreland room of the PH library with guest speakers **Fire Chief Don Gould, Public Works Director Adam Boche, Jeane Williams real estate expert** and 30 years Prospect Heights resident/advocate. The Q&A session and discussion included topics like: Much improved Fire safety and Protection, Water Main engineering, cost estimates, increase in home value and marketability (time on market) that can result from a reliable, safe clean source of water.
- Residents want to immediately begin funding an engineering plan on the spot. **4th ward alderman Pat Ludvigsen** suggests we only sign petitions and submit our request to the City Council. We contact neighbors that did not attend for signatures.

Winter / January 2006

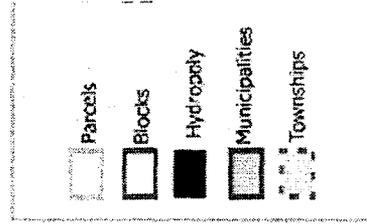
- Petitions and request for city council support is submitted to **Mayor Pace**. **Alderman Pat Ludvigsen** officially submits the documents. City council recommendation is to instruct **Adam Boche** to seek competitive engineering bids, submit them to the council.
- He meets with three firms to discuss the scope of the project and receives three bids between approximately \$36,000 and 87,000.
- City council responds, it has no money to pay for this. If the residents pay they will consider going forward with assisting and extending city water.
- **February 18, 2006 committee meeting** is called we review bids; neighborhood concerns and plan increased communication as well as research. - **Gaeton Minella (engineering chairman)** and I agree to meet with Adam to review his bids and decide to acquire more bids. We find two more we now have a total of three at about \$35,000-\$36,000 each.
- **April 8, 2006 committee meeting** (after Spring Breaks) we agree to increase information, communication and go forward with our findings and create a **website: *www.lakeclairewater.org*** is established, letters to hold a funding and letter of understanding meeting is agreed to for April 27, 2006 at St. Alphonsus.
- **April 22, 2006 the committee meets** to establish guidelines, escrow account and agenda to obtain water for our area with use of the SSA.

See www.lakeclairewater.org

Cook County Assessor's Office Parcel Mapping



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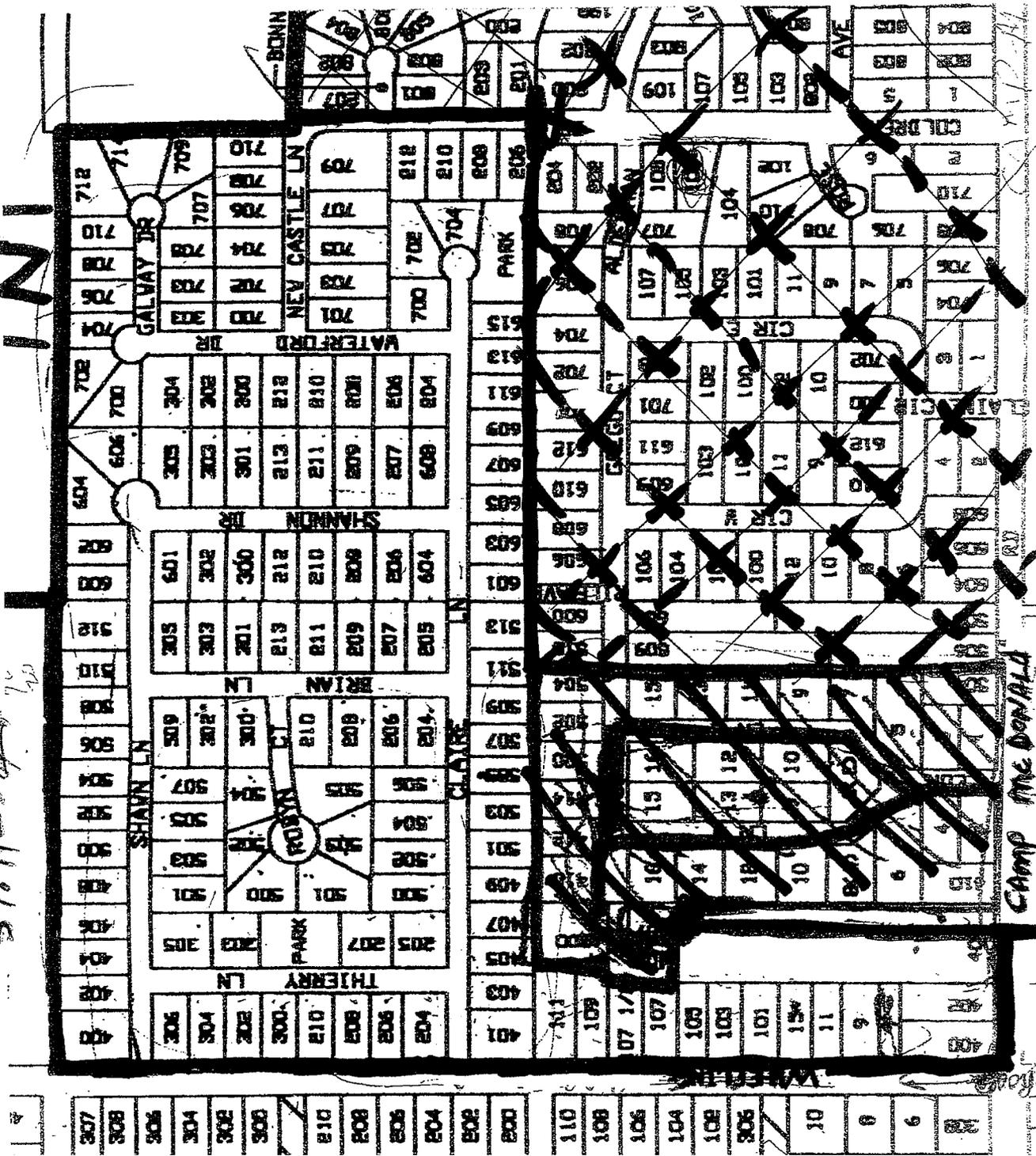


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 * (boundaries) W along the N side of Camp McDonald Rd. from the point where the water main was extended at the new planned subdivision, N along the E side of Wheeling Rd. turning E into Lake Claire/ Shires at Shawn Ln., including the streets of Thierry, Brian, Shannon, Waterford, Robyn, Galway, Newcastle, and back along Claire. Identification of

Lake Claire Water Special Service Area

On December 27th, a meeting took place in an effort to get Lake Michigan Water to our homes. The opportunity is at hand. You are among the **99 (out 122) fellow neighbors having previously agreed** with this effort. Below is some of the information, as we shared and discussed on that night.

1. The city approved an expanded water main connection to service the 7 lots for new homes on Camp McDonald, slightly east of Wheeling Road.
2. 26 homes and Leon and Greco have petitioned and competed *a feasibility study* to also access that connection. ***But, not an engineering plan.***
3. It is not necessary that the entire city approves water and we can approve our own special service area agreement.
4. Several neighbors, along with **Jean Williams** (30 years, expert realtor professional and PH resident), **Don 'Rick' Gould** (PH Fire Chief), **Adam Boche** (PH city engineer and Public works director) discussed the anticipated cost, benefits and safety issues.
5. **COST: 15000*** to very high-end estimate (based on a small 33 homes see 1 and 2 above) 22000 per home. Substantially less for a bigger project area.

*This effort will begin the process of negotiating the scope, terms and conditions of the project for our area only. Our homes need about 12000 feet of water pipe, the cost is about \$100-120 per foot and there are about 120-130 homes.

How does this benefit you and our neighborhood?

\$\$ Home resale: *Jean Williams* 30 year PH resident and real estate expert explained that **your home** would have **more appeal** when you are ready to sell. Substantially more showings, higher sales prices and more interest by other realtors that are not interested in showing their buyers "...homes that have that funny smelling water."

*****FIRE SAFETY:** **Don Gould, PH FIRE CHIEF**, explained how difficult it is to service Prospect Heights today with **(1) 5000 gallon Water tanker is not enough** to put out many fires. It's difficult to get that tanker to each fire if weather conditions are poor and if more than one is needed (especially larger homes like ours and response time over 3-4 minutes after the fire started). The closest additional tankers must be requested from Palatine or Long Grove.

HERE WE ARE, SO WHAT'S NEXT?...

Every member of the neighborhood that is in favor of water is asked to now **deposit \$500 into the Lake Claire Water Project account and sign the letter of commitment**. The commitment letters, along with a copy of our deposits on account for the Engineering planning fund will be submitted at the next city council meeting.

Our proposal will request our committee member's direct participation, recommendations for extending the water main, and the manner in which we would like to proceed. We will consider input from all neighbors willing to support our efforts, meet deadlines and actively participate in this process by attending future city meetings (or ours) as they are called.

Only if we are successful in reaching an agreement with the city council for our best possible plan, we will order the engineering plan and begin the process. Once completed everyone will receive credit for the \$500 deposit. If we are not successful then all money will be returned.

I/We, _____, residing at

Print Homeowner name(s)

_____ hereby agree to fund the

Street address

engineering study for the Lake Claire and Shires proposed Water project. We understand and agree to pay our prorated share of no more than \$500 with the understanding that upon approval and funding of the project, we will be reimbursed. Should either of the above (approval or funding) not occur, it is understood that this fee will not be reimbursed.

Signature(s)

Date

Please attach a check in the amount of \$500 made payable to Lake Claire Water Project. Any funds which are collected in excess of the cost of the study will be redistributed upon completion of the study.

Committee / Board

Introductions: Acting Committee and Board members

Bob Korvas Board Chairman and President

Jeanette Treasure, Secretary Cynthia Barry, Jim Brophy VP

Communications Committee:

Chairman Ed Kamis, Secretary Cynthia Barry

Legal Committee

Co-Chairman Dave Michals, Steve Kozicki

Finance Committee

Chairman Dan DeSio, Jim Bergeron, Jim Brophy VP

Contracting / Logistics

Gaeton Minella

At large committee and assistance: Mike Hanna, Mary Minella, Dan and Arlene Berdovich, Mike and Kathy Haupers, John and Debbie Heydt, Joe Schuerman,