

SEWER SETTLEMENT PROPOSED!!!

EMERGENCY SEWER USER MEETING

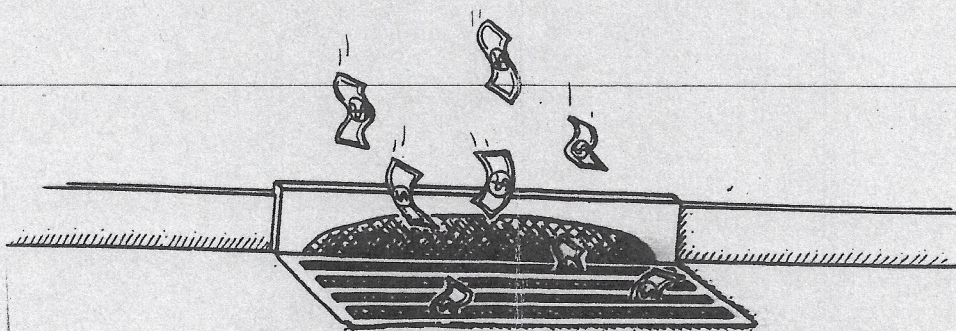
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5TH, 1993, 1 PM

**RINGWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
145 CARLETONDALE ROAD, RINGWOOD**

THIS EMERGENCY MEETING IS BEING HELD TO DISCUSS AND VOTE ON A BOROUGH PROPOSAL AND NEW SEWER USER FEE. THE NEW USER FEE IS TO GO INTO EFFECT ON JANUARY 1, 1994.

SEWER USERS ONLY WILL BE ADMITTED TO THIS MEETING AND HOMEOWNERS WHO DONATED TO THE LEGAL FUND WILL BE ENTITLED TO ONE VOTE ON WHETHER OR NOT TO SETTLE THE LAWSUIT BETWEEN RAHA AND THE BOROUGH. ATTORNEY PAUL JEMAS WILL BE IN ATTENDANCE.

THIS MEETING NEEDS TO BE HELD IN A TIMELY FASHION IN ORDER TO RESPOND TO THE BOROUGH'S PROPOSAL.



WHAT HAS HAPPENED SINCE THEN

- RBSA HAS BEEN DISBANDED BY THE COUNCIL
- RAHA RAISED A "Legal Defense Fund" AND OUR LAWSUIT WAS RESEARCHED AND FILED
- WANAQUE WON A \$900,000 JUDGEMENT AGAINST RINGWOOD
- SOME RAHA MEMBERS HAVE BEEN ON A "FEE STRIKE"
- THE COUNCIL HAS BEGUN SERIOUS CONSIDERATION OF REGIONAL HOOKUP
- FORUM AND SURVEY ON SEWER ISSUES HAVE TAKEN PLACE
- LAWSUIT HAS BROUGHT COUNCIL TO THE BARGAINING TABLE WITH RAHA

WHERE WE ARE TODAY

- AFTER A GREAT DEAL OF NEGOTIATION, THE COUNCIL HAS MADE A SERIOUS OFFER TO SETTLE THIS DISPUTE *PERMANENTLY*

PROPOSED SETTLEMENT

IN RETURN FOR DROPPING OUR LAWSUIT AGAINST THE BOROUGH THE COUNCIL WILL:

- INCREASE THE SEWER USER RATE TO \$1,200 AS OF JANUARY 1, 1994
- GUARANTEE THE RATE FOR 3 YEARS - 1994, 1995, 1996
- RESET THE RATE ON JANUARY 1, 1997 AND ANNUALLY THEREAFTER BASED ON
THE LOWER OF

The actual annual increase in O&M divided by the then current number of users
or

The current inflation rate as measured by the Consumer Price Index

- AGREE THAT THE TOWN IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MAJOR PORTION OF THE CURRENT DEBT
- AGREE THAT ALL FUTURE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS REQUIRED ON THE JAMES DRIVE PLANT WILL BE BORNE IN FULL BY THE BOROUGH
- AGREE THAT IF THE HOOKUP TO REGIONAL IS MADE OUR RATE WILL THEN BE SET BASED ON ALL USERS OF THE REGIONAL SYSTEM