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To whom it may concern:

As a 10-year resident in the Historic Flanders Triangle, I feel I must express my frustration with how the public sewer issue was handled at the March 19th town council meeting and the survey about the sewer issue that was mailed out last week. I sat for three hours that night hoping to receive constructive, objective information that would allow me to make an informed decision.

Instead, what I got was an earful of catcalls from the six homeowners on Patriot's Way whenever anyone tried to share information that clashed with their personal agenda. In fact, that very small, vocal minority was allowed to dictate practically the entire Q&A portion of the council meeting. Then, when the council impulsively switched the survey approval percentage from 60% to 75% and the Mayor himself declared that "we will never get 75%" to appease that faction, the writing was on the wall, in my eyes: the township does not want to do this and the dialogue and issue are now dead. My voice will not be heard and my family's needs are not worth my community's time and, especially, their dollars.

Indeed, the survey seems slanted in that direction. The wording is not objective nor does it truly reflect what the next step(s) in the process are, which is what this survey is allegedly all about. Rather, it throws out that \$49,000 figure, which is not set in stone, in what seems like an attempt to scare off anyone who did not attend the March 19th meeting.

This was my first – and possibly last – attempt to glimpse into the civic nature of the town I've called home for 10 years...and it left me feeling like an unwelcomed outsider.

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