



MEDIA STATEMENT

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TSWAING MAYOR, CLLR DIMAKATSO MALWANE PLEADS WITH THE COMMUNITY MEMBERS NOT TO VANDALISE MUNICIPAL PROPERTIES

“The Municipality Commits to listen and address community needs”

In Delareyville, the Mayor of Tswaing Local Municipality pleads with communities to cease the unrest in order to allow the Municipality, Ngaka Modiri Molema District and Provincial Departments to address all issues raised in the Memorandum that was submitted during the service delivery protest.

“The Municipality commits to listen and address community needs, but further calls for calm when addressing service delivery matters. We should protect public and personal properties” Cllr Malwane addressing community members of Tswaing Local Municipality.

The Mayor further indicated that “the Municipality is in the process of reviewing the IDP in preparation of the 2018/19 financial year to incorporate community needs through public participation in order to integrate the municipal and sector plans with community needs. Therefore structures, individuals and stakeholders are urged to participate” said Mayor Malwane.

She said the unrest and vandalism of infrastructure disrupt the continuity of contractors on sites and causes a delay in the projected time frames which eventually will call for additional charges on the project fees. “These unstable situations disrupt services to the community as well as our children’s education, our matriculants are supposed to start with their final examinations in a week’s time” Mayor said as she continues to highlight that for the past two months Geysdorp was faced with a huge water shortage due to the vandalization of pump and electricity cables at the pump station.

The Mayor met with the representatives of the community on the 20th October and resolved that;

- The water challenges will be addressed steadily across all areas.
- Schools, government offices and retailers will re-open on the 23rd October.
- The public order police unit will retreat from the area.

In response to the Memorandum, the Municipality:

ON SEWERAGE SYSTEM NOT WORKING PROPER

Delareyville Extension 7,

- Has functioning sewerage system which has minimal challenges of blockages which are attended to as and when they occur;

Delareyville Extension 8

- Internal water and sewerage reticulations/network is completed and covers 2400 sites;
- Internal network connects from main network to the house;
- The Department of Local Government & Human Settlements has appointed a contractor to install bulk sewer and water to connect to the internal services network. The contractor is on site and bulk sewerage connections project is progressing accordingly and anticipated to be completed in December 2017;
- The project value for bulk water and sewer is R14 million.

ON INTERNAL ROAD WITH SPEED-HUMP EXTENSION 7 & 8

- Assessment of internal roads in Extension 8 will be carried when the situation is normal for speed-humps to be erected and pedestrian crossings to be marked;
- The contractor currently constructing the internal road in Delareyville will be appointed to construct the speed-humps and road crossing markings.

ON WATER SUPPLY NON-STOP

- Bulk water supply in the municipal areas is supplied by the District municipality as they are the Water Service Authority;
- Paauwkop has 3 boreholes, **two** water boreholes are ready to run, Eskom to lift the electricity links once the community unrest have subsided. One borehole to be equipped with 11Kw motor, quotations sourced and in a month's time the borehole will be functioning;
- Blesbokspan has 4 boreholes, but currently only **two** are functional, which feed to the Reservoir. The **two** are not functional due to the burnt motors, they have been taken for repairs and will be installed by Ngaka Modiri Molema District Municipality in November;
- Geysdorp has 4 boreholes and a booster pump station– **one** borehole pump is functioning with diesel generator. The **second** equipped borehole pump is ready to run once Eskom has lifted the electricity links. **Two** final boreholes are being equipped after they were severely vandalised;
- Sedibeng Water Board has appointed a service provider to repair and replace vandalised cables, motorised control centre and the batteries for an emergency diesel generator at the booster pump station at Geysdorp;
- Eskom to lift the electricity links once the community unrest has subsided, in the meantime, the emergency diesel generator will be used for distribution.

ON INCOMPLETE RDP'S IN EXTENSION 7 & 8

Delareyville Extension 7 (60 units)

Gloma Trading was appointed to construct (60) sixty houses by the Department of Local Government and Human Settlements. The contractor built about forty incomplete houses in Delareyville Extension 7. The contract between the Department and Gloma Trading was terminated due to poor performance and breach of contract. The project has been audited and the Department is now in the process of appointing another developer to complete the project.

Delareyville Extension 7 (200 units)

Bokgaitsemi Projects was appointed to construct 200 houses. The developer delivered 80 houses. The balance of 120 was moved to Witpan 2. The reason being that there are no qualifying beneficiaries and other erf's have big structures thus there is no space to erect.

Delareyville Extension 8 (1 000 units)

998 Top structures are completed up to roof level, however they cannot be occupied due to lack of bulk sewer in Delareyville Extension 8. The challenge will be addressed as soon as installation of bulk sewer is completed. The completed structure is when the beneficiary has signed a happy letter and taken occupation of the house.

Delareyville Extension 8 (1 400 sites)

Internal services for both water and sewer reticulation has been completed. Sites are intended for Integrated Residential Development Programme (IRDP), i.e. for both people who qualify for government housing subsidies (RDP) and non-qualifying as well as businesses and recreational amenities.

The Department is in a process of appointing a service provider to construct 95 units within 2017/18 financial year, in anticipation that the bulk services project will be completed in December 2017.

500 units in Extension 9

It is an informal settlement after municipal land was invaded by the community illegally and it is without any services.

ON HIGH MAST LIGHT FOR WARD 9 & 14

- The electricity is provided at ward 9 & 14 consisting of street lights and high mast lights;
- **Ward 9** has **one** high mast light and street lights;
- **Ward 14** has **four** high mast lights and are functional (lighting);
- The municipality is going to ensure they are maintained and switched-on during the night. The lights will be kept in check continuously to ensure they are switched-on;
- The municipality will budget to increase the number of high mast lights in 2019/20.

ON CEMETERY

- Gill & Associates was appointed to formalise the Cemetery adjacent to Extension 8;
- A layout plan has been completed and the area is pegged for grave's sites;
- The cemetery area is compliant and the municipality will budget for fencing and services such as water and sanitation in 2018/19.

ON ELECTRICITY TO ESKOM

- National Electricity Regulator of South Africa (NERSA) has allocated the electricity licence to the municipality to supply electricity on behalf of Eskom;
- The process of stopping the municipality from providing electricity should be directed to NERSA for them to resolve on the matter;
- It is therefore the responsibility of NERSA to decide on the electricity licence. The community should engage NERSA directly if they want Eskom to take over the selling of electricity in its area.

ON COMMUNITY HALL

- The community can utilise Delareyville Hall for activities they intend holding. They will book the hall at the municipality for use. The hall is available to the members of the community of Delareyville and booking of the hall is done at the municipality;
- The municipality does not have funds to build community halls in Extension 7 & 8.

ON DISBANDMENT OF WARD COMMITTEE

- Councillor indicated that the ward committee meetings are held monthly;
- Ward committee can only be disbanded when it is not functioning, when it is not fulfilling its mandate and or when its term has concluded. The term of office for the current ward committees is from 2016-2017.

“In the spirit of Saamtrek-Saamwerk, we call for cooperation by our communities and commit to listen to your Voice in order to improve on delivering quality services to our people, together we can do more and save our Villages, Townships, and Small Dorpies from criminal acts hiding behind service delivery protest. Tswaing Local Municipality will continue to implement the fifth administration” the Mayor said.

RELEASED BY THE MAYOR OF TSWAING LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, COUNCILLOR DIMAKATOSO LYDIA MALWANE

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