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High-energy debate

Didion ethanol plant proposal has village of Cambria heated up
By AMANDA LUTEY/Staff Reporter

CAMBRIA — A proposed developer's agreement for an ethanol plant Didion Milling would like to build south of Cambria was the hot topic at a village board meeting Monday night, with more than 35 people gathered attendance.

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Dow Didion, of Didion Milling, went over the highlights of the proposed agreement for the village board. The agreement includes Didion agreeing to repair or replace village wells if affected by low water levels, maintain a sound level of 65 decibels or less at its property lines, and help the village fire department with additional equipment needs if necessary.

"We haven't discussed it with our attorney yet," said Village President Gary Nehring.

Trustee Janelle Zacho pointed out that the village had already voted that it did not want an ethanol plant.

"I think we need more specifics from Didion," said Zacho. "We need a lot more information from you than this."

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Cambria village attorney Vytas Salna told Didion that the two-page agreement was pretty skimpy. He said that he had seen developer's agreements that run 10 to 20 times longer.

"There are a lot of wishes in here," Salna said.

"It's step one," said village trustee John Domino. "It is a good first step, thank you for bringing it."

"The ball is in our court now," said trustee Tim Perry.

The village board voted to send the agreement to the village attorney and its committees.

About 15 people participated in citizen speakout, representing both sides of the ethanol debate. Concerns about the proximity to the school of the proposed ethanol plant, water use, and the ethanol vote in 2003 and opinions about Didion Milling as a corporate neighbors were among the topics discussed by those opposed to the ethanol plant. "I don't understand why we have to go through this again," Dedria Thayer said. "We voted and our voices should be heard."

Supporters of the plant talked about the need for tax dollars and more jobs for the community.

Nick McConochie, who said that he was a former Hazmat member from Green Lake, said that an LP tank at a canning plant was more of a hazard than an ethanol plant. He also said that something has to be done to lower tax rates.

"I can't believe you are passing up tax money," McConochie said. "The village is shriveling. Eventually we're going to be busing our kids to other towns.

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