

UTILITIES COMMITTEE MINUTES

MAY 3, 2016

The Utilities Committee meeting was held on May 3, 2016 at North Royalton City Hall, 14600 State Road. The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m.

PRESENT: Committee Members: Chair Paul Marnecheck, Vice Chair John Nickell, Dan Kasaris; Council: Larry Antoskiewicz, Gary Petrusky, Dan Langshaw, Steve Muller; Administration: Mayor Robert Stefanik, Law Director Thomas Kelly, Wastewater Supt. Tim Tigue, Wastewater Supt.(elect) David McNeeley, City Engineer Mark Schmitzer, Service Director Nick Cinquepalmi; Other: Lou Krzepina, Sam Tarnowski, Katie Baird, Thomas Khrisienko.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Mr. Kasaris, seconded by Mr. Nickell to **approve the April 5, 2016 Utilities Committee minutes.** Yeas: 3. Nays: 0. **Motion carried.**

Mr. Tigue introduced David McNeeley who will be the next Wastewater Supt. Mr. McNeeley said that he is looking forward to working in North Royalton and thanked the Mayor for the opportunity. He said that he has worked with Mr. Tigue in the past and he hopes to continue his good work here.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Inflow/Infiltration of storm water

Mr. Tigue said that this week we sent the dye testing letter to the residents on Pamela Drive. He said that the dye testing should begin the week of May 16, 2016. Mr. Marnecheck asked how many homes are involved. Mr. Tigue said 36-38 and back in 2007 the majority of them failed. He said that he expects this same result. Mr. Kasaris asked for an update on the homes that were found to be in violation in the last few years. Mr. Tigue said that in the last month they have been sending out 60 day enforcement letters to those homes on York Road, W. 130th, Gabriella, St. Thomas and any others that may not yet be in compliance. Mr. Kasaris asked what the success rate is. Mr. Tigue said that it is good. For example in St. Thomas Woods there were 37 out of the 73 homes that had issues and there are only 4 left to be done. He said that the total enforcement success rate is probably in the 80 percentile. He said that a handout that shows this data will be ready for the next meeting. Mr. Antoskiewicz asked if we have taken anyone to court on this matter yet. Mr. Tigue said a few homeowners very early on went to Mayor's Court and we worked with them to a satisfactory conclusion. He said we have never had to take anyone to Parma Court.

Terri Long, 8385 York Road, addressed the committee. She said that she had received a letter for their property and they are waiting for some creek work to be done. She said that they have spoken with Mr. Schmitzer and they have a plan to resolve this, but they are not going to do anything until they know where they are with the creek work. Mr. Tigue said that is fine. He asked that she call Scott Shantery at the number on the letter and let him know what is going on. He said they are very open to having the residents work on their best time schedule.

2. WWTP "A" Standby Generator Replacement Project

Mr. Tigue said that this project is completed. The temporary generator has been removed. They have tested the new unit and it works fine. He said that the consultant now has to check to see what work was not needed to be done, and to check what add ons were done to complete the job. The cost will be checked to see if a change order is needed or not and whether or not it must come back to Council. Mr. Tigue said that he was sure that the final cost would fall within the 10% contingency built into the amount. Mr. Kelly felt that if it fell within this allotted amount, that it would not need to come back to Council.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Tigue said that when he got here 8 years ago, there was work to be done. He said that this work will continue under Mr. McNeeley. He said that a utility is not static and is constantly dynamic. He thanked Council and the Administration for their support of both him and the department. He urged them to follow through with the 5 year rate study next year. It is very important and the cost is small compared to the benefits. He said that we

would not be in the great shape we are today if we had not done the rate study 4 years ago. He said that it has been a pleasure working with everyone.

Mayor Stefanik and members of Council thanked Mr. Tigue for his outstanding service and wished him the best of luck with his retirement.

Mr. Antoskiewicz said that Mr. Langshaw had asked him previously about doing a resolution in support of HB 522 which deals with fracking and bringing some home rule back to the communities. He said that since this type of legislation goes to the House of Representatives, he feels that it something we should all be on board with. If someone does not agree with it or does not want to do it, he would prefer then that it be handled on an individual basis such as sending a letter. He said that he doesn't think the Resolution means a lot if the vote is 6 to 1 or 5 to 2. After Mr. Langshaw explains the issue, he asked Council to email him and let him know how they wish to proceed. If someone doesn't want to do it, then we won't do it. Mr. Langshaw said that HB 522 is introduced by State Representative Debbie Phillips and it proposes increased regulations on injection wells, fracking waste and it requires some local government approval for the issuance of an oil or gas well permit. He said that this is something that we have been battling with, specifically with safety. He said that it does not necessarily deny putting in a well, it is just a matter of having some local say in the process. He thought this would be a good thing for us to support and bring to the attention of our lawmakers in Columbus. Mr. Antoskiewicz asked Mr. Langshaw to forward information on this to each member of Council. He said that if he doesn't hear from anyone by the end of the week, we will go forward with this. If you are not in favor of it, email him and let him know.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mr. Nickell, seconded by Mr. Kasaris **to adjourn the May 3, 2016 meeting.** Yeas: 3. Nays: 0.
Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:17 p.m.