

**UTILITIES COMMITTEE MINUTES
FEBRUARY 6, 2018**

The Utilities Committee meeting was held on February 6, 2018 at North Royalton City Hall, 14600 State Road. The meeting was called to order at 6:29 p.m.

PRESENT: **Committee Members:** Chair Paul Marnecheck, Vice Chair John Nickell, Dan Kasaris; **Council:** Larry Antoskiewicz, Gary Petrusky, Dan Langshaw, Cheryl Hannan. **Administration:** Mayor Robert Stefanik, Law Director Thomas Kelly, Wastewater Supt. Dave McNeeley, City Engineer Mark Schmitzer, Service Director Nick Cinquepalmi; **Other:** Lou Krzepina.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Mr. Kasaris, seconded by Mr. Nickell to **approve the January 2, 2018 Utilities Committee minutes.**
Yeas: 3. Nays: 0. **Motion carried.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. **Inflow/Infiltration of storm water**

No update.

2. **WWTP “B” Screw Pump Replacement Project**

Mr. McNeeley said that we are performing closing activities. Training still has to be performed along with some minor items that need to be completed. We are expecting substantial completion within the next two weeks and then contract close out within the next month.

3. **WWTP “A” Influent Pump Station Project**

Mr. McNeeley said that we will start up the new pumps next week on a trial basis. We will be running them on day shift and if everything checks out ok, the following week we will start the 8 day commissioning process for the new influent pump stations. He said that we are hoping to achieve substantial completion by the end of the month with a few additional close out activities. Mr. Marnecheck asked if the residents will notice when the pumps are started. He said that the new pumps are submersible and enclosed inside a well so they won't be heard running at all. It will be much quieter than it was before.

4. **Turnpike Sludge Line**

Mr. McNeeley said that he is in discussions with the consulting engineer on the scope of work and the level of the estimate that is required so that we can prepare the documents. He said that he will have a recommendation for the committee within the next month on awarding a contract to the consultant to develop the documents and an estimate for the repair work.

5. **B Plant Permit**

Mr. McNeeley said that he received a call this afternoon from the EPA and they want to set up a time to come out and do an inspection for the permit. He is hoping to have a draft by the end of this month. He said the EPA will do an inspection, we will get a draft, we will comment on the draft and then we will get the final permit. He said that this is standard procedure and there is nothing out of the ordinary.

NEW BUSINESS

None

MISCELLANEOUS

Mrs. Hannan said that a bill has been proposed on the small cell towers. What she has read is that this new legislation is a compromise and municipalities have been on board with this. She asked the Law Director if we have taken a position on this. Mr. Kelly said that our position is that we have been supportive of the Mayor's and Manager's Association in their efforts. The law suit that was filed was being used more or less as leverage with the legislature and the lawyers who were working on this have done a very good job trying to leverage what they could. He said that he can't say that this is going to make us happy. On the other hand, anything would be better than what we were left with in December. He said that we look forward to seeing the final

version of this legislation because they are still working on it. One of the drawbacks in the legislation that would affect us is that the utility companies that are driving this experience want to prohibit municipal corporations from being able to lease their own towers to private enterprises. He wonders about the constitutionality of this but it is not for us to say at the moment. We did not wish to devote our financial resources to that experience, so in a sense we are riding on the coat tails of a lot of communities that are actively participating in that fashion.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mr. Nickell, seconded by Mr. Kasaris **to adjourn the February 6, 2018 meeting.** Yeas: 3. Nays: 0.
Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.