

## UTILITIES COMMITTEE MINUTES APRIL 1, 2014

The Utilities Committee meeting was held on April 1, 2014 at North Royalton City Hall, 13834 Ridge Road. The meeting was called to order at 6:29 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Committee Members: Chair Gary Petrusky, Vice Chair Dan Langshaw, Dan Kasaris; Council: Larry Antoskiewicz, Paul Marnecheck, Steve Muller, John Nickell; Administration: Mayor Robert Stefanik, Service Director Nick Cinquepalmi, Waste Water Superintendent Tim Tigie, City Engineer Mark Schmitzer, Finance Director Eric Dean, Asst. Law Director Donna Vozar.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Mr. Kasaris, seconded by Mr. Langshaw to **approve the March 4, 2014 minutes**. Yeas: 3. Nays: 0.  
**Motion carried.**

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

Mr. Tigie said we are planning to start the I&I program in early May. We have Sprague, York and Pamela yet to do and we need three people on Sprague and York which is almost 50% of our maintenance staff. This is why we will try to get other projects we have at the plant done in early April. Mr. Kasaris asked if they have located the leak. Mr. Tigie said not yet however we have put in three flow meters on main lines around Abbey and Cedar Estates. We are trying to figure out if we are getting some flows to help direct where this could be. Mr. Langshaw asked if the problem we had with the sludge line has any impact on this leak. Mr. Tigie said no. We are waiting for the line to thaw out and are storing some of the sludge on site. He said he has a weeks' worth of sludge removal with a septic hauler, but at \$600 per day he is not going to do this for too long. He said we have an aeration tank that we are storing some of the sludge in. Mr. Tigie said the tanker truck that we thought would be here in 45 days is now not coming until July. We won't get the chassis until May and then we will need to ship it out to put the tanker and pump on it. This is why we need to get the force main up and running again. Mr. Langshaw asked what we will do in the interim. Mr. Tigie said that we are storing some in an empty aeration tank and we will do this for as long as we can. It's about 2/3 full and will not make it until July, so this is why we need to attempt to fix the force main. It should thaw in two weeks.

#### 2. **Wiltshire Sanitary Sewer**

Mr. Tigie said that there have been no odor complaints and once the temperatures get warmer, there won't be any complaints. Hopefully the covering of the manholes has solved this problem.

Mr. Tigie said that Broadview Hts., who is the current owner of the force main and gravity sewer that goes to Medina is looking to hand off maintenance to Cuyahoga County. He is not sure if this will have an impact on us or not. The county has a public works division that does work for 35 cities out of the 59 cities located in Cuyahoga County. They will still own the sewer, they are just handing off the maintenance to the county. He said that the Boston Road lift station has a chemical that we know feeds in to it that helps to reduce the hydrogen sulfide. He said that he will make contacts to ensure that this is still maintained according to the agreement that both Mayor's have with CT Consultants. Mayor Stefanik said our sewer bills cover everything under our MCF price, whereas every other community in the county charge residents extra for cleaning, so when you compare sewer rates, ours are lower than any other community in the Regional Sewer District. Mr. Tigie said most communities have to pay a sewer charge to their own city or the county, and then have to pay their collection/treatment bill.

#### 3. **A-Plant Permit**

Mr. Tigie said we expect the draft permit to be sent to us in June. We will then have 30 days to comment after our review.

**NEW BUSINESS****1. NOPEC**

Mrs. Vozar provided Council with NOPEC's annual report. Mrs. Vozar said that we are a NOPEC community which gives our residents the option of being able to utilize NOPEC. We were also able to get grant money that was provided to the city from NOPEC. Mrs. Vozar said that NOPEC has agreed to set up a booth at our Community Days. She said one of the biggest hurdles we have is getting the word out to the residents so that they understand what NOPEC is. Mrs. Vozar said that NOPEC is having a "meet and greet" for Council members, Mayors, Finance Directors, etc. at the Pomeroy House in Strongsville on May 7, 2014. Notices will be sent out shortly.

Mr. Kasaris asked if we were all set for the Cutter Oil hearing on April 10, 2014 in Columbus. Mrs. Vozar said yes.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Mr. Langshaw, seconded by Mr. Kasaris **to adjourn the April 1, 2014 meeting.** Yeas: 3. Nays: 0.  
**Motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 6:41 p.m.