

The North Royalton Planning Commission held a **Public Hearing** in the Council Chambers, 13834 Ridge Road, on **Wednesday, December, 7, 2011**. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Victor Bull at 7:00 pm.

Present: Chairman Victor Bull, Don Willey,
Cheryl Hannan, Mayor Stefanik, City Engineer Mark Schmitzer,
Building Commissioner Rito Alvarez, Law Director Tom Kelly,
Secretary Julie Broestl.

Chairman Bull: Good evening and welcome to the December 7, 2011, meeting of the North Royalton Planning Commission. This is the Public Hearing portion of it. Mrs. Broestl, please call the roll.

Roll was called.

Chairman Bull: Please join me in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of our Country.

The Pledge was recited by all.

Chairman Bull: For those of you who are here for the Medina County Port Authority, One Community, we have reasonable cause to believe that they will not be here tonight. However, if anybody is here for that matter we will be hearing from you tonight. We will have another Public Hearing on this in January or February. Does anybody want to speak on this tonight? No. Can I have a motion to move Medina County Port Authority.

Mayor Stefanik: Mr. Chairman. I believe these residents are here for the Cleveland Water Department, This is a different issue right now. We are just moving forward. We will let you know when it is time. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Chairman Bull: Thank you. Motion and second to move Medina County Port Authority/One Community to the regular order of business.

Moved by Don Willey, seconded by Mayor Stefanik, to **move Medina County Port Authority/One Community to the regular order of business.**

Chairman Bull: It has been moved and seconded, Mrs. Broestl, please call the roll.

Don Willey: Yes
Cheryl Hannan: Yes
Mayor Stefanik: Yes
Chairman Bull: Yes

Yeas – all. Nays – none.
Motion carried. (4-0)

Cleveland Division of Water, 15950 Ridge Road, PPN: 487-16-007, Rural Residential Zoned.
Site plan approval to construct a water meter reader poll with an antenna.

Chairman Bull: Is the Cleveland Division of Water here? Please step up to the microphone and give us your name and address.

Mr. Bill Strong approached the microphone.

Mr. Strong: My name is Bill Strong, 19523 Puritas Avenue. I work for ADC Consultants and we have been brought on board to get the permitting issue taken care of for the water department on this project.

Chairman Bull: Would you care to share a little about the project with us and the residents.

Bill Strong: Okay. The City of Cleveland has decided to go with an automatic meter reading system. The way the system is comprised is they will be putting meters in the property that transmit radio signals. Those radio signals will be transmitted to repeaters that will be on CEI telephone poles and then that information is transmitted to a collector, and those are the things we are going to install. There are 40 collectors in the network throughout the Greater Cleveland area and one of them is in your community.

Chairman Bull: Thank you. Is there anyone here from the community who wishes to speak on this?

Mrs. Charlotte Karolewski approached the microphone

Mrs. Karolewski: Charlotte Karolewski, 15930 Ridge Road. I'm right next store to the Water Department.

Chairman Bull: If you could address your comments to the commission and we will address the applicant.

Mrs. Karolewski: My question is, from what I understand, it is going to be a 72 foot pole, is it going to have lights? Is it going to be flashing? Will it be on 24 hours a day? Does it make any sounds?

Bill Strong: The pole is actually behind the building so, you really won't see it.

Mrs. Karolewski: Okay. At the top of it is it going to be shining lights?

Bill Strong: I have a picture of the pole and it is behind the building. It is just a pole with an antenna. It's not high enough to be an aviation issue, so, there will be no lights on the top.

Mrs. Karolewski: So, it's not going to make any noise?

Bill Strong: No. It won't make any noise.

Mrs. Karolewski: Is this just for Cuyahoga County reader of meters or is it for Medina County also. Where is it for?

Bill Strong: A little history. I used to work for the City of Cleveland. I was the assistant commissioner of account services six years ago. That was before they had their problems. The City of Cleveland services all of Cuyahoga County, parts of Medina County, and parts of Summit County, and everyone that is being served by the City of Cleveland they are going to this system. One of the reasons they are going to the system is that a lot of the billing problems that they had were an issue of not getting reads. So, getting this system they believe that they will get reads and have less billing problems.

Mrs. Karolewski: Thank you.

Chairman Bull: Does anyone else wish to be heard?

Mrs. Karolewski: Oh, since it is electronic, is it going to effect our television?

Bill Strong: No.

Mrs. Karolewski: No. Good. That's important.

Chairman Bull: Thank you. We will be calling on you again. Does anyone else wish to be heard on this in the Public Hearing portion of the meeting? If not, I would ask for a motion and a second to refer this to the Regular order of business.

Moved by Don Willey, seconded by Cheryl Hannan, to move **Cleveland Division of Water to the regular order of business.**

Chairman Bull: Mrs. Broestl, please call the roll.

Cheryl Hannan: Yes
Mayor Stefank: Yes
Don Willey: Yes
Chairman Bull: Yes

**Ayes – all. Nays – none.
Motion carried. (4-0)**

Chairman Bull: Is there anything under miscellaneous?

Julie Broestl: No.

Chairman Bull: Motion to adjourn the Public Hearing portion.

Moved by Mayor Stefanik, seconded by Don Willey, to **adjourn the Public Hearing portion of the Planning Commission meeting.**

Chairman Bull: Please call the roll.

Mayor Stefank: Yes
Don Willey: Yes
Cheryl Hannan: Yes
Chairman Bull: Yes

**Ayes – all. Nays – none.
Motion carried. (4-0)**

Public Hearing adjourned at 7:13 pm

The North Royalton Planning Commission held a **Regular Meeting** in the Council Chambers, 13834 Ridge Road, on **Wednesday, December, 7, 2011**. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Victor Bull at 7:13 pm.

Present: Chairman Victor Bull, Don Willey,
Cheryl Hannan, Mayor Stefanik, City Engineer Mark Schmitzer,
Building Commissioner Rito Alvarez, Law Director Tom Kelly,
Secretary Julie Broestl.

Old Business

Woodcroft Glen, Royalton Road, Woodcroft Glen Phase 2 Final Plat Approval, **Tabled. No Action.**

New Business

Medina County Port Authority/One Community, A long St. Route 3 (Ridge Road),
Approval to construct an Aerial Fiber Network through North Royalton along Ridge Road.

Moved by Don Willey, seconded by Mayor Stefanik, **to table Medina County Port Authority.**

Chairman Bull: It has been motioned and seconded, please call the roll.

Cheryl Hannan: **Yes**
Mayor Stefank: **Yes**
Don Willey: **Yes**
Chairman Bull: **Yes**

Ayes – all. Nays – none.
Motion carried. (4-0)

Cleveland Division of Water, 15950 Ridge Road, PPN: 487-16-007, Rural Residential Zoned.
Site plan approval to construct a water meter reader poll with an antenna.

Chairman Bull: Does the applicant wish to add anything at this time?

Bill Strong: No.

Chairman Bull: To the City Engineer.

Mark Schmitzer: Thank you Mr. Chairman. I really don't have any comments except that I would appreciate notification, 48 hours, prior to commencing construction just so that we can make anyone aware who might call. I know that we commented on the three sets of plans to our department. As long as you get the plans to the Building Commissioner we will put any approvals that we have on that same set of plans from the Engineer and the Building Commissioner so that you can get your permits.

Chairman Bull: Sir, can you come up here and address the microphone.

Bill Strong approached the microphone

Bill Strong: I believe that I have given the plans to the Building Commissioner already or do you need any more?

Rito Alvarez: Mr. Chairman. What you normally give is 19 sets and typically we need four. We review them under the new building code, by the way, 2011 Ohio Building Code, and the 2011 Electric Code also. We will review specifically for that which hasn't been done yet.

Bill Strong: So, I will bring you four new plans.

Mark Schmitzer: At this level we don't do a complete review. We do enough to recommend to Planning Commission to recommend approval or not to recommend approval. Comments come out of this and plans may change and that is when we ask for the final sets to be submitted. That is all I have Mr. Chairman.

Chairman Bull: Thank you. To the Building Commissioner, any additional comments.

Rito Alvarez: Just to reiterate with the Engineer stated. Upon approval submit the plans to our office for our review. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Chairman Bull: To the Law Director.

Tom Kelly: No comments.

Chairman Bull: Thank you. Any commission members have any comments at this point.

Don Willey: Mr. Chairman.

Chairman Bull: Mr. Willey.

Don Willey: I have a few questions. The functionality of this. When you put up this tower are you going to have receiving units throughout the County and transmits this to more efficiently to do billing. Is this going to effect every serviced resident of Cleveland Water Department.?

Bill Strong: Yes. The plan is to change everyone's meter.

Don Willey: Right now my water meter will not work in this system, so you are going to put this system up and then start changing the meters right?

Bill Strong: Yes.

Don Willey: Is this both the indoor and outdoor meters?

Bill Strong: The way this design is set up, there is no longer the indoor and outdoor meters. Some of the problems that were had in billing before was that you had a meter on the inside with a wire to a counter on the outside. If anything happened to the wire, or it wasn't transmitting a signal, you didn't register anything and you would be backed billed and have problems. With this technology it actually reads the meter. It's not reading a counter, it's reading the meter. You are getting an actual read.

The way the network is setup there are 40 of these collectors and the collectors actually work as a backup for each other. There is a collector in North Royalton. One is Strongsville. So, if the one in North Royalton is down they can get the data from Strongsville. There will be a point when the City can go in and say this is the billing area that we are going to be billing this quarter and then get the reads. Also, if you have a customer that has a complaint, they can make a phone call and actually get a read to address the customers complaint at the time.

Don Willey: Very interesting. So, you will not have an indoor meter anymore or a counter?

Bill Strong: You will have an indoor meter but you will not have a counter on the outside of the building.

Don Willey: So, it will be inside not outside?

Bill Strong: Right.

Don Willey: So the shut-offs will still be the same.

Bill Strong: Yes.

Laughter from everyone.

Don Willey: Interesting technology. So, the gas company had a similar system, but they were going to drive down the streets and collect the data that way.

Bill Strong: When these networks are set up they usually, depending on what you want to spend, they gradually go from walking down a street with a hand held computer reading them, or driving down the street doing it with a fix based network is what they call it. The City chose, because of some of the issues they had, to skip those first two pieces and just go directly to the fix based system.

Don Willey: Thank you very much, I appreciate it. I know a hundred people or so are going to ask me about this so I want to be prepared. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Chairman Bull: Thank you Mr. Willey.

Cheryl Hannan: Mr. Chairman, a few questions.

Chairman Bull: Mrs. Hannan.

Cheryl Hannan: So, you said there are forty different located throughout the County, correct?

Bill Strong: There are forty collectors. Some of the collectors are on poles, and some on com-towers, and some are on buildings. They had to come up with a network design so they would have full coverage. They will identify areas that they needed to have a collector and if there was a building a there, they would put it on the building. If there was tower, they would put it on the tower. If nothing they would have to put it on a pole.

Cheryl Hannan: When do you think this system will be operational?

Bill Strong: The network should be in by this summer. At that point they will start putting in the end points, which are the meters. The meters should take anywhere between two to three years. One of the things that they normally do is they address the commercial accounts first, because in the water department 80% of the revenue comes from commercial accounts. Having the ability to figure out what your water rates are, if there is a problem or leaks, it will be benefit for the City and help pay for the system. The residential customers really is a wash. They are not going to make any money on that, but it's more of a customer thing. Within three years the whole system should be in.

Cheryl Hannan: Okay. Thank you.

Don Willey: Mr. Chairman. So, I don't have to make coffee now for the meter reader eventually?

Laughter

Chairman Bull: Does anyone else have any comments on the commission? Do any of the residents have any comments at this point? I would ask for a motion and a second to approve Cleveland Water Division.

Moved by Don Willey, seconded by Cheryl Hannan, to approve the **Cleveland Division of Water to install a meter reader pole.**

Chairman Bull: It has been moved and seconded, please call the roll.

Don Willey:	Yes
Cheryl Hannan:	Yes
Mayor Stefank:	Yes
Chairman Bull:	Yes

Ayes – all. Nays – none.

Motion carried. (4-0)

Chairman Bull: Mrs. Broestl do you have anything under miscellaneous?

Julie Broestl: The Planning Commission meeting for December 14, 2011 is canceled.

Chairman Bull: Thank you. May I have a motion and a second to adjourn.

Moved by Mayor Stefanik, seconded by Don Willey to adjourn the Planning Commission meeting of December 7, 2011.

Chairman Bull: Could you please call the roll.

Mayor Stefank: Yes
Don Willey: Yes
Cheryl Hannan: Yes
Chairman Bull: Yes

Ayes – all. Nays – none.
Motion carried. (4-0)

Approved: _____

Date: _____

Attest: _____