

## UTILITIES COMMITTEE MINUTES SEPTEMBER 4, 2018

The Utilities Committee meeting was held on September 4, 2018 at North Royalton City Hall, 14600 State Road. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 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, Bob Sandrick, Pat Dovak, Karen Kirsch.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Moved by Mr. Nickell, seconded by Mr. Marnecheck to **excuse Mr. Kasaris from voting on the July 3, 2018 minutes.** Yeas: 2. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

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

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### **1. Inflow/Infiltration of Storm Water**

Mr. McNeeley said that they have completed the Hunters Creek subdivision and found only two failures. Some of the residents have remediated their I&I. He said that they did not get to the Eagle Chase development because he diverted the crews to cleaning the mains and preparing for winter.

#### **2. Turnpike Sludge Line**

Mr. McNeeley said that he spoke with the firm today and they are still working on the design and cost for the replacement of the line. They will be giving him a schedule on when they will have certain phases completed and hopes to be able to present it to the committee at the next meeting.

#### **3. B Plant Screw Pumps**

Mr. McNeeley said that the manufacturer came out and performed an evaluation of the installation and the materials that were installed. Based on their report the materials were to manufacturers specifications and the installation appeared to be appropriate. He said that there is a point of contention that he will bring to the contractor regarding this issue and we will be pursuing further discussions with the contractor and equipment manufacturer.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **1. Plant A Permit**

Mr. McNeeley said that the A Plant NPDS permit is up for renewal and we submitted our application on July 31, 2018. The EPA has all of this information and we will be sending sampling analysis once it is available. We have a site visit scheduled with the EPA within the next few weeks and this is typical for the renewal process. He said in anticipation of the same requirements that were put in the B Plant permit, we have moved forward and updated the A Plant stormwater pollution prevention plan.

#### **2. Small Cell Telecommunication Towers**

Mr. Marnecheck said that Council was advised by the Law Department several months ago to get legislation on the books before changes to state law went into effect, and we are now looking to modify what we previously adopted by introducing Ordinance 18-94. Mr. Kelly said this is correct. He said that we have been working with other Law Directors in the area on this and we have a template of what the ordinance should contain. Certain design standards had yet to be fleshed out and there may yet be more tweaks to this ordinance in the coming months. But for now, we would like Council to consider adopting this ordinance in place of the original ordinance. He said that this version is being utilized by several surrounding communities. He said that this serves the applicants well that come into our area so that they know from city to city what standards they have to meet, what the application process will look like, etc.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

**Karen Kirsch** with First Energy addressed the committee. She said that they have customer assistance programs for low income residents who are having difficulty paying their utility bills. She said that Mr. Marnecheck asked if he could include this in his resident email and she said that sharing this information is encouraged. She said that First Energy funds a lot of these programs but they are administered by other organizations. She wanted to make sure that the city is aware of these programs. Ms. Kirsch said that they have been working on the sidewalk installation on Ridge Road. Mayor Stefanik said that it is his understanding that the city will do the work and First Energy will reimburse the city. Ms. Kirsch said yes.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Mr. Kasaris, seconded by Mr. Nickell **to adjourn the September 4, 2018 meeting**. Yeas: 3. Nays: 0.  
**Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.**