

UTILITIES COMMITTEE MINUTES JULY 7, 2015

The Utilities Committee meeting was held on July 7, 2015 at North Royalton City Hall, 14600 State Road. The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m.

PRESENT: Committee Members: Chair Gary Petrusky, Vice Chair Dan Langshaw, Dan Kasaris; Council: Larry Antoskiewicz, John Nickell, Paul Marnecheck, Steve Muller; Administration: Mayor Robert Stefanik, Wastewater Superintendent Tim Tigie, City Engineer Mark Schmitzer, Service Director Nick Cinquepalmi; Other: Louis Krzepina, John Jencson, Amanda Konet, Youstina Melek.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Mr. Langshaw, seconded by Mr. Kasaris to **approve the June 2, 2015 minutes.** Yeas: 3. Nays: 0. **Motion carried.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Inflow/Infiltration of storm water.

Mr. Tigie said that they are still working on York Road. They have approximately 20 homes left to dye test. He said they have seen a 30% failure rate. They will be going to Sprague Road next. He said that they would also like to get Pamela Drive done this year if possible, but the odds of that are slim because Sprague Road is going to take a long time. Mr. Langshaw asked where on York Road they are working. Mr. Tigie said they are working in the 8000 block; currently they are working at 8765 and heading north. Mr. Antoskiewicz asked for an update on those that needed to be brought into compliance. Mr. Tigie said that they have fallen behind on the enforcement due to the May 14, 2014 storm. We were concentrating on the St. Thomas Woods area after the storm. He said that we give the residents as much time as possible to correct these violations because we understand that it is a tremendous expense. He said that he will prepare a report and provide it to Council.

NEW BUSINESS

1. WWTP "A" Standby Generator Replacement Project.

Mr. Tigie said that the design is now complete. He said that authorization to bid this project is on Council's agenda this evening. He said that we should be ready to bid in a few weeks. Moved by Mr. Kasaris, seconded by Mr. Langshaw to **recommend that Council approve the motion for bid authorization on Council's Consent Agenda this evening.** Yeas: 3. Nays: 0. **Motion carried.**

MISCELLANEOUS

Mr. Kasaris asked how we are doing with our income stream after the rate hike a few years ago. Mr. Tigie said that 3-4 years ago we were \$800,000 in the red. We are now in the black by close to \$1 million. He said that the rate study had a capital plan attached to it and we have some big ticket items coming up. He said we also have some loans that will be paid off in a few years as well. He said that we are and will continue to be in better financial shape than we have in a long time. He said that we will keep the improvements to the plant on going. Mr. Kasaris asked what will happen when the loans are paid off. Mr. Tigie said that it will be an expense that we no longer have to cover. This will happen in late 2017, early 2018. We still have two loans that we pay about \$1.5 million per year. Mr. Tigie said that we will continue to have rate studies performed every 5 years or so by a professional consultant with input by the plant personnel so that we know what the needs of this utility are. He said that we had a study performed about 4 years ago. It was a 6 year rate study and 2017 will be the last rate increase.

Mr. Nickell asked for an update on the screw pump replacements. Mr. Tigie said that the consultant just dropped off the 30% design. He said that we are in the early stages of this project. We have the basis of design in a book and we have the prints showing exactly what they are recommending to us. He sent copies of all of this to the maintenance and operations personnel and the administration for review. After our review it will be sent back to the consultant with our comments. The 90% design will be done at the end of August. After that, it will be transformed to 100% design and we will then go out for bid. He said that the cost estimate on this is \$2.5 million. We are going to need a loan for this project. It will probably be a low interest loan through the state that

we must apply for. If we don't get the loan, we will put the plans on hold and try for the loan again. Mr. Nickell asked if the tank truck is working out. Mr. Tigue said that we are hauling the sludge rather than using the force main and it is working out very well. We are no longer using the force main but it could be put back into service in the future should the need arise.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mr. Langshaw, seconded by Mr. Kasaris **to adjourn the July 7, 2015 meeting.** Yeas: 3. Nays: 0.

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:12 p.m.