

**UTILITIES COMMITTEE MINUTES
MARCH 1, 2016**

The Utilities Committee meeting was held on March 1, 2016 at North Royalton City Hall, 14600 State Road. The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m.

PRESENT: Committee Members: Chair Paul Marnecheck, Vice Chair John Nickell, Dan Kasaris; Council: Larry Antoskiewicz, Dan Langshaw, Steve Muller; Administration: Mayor Robert Stefanik, Law Director Thomas Kelly, Wastewater Supt. Tim Tigue, City Engineer Mark Schmitzer, Service Director Nick Cinquepalmi; Other: Lou Krzepina, Larry Young, Thomas Ashby.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Mr. Kasaris, seconded by Mr. Nickell to **approve the February 2, 2016 Utilities Committee minutes.** Yeas: 3. Nays: 0. **Motion carried.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Inflow/Infiltration of storm water

Mr. Tigue said that the dye testing for the I&I program will begin in April, weather permitting.

2. WWTP "A" Standby Generator Replacement Project

Mr. Tigue said that this project is on schedule. The temporary generator has been received which will be used during the demolition of the existing generator. We expect to receive the new generator on site around March 9th. It should all be completed by mid April.

NEW BUSINESS

1. EnerNOC Agreement

Mr. Marnecheck said that this allows us to make some money by giving some of our capacity to others during peak times. Mr. Tigue said this is correct. He said that EnerNOC is a third party energy group that deals with the major grid owner. In our case the grid owner is PJM. What they do is they get agencies, public or private, who have back up generators that can supply energy to their own site, therefore taking energy away from the grid during high demand times. He said that it is a win/win for our residents and helps avoid things such as brown outs. Our original agreement was for 5 years and this is a 5 year renewal. Three out of the five years of our original agreement we received approximately \$5,000-\$7,000. He said that it was never run based on a demand response. We were audited, meaning we ran our generator for an hour or two, they looked to see how much capacity we offer, and they then pay us for that capacity automatically. He said that this means that for 3 years out of the 5 he ran the generator for two hours per year and we got paid \$1,500.00. He said that he suspended this for two years because they only offered \$1,000 to do it and he said that he did not want to have a demand response for this amount of money. He said they are estimating \$6,000 for next year, \$7,000 for the year after that, and \$8,000 the year after that. He said however that there could be a problem. He said that the Ohio EPA is concerned about companies using generators that do not have particulate removal on their generator stacks, which we do not. It is an emergency generator and we never run it unless we have issues or if it is being tested. So the EPA may stop this program. EnerNOC is proceeding as if the EPA is going to rule favorably and if the EPA stops the program the contract will be null and void. Mr. Marnecheck asked which other municipalities participate in this program. He said that he thinks that Rocky River and North Olmsted participate. Mr. Tigue gave an overview of the program and how it functions when we are notified of a peak demand. Mr. Langshaw asked where the money goes and Mr. Tigue said it is listed as miscellaneous and is not geared toward any specific item. Moved by Mr. Kasaris, seconded by Nickell to **remove Ordinance 16-52 from committee with a recommendation for approval.** Yeas: 3. Nays: 0. **Motion carried.**

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mr. Nickell, seconded by Mr. Kasaris to **adjourn the March 1, 2016 meeting.** Yeas: 3. Nays: 0. **Motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.