

**UTILITIES COMMITTEE MINUTES
OCTOBER 3, 2017**

The Utilities Committee meeting was held on October 3, 2017 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, 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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Mr. Kasaris, seconded by Mr. Nickell to **approve the September 5, 2017 Utilities Committee minutes.**
Yeas: 3. Nays: 0. **Motion carried.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

Mr. McNeeley said that the inspections have ceased for the year and we are focusing on plant maintenance. We have 40 known I&I issues from those homes that have been tested. 7 residents have pulled permits to date. He said that letters were sent out last month.

2. **WWTP “B” Screw Pump Replacement Project**

Mr. McNeeley said that the old pump has been removed and the new #1 screw pump has been placed. The manufacturer’s representative will be here on October 9th to check the installation and make sure everything is done properly before turning it on. There will be a 15 day run period. After that the pump will be checked again to make sure that it is still within specs. They will then remove the #2 screw pump and repeat this process.

3. **WWTP “A” Influent Pump Station Project**

No report.

4. **Rate Study**

Mr. McNeeley said that he, the Finance Director and the Mayor are looking at the rate model to make sure that the numbers that have been plugged into the model are correct. At that point we will look at where we are with regards to capital and O&M expenditures. We will do some smoothing and then be ready to present to Council. He felt that they should have something for the committee by the November meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Vehicle and equipment purchases –Ordinances 17-107, 17-108, 17-109, 17-110**

Mr. Marnecheck stated that the committee will review these one ordinance at a time.

17-107: Mr. McNeeley said that these are replacement vehicles. One will replace an F-250 that we have at Plant A. The other two trucks will supplement storm water. Mayor Stefanik said that these are purchases that we approved in the budget earlier this year. This will be the final large vehicle purchase this year.

17-108: Mr. McNeeley explained that this legislation pertains to the snow plows that will be mounted on the vehicles purchased under Ordinance 17-107.

17-109: Mr. McNeeley said that this F-450 will be used for storm water issues. It will be a dump truck.

17-110: Mr. McNeeley said that this legislation purchases the dump body and other necessary accessories for the truck purchased under 17-109.

Mr. Nickell asked if these vehicles were all replacements or are we actually adding and augmenting for storm water work. Mr. McNeeley said that one F-250 will be a replacement and the old truck is going to be

passed down to Animal Control. Mr. Cinquepalmi said that the F-450 is a replacement vehicle as well. It will be replacing a truck that we have had for about 16 years. Mr. Kasaris said that we are purchasing the 3 F-250 trucks with wastewater money. If down the road they are no longer needed by the Wastewater Department, can we then transfer them to another department, or do they have to stay in wastewater because of the money used to purchase them. Mr. Kelly said that it would depend on the value. Chances are at the point in time at which they would be transferred, their value would be significantly diminished and would no longer serve their intended wastewater purpose. Mr. Kelly understands that Mr. Kasaris is asking whether or not there should be some compensation paid back to the wastewater fund for these vehicles. Mr. Kelly said that he will take this up with the Finance Director and ask him what he thinks the auditors' view would be on this. Mr. Kasaris asked where the plows will be utilized. Mr. Cinquepalmi said the plows would be used on the streets. Mr. Kasaris said that he then has the same question about this. Can we use wastewater money to plow the roads. Mayor Stefanik said that we are not specifically buying them to plow streets. The plows can go on any truck in the city. He said that the trucks are being outfitted for plows so that we will be ready when there is a big snow storm and we need all departments to plow. He said that it's just like a rain storm. All bets are off and we get out there and take care of the residents. Mr. Kasaris said that we are purchasing these plows using wastewater money. Mr. Kelly said that wastewater has to have their snow plowed too. They have driveways and parking lots to plow as well. If on an ancillary basis they are being used to plow other things, he will take the heat for this if someone wants to complain about it. Mayor Stefanik said that our Service Department has been plowing pump stations for years. We have pump stations all over the city that need to be kept open. Mr. Kasaris said that his only concern is that we don't get issues with it from someone in Columbus. Mayor Stefanik said we are audited every year and we have another clean audit this year.

Moved by Mr. Marnecheck, seconded by Mr. Kasaris **to remove Ordinances 17-107, 17-108, 17-109, 17-110 from committee and recommend approval to Council.** Roll Call: Yeas: 3. Nays: 0. **Motion carried.**

NEW BUSINESS

None.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mr. McNeeley said that WWTP B NPDS permit will expire on April 30, 2018. We have to apply for a renewal for this permit by October 31, 2017. He said that he is in the process of gathering this data in order to submit our permit renewal application to the EPA.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mr. Marnecheck, seconded by Mr. Nickell **to adjourn the October 3, 2017 meeting.** Yeas: 3. Nays: 0. **Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:14 p.m.**