

UTILITIES COMMITTEE MINUTES
JULY 1, 2014

The Utilities Committee meeting was held on July 1, 2014 at North Royalton City Hall, 13834 Ridge Road. The meeting was called to order at 7:25 p.m.

PRESENT: Committee Members: Chair Gary Petrusky, Vice Chair Dan Langshaw, Dan Kasaris; Council: Larry Antoskiewicz, Paul Marnecheck, Steve Muller, John Nickell; Administration: Mayor Robert Stefanik. Service Director Nick Cinquepalmi, Wastewater Superintendent Tim Tigie, City Engineer Mark Schmitzer, Asst. Law Director Donna Vozar; Other: Christopher Lysyj.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Mr. Langshaw, seconded by Mr. Kasaris to **approve the June 3, 2014 minutes**. Yeas: 3. Nays: 0.
Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

Mr. Tigie said that they have suspended the I&I testing in B District due to the May 12th storm and other issues of dye testing throughout the city. He said they have dye tested 19 homes on Padua East in St. Thomas Woods, and 11 of those homes failed. He said the homeowners will be sent letters informing them of the situation. He said two homeowners have already taken out permits to put in backwater check valves after they repair their I&I issues. Mr. Kasaris asked if the residents are made aware of the issues with these valves. Mr. Tigie said that they will be instructed on their installation, use and maintenance. He said that they will move on to Padua North, Bellarmine Drive and Hilary Drive. Mr. Kasaris asked where the wastewater goes. Mr. Tigie said it goes to A Plant. Mr. Nickell asked if the homes that failed are the same ones that got the water. Mr. Tigie said some are. Mr. Kasaris asked how many homes total will be dye tested in this area. Mr. Tigie said 73. Mr. Kasaris asked if they will be doing Royalwood as well. Mr. Tigie said not yet. If we start expanding we will lose sight of getting back to B Plant. Once we get St. Thomas Woods done, we need to get back to Pamela Drive. There are tremendous problems on Pamela Drive. Back in 2007, 35 out of 38 homes failed. He said that we have to retest because it is old information. Mr. Tigie said that 17 other residents have requested that their homes be dye tested, because they want to install backwater check valves. Most are on Beechwood, some are on Padua East, one is on Lytle. Mr. Kasaris asked if there is a point at which too many backwater valves are not a good thing. Mr. Tigie said that there is no answer to that because residents are going to do everything they can to protect their homes and we can't tell them no. Mr. Kasaris asked if half of the city installed them, would there be a problem then? Mr. Tigie said he doesn't see why it would cause a problem. The water will just go to the next lowest spot, as it always has. Mr. Tigie said that sanitary sewer backup would not be an issue if we could stop the overland flooding, which can't be done. Mr. Tigie reviewed the difference between cities like ours with separate storm and sanitary sewers, and cities like Cleveland where they are combined.

2. **A-Plant Permit**

Mr. Tigie said that A Plant is done. The Mayor received the permit today and it has an effective date of August 1, 2014 through January 31, 2019. He said there have been some parameter adjustments to the mercury and e-coli. He said there should be no problem meeting these new numbers. He said they also added more testing on the effluent toxicity parameters.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mr. Kasaris, seconded by Mr. Langshaw to **adjourn the July 1, 2014 meeting**. Yeas: 3. Nays: 0.
Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.