

STORM WATER COMMITTEE MINUTES
JUNE 2, 2020

The Storm Water Committee meeting was held on June 2, 2020 at North Royalton City Hall, 14600 State Road. The meeting was called to order at 6:24 p.m.

PRESENT: Committee Members: Chair Jessica Fenos, Vice Chair Vincent Weimer, Linda Barath; **Council:** Paul Marnecheck, Dan Langshaw, Jeremy Dietrich, Michael Vos; **Administration:** Mayor Larry Antoskiewicz, Law Director Thomas Kelly, Wastewater Superintendent Mark Smith, Service Director Nick Cinquepalmi. **Other:** Michelle Cinquepalmi, Wayne Malz

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of March 3, 2020 Committee minutes. Moved by Councilwoman Barath, seconded by Councilman Weimer. Vote: Yeas: 3; Nays: 0. **Motion Carried.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Storm Water/Infrastructure Maintenance Monthly Report

Mayor states which I just talked about in the other committee because ever since we switched it over my mind is thinking waste water. We sent that report out, everybody got that? As you can see it has been a busy crew.

Ms. Fenos states I don't remember getting a report like this in the past.

Mayor states I think we sent one the month before since Mark and I have talked, I think he has made it a lot nicer and a lot easier to read, a lot better.

Ms. Fenos states, is there anything upcoming that would be doable to be discussed as far as any of the jobs?

Mayor states, I think they are working on the action forms that have been sent in. I know you are specifically interested in Mr. Breyley. I think Pete is out there looking at a couple companies to do that work, we are not going to do that work because of the bigger scope of it so he is out there getting pricing for that.

Mr. Smith states I just want to inform Council that this is a substantial amount. The crew is doing very well. But we have to realize that this is something that is just starting and we have to take that into consideration because we don't want to get overwhelmed, I don't want people to think that we are not doing the job because everybody has a request. That is why we want to use this format on this sheet so everybody can see what areas we are in and we were are completing because service it is something that has not been done in years. What we have started now is not going to be accomplished in a few months it is going to take time. If you look on that back sheet, we even started a maintenance program and that is something we haven't been able to do in the past. We are trying to use the crew that we have to get as many jobs as we can get done. As we go, we can see that some of these areas that we are doing maintenance on we will look back when we have these heavy rains and we will see if that gets some relief, I think we will see some difference as we go through. You also have to keep in mind that everybody is going to come and overwhelm the department. We have residents saying we are not doing our job.

Mayor states obviously some things are more priority and as Mark said the Service Department has taken on culvert pipes; those are the ones that the residents paid for to get done, we had a long list of those and if you looked at all the storm water work there is no way that the crew that he had and continue to keep up with all that so the Service Department is taking those over right now to help us play catch up so I know Nick said they cut 11 driveways the other day they are going to be starting on all those so we can catch up with that program. I think we average somewhere between 20 and 25 of those a year that we do. We are trying to accommodate that as well.

Ms. Fenos states I know that you guys have been out doing a lot and there has been a lot of rain too. I know I am sending a lot of requests I appreciate all the work that you guys have been doing and continue to do. I hope it stays a little bit drier.

Mayor states I have spent some days during the week, spent a couple Saturdays going out on some of these requests before I shoot them down to Mark. I have visited some homes to see if it something that I should be giving to them or if it is something where we need that conversation with a resident and let them know that it is not an issue that we can deal with, I have been trying to sort through some of those too, and I probably have an update for the few of you with some of those just so you know where we are at with them, couple of them did get back down to Mark with a couple of them I just talked to the residents, as far as I am concerned they are done issues. I am trying to sort through those as well. I know that you guys are all new but, I will try to give you guys some slack, sometimes go out there and look if at all possible, go out and look and see what the problem is before you just send it in, but if not I have no problem covering it for now. Because all I do is send it to them then all they are doing is spinning their wheels. Going out to look at a problem that does not exist or one that we can deal with, but I will continue to sort through those now.

Mr. Langshaw states, I have a question, I know that Mark is not here, the bio drudging, I put an action form for one that is farther down on Albion, it is 11623 Albion towards Abby Road, it is one of those that is behind Glenn Abby Development. I was wondering with the whole drudging project does it go all the way down that way or is it more just kind of in the middle towards York that we are drudging?

Mayor states as far as what we do?

Mr. Langshaw states, yes with the project.

Mayor states I am not sure about that.

Mr. Langshaw states I put an action form in. If we are able to do something, first off, at least what residents have told me what a great job, I forget the company that we have is doing it, that they are doing a phenomenal job drudging especially given all the junk that comes down the hill, I know residents are really appreciative and I just want to see that end further over there is a lot over storm water into this property and a few others on the farther end. If that is possible if they are still out there, it is my understanding they were still drudging or doing what they can because we had a lot of storms and debris that have come down, but so far, I have been out there and it looks really good, residents really appreciate it. Storm water as you know, it is a tricky complex thing to try to solve, if you can follow up, I would appreciate that. Just want to say thank you to Mark's crew and the Mayor. It is hard to remember how many different floods and storms that we had, but this was really bad where the drain that is buried and had to get an excavator out there and dig it out, I fell in the mud, it was really bad. Thank you for clearing it out, it was an a considerable mess that was bottled up on that part of West Hampton drive there. Thank you Mayor as well, I think you were out there soon after, I had contacted you.

Mr. Weimer states, Madam Chair I just want to ask a question, as far as the construction sites that we have throughout the community right now, is there anything that storm water or service is doing on a regular basis to monitor those projects to make sure that they are complying with the different things that we asked them to do to make sure that they don't contribute to storm water damage.

Mayor states I can tell you on street projects like Swan Lake when they did them or before they started Swan Lake, the storm water crew was out there and they cleaned every catch basin and they made sure if they needed to repair whatever that they did all that before they got in there to do the road and then, obviously if there is anything left in there it is the responsibility of the contractor to clean those basins if they dirty them back up.

Mr. Weimer states I am talking more about runoff from a construction site. So, for instance, the reason that I am asking, the property that is over in Ward 5 where we had Indian trails where they followed the procedures that we gave them and the neighborhood behind them flooded out the last time.

Mayor states actually on those, I know Mark has been talking to both of them, I think Indian Trails is taken care of now, they put the swale in over there behind Wood Oval so that would not be an issue anymore, I think that took care of the problem. Meadowview I know they were supposed to put a swale on the one end of that, they hadn't done it yet and I think Mark talked to them again to get it done and we were just out there yesterday talking to them about another swale that they need to put in on Gardenside behind the houses on the very end and he was calling them today to let them know that they had to do that. My understanding is that part of those construction sites is, they usually block those basins and everything so they don't get dirt in them or anything, but the problem we have then is that they are also not taking any water when it rains, so we have talked to Southern Water, they have a different style that they can put over them and we have instructed those developments to take out the total burlap sacks and put these over it that have little holes in them which should keep the dirt out but still take the water, so that is the problem that we run into, we continuously try to address those so that we don't get any more flooding as they are doing the construction. I don't think we did last time at Indian Trail.

Mr. Weimer states I don't think we had a rain quite as bad as the one that flooded.

Mayor states I don't think water came across that cul de sac.

Mr. Weimer states I am not for sure. I went through that cul de sac and it was pretty high in that cul de sac but I am not sure if it was all of that construction site, that is something that I will address later on.

Mr. Langshaw states you are talking about Ward 5, but also there are complaints in Ward 3, and I did submit an action form, it was not the most recent but probably 2 weeks ago, I have residents that were complaining, but if you can find out, I think it will be helpful for you and for me because especially on Abby as well just kind of where things are at. Across the street from Worthington Way where the creek is and it cuts through and a considerable amount of water comes down.

Mayor states Meadowview has been the most problematic out of the group. That one seems to be the one we have to stay on more often to get some of that stuff done.

Ms. Fenos states what still needs to be done there?

Mayor states the last I knew there needed to be a swale that was put in on that front end which would stop some of that coming from Abby. Those basins were supposed to have those other covers on them so they would start taking water.

Mr. Weimer states is there anything that we can do from a standpoint of permit approvals? And halt permit approval when storm water stuff isn't done as part of the site prep?

Mr. Smith states, I cannot speak for Mark right now, but most businesses are like that, construction sites are supposed to have storm water plans. It is what it controls, storm water, it is a detail. I have one in the service garage, I have one in waste water plant. Mark the City Engineer can monitor whatever he needs to adjust to that, every place should have a swift plan. That is a storm water intervention plan.

Mayor states I know that these do, my understanding was part of the problem was that Soil and Water and Army Corps and everyone else says cover these basins up, they do not realize that when you have a bigger development like Meadow View how long are you going to keep these things on, 70 to 80% development then they let them take them off. Same thing with basins, they are holding water, but they are not releasing it as well because they are not fully functional and that is what we have been trying to work through with the Army

Corps. We have to have something done here because we cannot wait until your development is done because we are going to continue to have this problem and that is where he has been trying to work with him to get some relief from some of those regulations, but those are regulated by the government, that is what makes it difficult.

Mr. Wos states with regard to one of the things that we spoke about earlier this week, the Burger King property where they have the gabion baskets next door where they have basically collapsed, blown out into the water way, do we have any updates on that because I know that Swan Lake community is pretty considered still about that, they have been asking.

Mayor states I originally, a couple weeks ago I talked to the people from Burger King, they are out of Chicago. They manage about 180 Burger Kings throughout the United States, I talked to their operations manager, at that point he was very cordial and seemed to be very in the mood to cooperate, he said that he would call someone locally that they have do work. Since then I have tried to get him five days in a row starting from last week. He has not returned my phone call, I do not know what is going on there, I did try today to call someone else from Burger King that I talked to originally that gave me the operations division to say, this guy needs to return my phone call, they have not yet. My next move will be; I know who did the work the last time, the local company, I may give them a call just to see if I can get some contact through them with Burger King that will be my next call tomorrow. My understanding talking to the sewer district, they would remove the basket if I wanted them to, they are not there to repair it though, it is up to Burger King to do that. I will just stay on Burger King and keep making my phone calls until I finally get someone. They will remove the basket, if we ask them to.

Mr. Dietrich states if you can keep me posted as well with the result when you update Mike.

Mayor states, with my initial phone call, I thought they were going to take care of it like that.

Mr. Dietrich states, what is your move if they don't respond.

Mayor states, I might have to send them a letter through legal. I am hoping I can still get through to them with that phone call.

Ms. Fenos states is everything good there for now?

Mayor states as far as I know.

Ms. Fenos states because I know there were some concerns from people that live around there.

Mayor states I have not heard from anyone.

Ms. Fenos states neither have I. I am good with that.

Mayor states I am good with that too.

2. Maintenance Projects

Mayor states we are working on getting a contract to clean out the York Road regional basin at Gross Builders. That is the site at York and Royalton. We have to get the shale cleaned out and Mark is telling me that work should be done sometime this month.

President of Council states it should be completed or started this month?

Mayor states it should be clean this month. But they have to start it to clean it.

3. Turnpike Mitigation

Mayor states that he has not update.

NEW BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Ms Barath, seconded by Mr. Weimer **to adjourn the June 2, 2020 meeting.** Yeas: 3. Nays: 0.

Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m.