

**STORM WATER COMMITTEE MINUTES  
MAY 4, 2021**

The Storm Water Committee meeting was held on May 4, 2021 at North Royalton City Hall, 14600 State Road. The meeting was called to order at 6:43 p.m.

**PRESENT:** **Committee Members:** Chair Jessica Fenos, Vice Chair Vincent Weimer, Linda Barath; **Council:** Paul Marnecheck, Jeremy Dietrich, Michael Wos, Joanne Krejci; **Administration:** Mayor Larry Antoskiewicz, Law Director Thomas Kelly, City Engineer Justin Haselton, Wastewater Superintendent Mark Smith; **Other:** John Nickell, Jim Mason, Melanie Mason.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Approval of the April 6, 2021 Committee minutes. Moved by Ms. Fenos, seconded by Ms. Barath. Vote: Yeas: 3; Nays: 0. **Motion Carried.**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**1. Storm Water/Infrastructure Maintenance Monthly Report**

Mr. Smith reported that there had been some recent, sudden rain fall that created some issues. The City acquired 2 1/2 inches of rain within a couple of hours. There were a lot of calls received while the department was doing clean up in some areas. Ms. Fenos inquired about what happened, regarding the phone calls received that day. Mr. Smith commented that when rain happens that quickly, there is not much that can be done. He indicated that the department did the best that they could.

Mayor Antoskiewicz pointed out that the phone calls were unusual and different than the normal; it was puzzling to figure out why. The areas that normally have heavy rain did not appear to be the areas of concern for residents. He thought it could have had something to do with the noticeable leaves on top of the drains and culvert pipes. He was uncertain as to whether it could have had something to do with residents not having cleaned up enough before the rain hit. There were not calls pertaining to the usual areas with rain.

Mr. Smith mentioned that the plant flooded due to this, which normally would take more rain fall to cause flooding. As areas were cleaned up, he did notice that there were many leaves. He reiterated that with so much rain in a short period of time, it can be challenging.

See attached report.

**2. Maintenance Projects**

Mr. Haselton spoke about Ridge Road, in the southern part of the city, pertaining to the Sewer District Project. That area had been blocked off for a couple of months. Efforts were made to come in and move it back from the road and prepare it. That has been completed at this time.

**3. Turnpike Mitigation**

No update.

**4. York Road Property**

Mr. Kelly indicated that with the aid of one of the areas, Ms. Vozar identified all of the individuals; with the exception of one. There was one individual whose identity could not be deciphered. He went on to say that Ms. Vozar planned to reach out to the probate court magistrates that deal with such issues, and determine whether we can attempt to serve that individual by publication. However, we are not going to be able to serve them with the process or with a complaint and a summons; not knowing their identity. He indicated that they are moving forward as best as possible, whereas it is expected to be a long process. There were many individuals, in which

their level of cooperation varied. Mostly likely, the next step would be filing a complaint to take the property. If that has to be done, it will take time.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **1. Resident Melanie Mason**

Mrs. Mason, of 9033 Royalton Road, came forward to talk about a problem that she has in the area behind her home. She indicated that there is a creek that runs behind the homes on Royalton Road; down to Akins Road. She explained that the problem is not a natural problem, but rather a manmade problem by the resident at 8701 Royalton Road. Roughly sixteen years ago, the resident took the creek and put in a pipe about 36-40 inches long, which changed the flow of the creek. He also built a 14-inch trench from this pipe to go downward and enter back into the creek. There are also pipes coming out of the property into the creek. He had changed the flow and the velocity of the water coming down the creek. There is severe erosion as a result. The erosion has reached other homes, such as one that is ten feet away. She felt that it could start undermining the foundation. This is a severe problem. She welcomed anyone to come and examine the situation. Her Councilman, Mr. Weimer, had come out to the location. She indicated that the area is on the south side of Royalton Road. She stated that it was not affecting neighbors as much in the past, however it is now causing damage. She felt that this could be a potential hazard, whereas her large golden retriever had fallen into the area; it was difficult to get him out.

Mr. Kelly pointed out that this is the first time this has been brought to his attention. He advised that this issue is on private property, which generally means that the City does not have an active role to play and it is a matter between neighbors. However, if the neighbor in reference has attempted to reroute the creek, it is a concern because of the City's ordinances. Furthermore, if it has been occurring for many years, that creates additional problems for everyone in terms of trying to enforce those ordinances. Mr. Kelly informed Mrs. Mason that he could ask Mr. Haselton and Mr. Smith to look at it; with the Mayor's direction and approval. Between both parties, we should be able to have an understanding of what the problem is and what can be done to address it. Mrs. Mason expressed her gratitude and would plan to return to follow up. Mr. Kelly was happy to address this and commended Mrs. Mason for attending and informing everyone.

Mr. Weimer indicated that his observation was that within the last couple of years, the problem must have created additional erosion. As discussion ensued, Mr. Kelly brought up the possibility of trying to diminish the erosion. Mr. Weimer agreed that the additions made by the resident at 8701 Royalton Road has caused additional problems.

Mr. Smith noted that this is the first time he has heard of the problems as well, and he has been in charge of the Storm Water department for some time. He expressed that this is a prime example of what the City deals with at times, when no one is made aware of issues and help cannot be offered. He concurred with Mr. Kelly that a lot of issues were not City property however, it does not always have to be, in order to get help. He clarified that himself and the Engineer would go out the following day to look at the area. He clarified that his department always take care of problems if they are aware of a problem. Ms. Fenos agreed that the department has done a fantastic job and that every time she has submitted something, it has always been handled.

Mayor Antoskiewicz shared that he had talked to Mrs. Mason on the phone previously and also to Mr. Wiemer regarding this. He was glad that Mrs. Mason still chose to come out and inform everyone of this problem.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Ms. Fenos, seconded by Ms. Barath **to adjourn the May 4, 2021 meeting.** Yeas: 3. Nays: 0. **Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.**

## Stormwater Jobs

April 2021

Property Address	Work performed	Date
18304 RiverValley	Dye tested sinkhole	1-Apr
St Thomas Woods	Jet/clean mains	2-Apr
Service Dept	Jet/clean oil separator	2-Apr
	Flood patrol	2-Apr
8980 York	Found catch basin for YorkRd culvert that was buried. Raised and swaled to drain.	5-Apr
St Thomas Woods	Jet/clean mains	6-Apr
8980 York	Found and raised catch basin in yard.	6-Apr
7179 Wallings	Dye tested house	7-Apr
10242 Forestwood	Dye tested sinkhole	7-Apr
Royal Akins	Cleaned storm mains	8-Apr
3138 Wallings	Cleaned storm lateral blocked at 41'	8-Apr
7606 Akins	Filled sinkhole	8-Apr
10131 Albion	Ditched	8-Apr
3138-3114 Wallings	Cleaned storm mains	9-Apr
3138 Wallings	Televised lateral. Crushed pipe at 34'	9-Apr
8377 W.130th	Sinkhole in road. Hydroexcavated, supported, patched and filled with LSM.	12-Apr
8980 York	Installed 12" dw pipe	13-Apr
4323 Edgerton	Cleaned main and lateral	13-Apr
8980 York	Formed drain, removed apron and set up apron	14-Apr
8980 York	Poured concrete apron	15-Apr
	Flood patrol	15-Apr
8980 York	Pulled forms and concrete blankets	16-Apr
8377 W.130th	Pulled support braces out of box culvert	19-Apr
	Flood patrol	19-Apr
11810 Abbey	Repaired culvert	20-Apr
10093 Lynn	Fixed fence around storm structure	21-Apr
	Flood patrol	21-Apr
	Changed oil in vehicles	21-Apr
19425 & 19435 State	Swaled ditch and berm	22-Apr
4291 Sir John	Patched storm and filled sinkhole	22-Apr
Royalwood Apts.	Storm call	22-Apr
	Repairs on abandoned RAS line at Aplant	22-Apr
11810 Abbey	Landscaped	23-Apr

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19425 & 19435 State	Landscaped	23-Apr
	Repairs on abandoned RAS line at Aplant	23-Apr
Villa Grande LS	Patched and filled sinkhole at catch basin	25-Apr
8980 York	Landscaped	26-Apr
10789 & 10787 State	Ditched and placed rip rap in erosion areas	27-Apr
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15551 Bennett	Ditched	28-Apr
	Flood patrol	28-Apr
Royalhaven	Cleared leaves off beehive catch basins	29-Apr
Wallings	Cleaned leaves out of culverts	29-Apr
Castle & Cambridge	Tried jetting crossover line. Road was flooded	29-Apr
6500 Edgerton	Removed debris from catch basin	29-Apr
3218 Titan	Cleaned drain	29-Apr
10992 Gregory	Cleaned culvert	29-Apr
1127 Malvern	Cleaned catch basin	29-Apr
6761 Queens Way	Cleaned overflow drain in pond	29-Apr
11910 Apollo	Cleaned catch basin in rear yard	29-Apr
8768 Royalhaven	Pulled construction barrel from creek	29-Apr
Oakridge Creek	Cleaned debris out of creek	29-Apr
8137 Forestwood	Cleaned debris from catch basin in rear yard	29-Apr
Parkdale	Cleaned leaves off of beehive catch basins	29-Apr
Pamela	Cleaned leaves off of beehive catch basins	29-Apr
Castle & Cambridge	Jet/vaced basins and crossover(opened)	30-Apr
Harley Hills	Began jet/vacing catch basins	30-Apr
4853 Dublin	Cleaned grate	30-Apr