

**STORM WATER COMMITTEE MINUTES
JULY 6, 2021**

The Storm Water Committee meeting was held on July 6, 2021 at North Royalton City Hall, 14600 State Road. The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m.

PRESENT: **Committee Members:** Chair Jessica Fenos, Vice Chair Vincent Weimer; **Council:** Paul Marnecheck, Jeremy Dietrich, Michael Wos, Joanne Krejci; **Administration:** Mayor Larry Antoskiewicz, City Engineer Justin Haselton, Law Director Tom Kelly, Finance Director Eric Dean, Service Director Nick Cinquepalmi; **Other:** John Nickell, Melanie Mason.

Motion to excuse Ms. Barath from the July 6, 2021, Storm Water Committee Meeting. Moved by Mr. Weimer, seconded by Ms. Fenos. Vote: Yeas: 2; Nays: 0. **Motion Carried.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the June 1, 2021 Committee meeting minutes. Moved by Ms. Fenos, seconded by Mr. Weimer. Vote: Yeas: 2; Nays: 0. **Motion Carried.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

Major Antoskiewicz stated that the reports were sent out by Mr. Smith. See attached.

2. **Maintenance Projects**

Mr. Haselton had no update at this time. Currently, Pinestream Subdivision was up for bid right now, in which he would be getting bids back this week. Mayor Antoskiewicz indicated that the bid opening should be on Friday.

3. **Turnpike Mitigation**

Mr. Haselton summarized that he is working with the project manager at ODOT (Ohio Department of Transportation) who was working on the project years ago. He learned that when the project stopped, the previous engineer had submitted stage 3 drawings that were pretty far along. There were some property issues right away, in which the project was stopped at that point. Mr. Haselton would be providing a proposal to complete that work.

4. **York Road Property**

No update.

5. **Cleaning the Mains**

Mayor Antoskiewicz recalled that Mr. Smith was exploring different companies to see who would qualify to do the work and obtain some bids. He was uncertain where it stood at this time. Ms. Fenos inquired about having any updates shared prior to the next meeting. Mayor Antoskiewicz indicated that something would be sent out if there were any updates. There were no known issues recently regarding rain and storm water.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Weimer asked Mr. Haselton to provide an update on Royalton Road erosion issues on the creek bed. Mr. Haselton stated that it was brought to our attention in the last couple of months, in which he has been out to the site four times. It was observed to be a larger project than what the crews can handle. People were sent there

along with the Northeast Ohio Sewer District, in which they are working on a report. This will help provide some recommendations. Also, the Storm Water Conservation District went out, because there is a larger tension basin upstream of this; which they review and can provide reports. That has to be dredged to get to the original volume that it should have, which will help those residents downstream. A report would be provided for that as well. Mr. Haselton also went out with someone from his company that specializes in these types of stream situations who had some ideas, however, right now he is waiting for the Sewer District report. There are limits to what the City can do financially. He is also communicating with agencies about possible funding, however, as a stand-alone project, it is likely too small of a task. Grouping it with something else could be an option. Mr. Weimer would like to have some type of a community meeting at City Hall at some point with those residents to explain the status and options; also, to ensure that they are hearing the same message at the same time.

Ms. Fenos wanted to know if there was any update on the community meeting for the Sewer District, on the West Ridge project; on the Northeast corner close to Broadview Heights in Ward 2. Overall, Mr. Haselton felt that it went well and that they provided some good information. They want to make sure the area does not get flooded and this project should help to some degree. Also, there is a sanitary force main underneath the pond that we are looking at in terms of how to relocate; so that they can dig the pond deeper. Mayor Antoskiewicz noted that it needs cleaned as well. Mr. Haselton stated that it needs to be reiterated to the neighbors not to dump grass there. Ms. Fenos questioned the time line. Mr. Haselton indicated it is a fairly long-term project, with potential construction in 2023. Mayor Antoskiewicz mentioned that this also entails having a house taken down at that location. Mr. Haselton concurred.

Ms. Fenos asked about anything planned for the property on Thornhurst Drive where a house was taken down, in Ward 2. Mayor Antoskiewicz indicated that there will be some planting of trees and landscaping etc. to help that corner look nicer; and digging of a basin. Mr. Marnecheck questioned if it was original sewer, whereas Mayor Antoskiewicz confirmed that it was. Question was raised on being able to get an update on all of the projects that are pending for the next meeting. Mayor Antoskiewicz indicated that they can do that and get a synopsis.

Resident Melanie Mason, of 9033 Royalton Road, asked Mr. Haselton if he agreed that the trash under the pipe is creating a lot of problems with this bad creek. Mr. Haselton felt that it is a contributing factor. Mrs. Mason reminded everyone of the investigation that she and the neighbor did, where they discovered the contraption was built by the owner of the house. She felt that they did not create this problem. Furthermore, it is not a natural problem, but a man-made problem by the male resident. She expressed that they cannot fix it themselves. She stated that she would not be able to sell her house because she would have to disclose this, with her property going into a creek. There are chunks of land dropping and the creek is now roughly 12 feet high. She expressed that they did not create the problem and that it should not be pushed onto the homeowners. There is liability here with the home owner that built it. She concluded that a community meeting would be a wonderful idea and that people that live in the homes are pretty angry.

Mr. Weimer commented that he had been at Vinnie's home and looked at the issue again. He also spent a significant amount of time with Mr. Kelly and with Mr. Haselton prior to the meeting. He conveyed that it is one of his top priorities to get some resolve. He would coordinate a meeting with the Mayor and discuss how to move forward after he receives further information. Mr. Haselton raised question if the home owner is a willing participant to meet, if that is the cause of this problem. Mrs. Mason indicated yes. She believed all of the neighbors are getting anxious about it because the problem is getting worst. Mr. Weimer shared that he understands the different levels of concern of these residents and hoped that Mrs. Mason would convey this to them for him for the those he may not have spoken with.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Ms. Fenos, seconded by Mr. Weimer **to adjourn the July 6, 2021 meeting.** Yeas: 2. Nays: 0. **Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:56 p.m.**