

STORM WATER COMMITTEE MINUTES OCTOBER 5, 2021

The Storm Water Committee meeting was held on October 5, 2021 at North Royalton City Hall, 14600 State Road. The meeting was called to order at 6:39 p.m.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the September 7, 2021 Committee meeting 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 referred to the packet that everyone received by e-mail, whereas he included the report for the month of September, as well as any job requests that were completed. He also added maintenance projects that have been finalized, some of the larger mains, and some of the sewers that have been cleaned. He reviewed the map that he provided and how each job was marked.

Ms. Fenos asked about timeline and for clarification on some of the areas on the map, which were areas that were already cleaned this year. Pertaining to the timeline, Mr. Smith explained that they began working on these projects from the time that they took over the Storm Water crew. He has used maintenance personnel from the plant as well. He stated that this was a huge leap on implementing the maintenance program, which everyone should be able to see much progress from the last few rainfalls. Mr. Smith indicated that the team tends to the areas that have the highest response of calls for flooding. Mr. Marnecheck inquired if it is complaint or resident driven, in terms of priority. Mr. Smith felt that it was, somewhat. They went into the different areas with the most calls. He expressed that he was very proud of the Storm Water crew and what they have accomplished this year. He pointed out that this was something that had not been done in thirty years. He spoke of the direction of the maintenance program and that there has been relief.

Mr. Dietrich expressed his gratitude and commented that the residents have taken notice of the work. He is hearing a lot of good feedback from residents. He appreciated all that has been done and thanked Mr. Smith.

Ms. Krejci raised question whether the new truck had come in yet that was ordered. Mr. Smith hoped it would arrive by the end of this month; likely mid-month. The truck would go to the plant, and the plant's truck would go to the Storm Water crew. Mr. Marnecheck asked if in the event of an emergency, would that truck still be able to be utilized. Mr. Smith concurred and stated there would be two vac trucks available. Ms. Krejci noted positively, along with Mayor Antoskiewicz about the accomplishments.

2. Maintenance Projects

Mr. Haselton summarized two Sewer District projects. The one behind the Service Center has been slightly delayed to next month. Regarding Sprague Road and Thornhurst Drive, the design was complete with construction anticipated in the Spring of next year.

Ms. Barath brought up another house that came down on Maplegrove Avenue, which was part of the Sewer District project. That house was very close to the creek; within a few feet. She believed that it was going to be an overflow. She thought that they may not be putting a retention base there and make it an overflow so that when the creek swells, it would swell into that property.

3. Turnpike Mitigation

Mr. Haselton reported that we have a proposal now and it was approved. He is just waiting on some paperwork. He anticipated getting started on the design very soon; with no exact time frame.

4. York Road Property

Mr. Kelly recapped September discussions, whereas this ordinance would be in a position to move; ordinance 21-159 on the agenda. This was a resolution of necessity and would give us the opportunity to proceed. We now have all heirs lined up, which this will give us a chance to make them an offer in lieu of litigation.

Mrs. Krejci raised question about the steps, whereas Mr. Kelly indicated that the statute domain requires us to make an offer first, based on the appraisal; which we have. If they concur, we may be able to do this quickly; if they do not, we will have to file the lawsuit. Mr. Marnecheck questioned the time table and how long they would have to consider the offer. Mr. Kelly stated that from the time the letters go out, he believed it would be 45 days; then we would proceed. Mr. Marnecheck asked if majority rules in this decision. Mr. Kelly indicated no; it must be unanimous. Mr. Marnecheck asked about the time line from the 45-day mark, if it may be around December. Mr. Kelly clarified that we would know before the end of the year whether we have a deal or not.

Ms. Krejci asked if we already have an amount of an appraisal. Mr. Kelly explained that the appraisal was roughly \$27,000. He went on to say that we would not know anything until we extend them the offer. Ms. Krejci raised question as to the final number of owners. Mr. Kelly was uncertain; however, he thought the number was in the 20's. We did hear from one of the relatives, third generation, that stated he is in a position to be of some further assistance as well. Mr. Kelly mentioned that the hope is that they take the offer.

Mr. Marnecheck questioned whether Mr. Kelly was able to come to us for authority to do eminent domain before the 45-day mark is over. Mr. Kelly indicated no, that we must wait for the time to be up for them to respond; or not reply. Mr. Marnecheck asked if someone does not reply, what is that considered in terms of an answer. Mr. Kelly stated that it would be considered a decline. He went on to say that we need affirmative approvals from all of the heirs.

5. Cleaning the Mains

Mr. Smith indicated that there was no more to add to the earlier report.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Small-scale Storm Water Projects – update on status and timeline

Ms. Fenos brought up that herself and Mr. Marnecheck had discussed some of the smaller storm water projects that were lingering; smaller projects and miscellaneous. Ms. Fenos felt it would be helpful to have an update on some of the smaller project that are on the list. For example, Royal Haven Drive. Mayor Antoskiewicz indicated that anything to do with concrete and asphalt has been moved up, because we only have a small-time frame left to do anything with asphalt and concrete. In regards to the ditch, that gets pushed more into the fall, the Mayor stated.

Mr. Smith explained that they have been short staffed for about 2-3 weeks due to the Covid. Next week, they plan to do all of the culverts that they had to finish up for this year, which no more would be accepted now. There are 3-4 and would be done next week. Plans for next year would be a little more diverse, there are some things they have set in place. A lot has been done. He spoke on the State Road culvert repair, which is complete with the road open now; a major project. There are a couple of bigger ones that they hope to get before the end of the year, with weather permitting. He reminded everyone that the Storm water crew goes to service in the

winter time to plow. They will get all the culverts completed that are already scheduled. The other jobs would go as needed.

Mr. Marnecheck made mention to the few houses on west Wallings Road, where the road seems to keep washing away. He asked if there was any further update on that. Mayor Antoskiewicz stated that he did not have any update. That was the one that continues to sink in and he has not figured out a way for relief in the situation. Mr. Smith conveyed that he would check into it. Mr. Marnecheck made the offer to residents, his contact information, or that of Mr. Dietrich, in order to communicate with them directly. Mayor Antoskiewicz noted that we have talked to them before. We were still trying to figure things there and what it may possibly be as the problem.

Mr. Marnecheck brought up another area that he had gotten asked about, which was the entrance to St. Thomas Woods. He believed it had gotten fixed and appeared to have had some pretty extensive work done there. Mayor Antoskiewicz noted that one had to do with the lining. Mr. Smith shared that next week, they would be coming in and doing the grouting. There is a company coming in and they will be doing a week's worth of work. Mr. Dietrich requested if Mr. Smith could keep him informed with the west Walling's project. Mr. Smith concurred.

Mayor brought up the grouting on Gregory Lane and Hawley Drive. Mr. Smith indicated that is sanitary, and is the last big job that will be done. That job entails going to put two 'man holes' there; they are going to put those in and soften that 90, in hopes for some relief with heavy rains. The quotes are in now, and they are just waiting to give them the go ahead to begin.

Ms. Barath asked if there was a way to be able to stay up to date on potential projects. For example, she has a creek area behind Stephanie Drive, where they have to remove some of the concrete, because it is eroding behind it; it was thought to be a fall project. She wanted to keep the residents informed, because they are going to have to go through yards on Bunker Road; in order to do that. Mayor Antoskiewicz commented on being out there, and stated it was one that will have to wait until fall; when the ground is harder. He would try to rethink and readjust some things. It has been a good year to have accomplished what we have in the allotted time.

KEEP ON AGENDA

Resident Mr. Nickell, of 10092 Hawley Drive, had a question on doing the storm or sanitary over there in that area. Mr. Smith explained that would be sanitary. They are realizing that probably creates problems both ways, because it is a hard 90, and they are going to smooth that 90, according to Mr. Smith. Mr. Nickell asked if that is in the sanitary or the creek. Mr. Smith indicated, in the sanitary. However, that is causing a lot of the problems there too, he believes.

Mayor Antoskiewicz noted that this goes back a few months. We are in the process of getting a system in place so that we can have a better gauge on the accountability on projects. We have signed off with the company, in which they provided a date of mid-November; when they should have everything in place. Once we have that in place, the hope is that folks can log in with a special log in, and see where the projects stand. He would still assign them, however, once they go to the different departments, there will be a column entailing what was done etc. Mayor Antoskiewicz concluded that this would help and hopefully that would be in place around mid-November.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Ms. Fenos, seconded by Ms. Barth **to adjourn the October 5, 2021 meeting.** Yeas: 3; Nays: 0.
Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.