

UTILITIES COMMITTEE MINUTES JANUARY 4, 2022

The Utilities Committee meeting was held on January 4, 2022 at North Royalton City Hall, 14600 State Road. The meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m.

PRESENT: Committee Members: Chair Dawn Carbone-McDonald, Vice Chair Jeremy Dietrich, Mike Vos; **Council:** Paul Marnecheck, John Nickell, Joanne Krejci, Linda Barath; **Administration:** Mayor Larry Antoskiewicz, Law Director Tom Kelly, City Engineer Justin Haselton, Wastewater Superintendent Mark Smith; **Other:** Chris Sliwinski, Michael McDonald, Vincent Weimer, Jessica Fenos.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of November 3, 2021 Committee minutes. Minutes were accepted.

At this time, resident Chris Sliwinski, of 10071 West Sprague Road, wanted to speak. There are signs that have been put up indicating a one-way street going westbound. What he has encountered, as well as his daughter, is people are making a right hand turn out of the bar on the corner of York and Sprague Road, going eastbound, causing potential problems. He wanted to know who is responsible for putting the signs up. He wanted to be able to address this very soon. Ms. Carbone-McDonald clarified that it would be the construction company who is responsible. Mayor Antoskiewicz indicated that he would get in touch with Mr. Haselton to contact the construction company to let them know that is an issue. Mr. Sliwinski wanted to confirm that it is when people are coming out of the Crystal Keg; a one-way street now.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Inflow/Infiltration of Storm Water (I & I)

Mr. Smith reported that they had four septic conversions; one on Royalton Road, two on Edgerton Road, and one on Boston. There was an I & I repair on Athena Drive. They have one cross connection on York Beta Road that is in the process of being repaired at this time.

KEEP ON AGENDA.

2. Ohio EPA (WW Treatment Plant B conversion)

Mr. Smith advised that recently completed was the application for the OWDA (Ohio Water Development Authority) loan for the design phase. We hope to hear something back by the end of the month, for they only meet once per month. Once word is received, the project will still be moving forward. Currently, we are in the design phase and moving forward with the design of the project.

Mr. Dietrich asked what other steps needed to be taken in order to get the timeline of eight months accomplished. Mr. Smith commented that it is all a process. We are working as quick as possible but want to be diligent. We want to be as thorough as we can. He went on to say that it may not be eight months, however, what we are attempting to do is something that has not been done; we want to do it correctly. Mr. Dietrich stated that this project ties into the Industrial Parkway project, which is why. Mr. Smith indicated he has already had calls asking about sewer in that area; it is going to be a benefit for the whole City. Mr. Dietrich agreed, he is anxious to get moving, he knows he has done all that he can. He felt that the EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) was a big step. Mr. Smith explained that once we receive approval on the loan, they are already working on this design; the engineers have begun the process. His hope is to be able to go out after August; to be ready to go out to bid.

Ms. Carbone-McDonald expressed her appreciation and thanked Mr. Smith for the recent tour of the plant.

3. Street Light on York Road

No update.

KEEP ON AGENDA.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Carbone-McDonald brought up the issue of tree trimming, in which she has been getting calls from residents. While driving through the City, she noticed there are numerous trees that are hitting the electrical lines; laying on them. She wanted to know when was the last time we had the utility companies come and trim them. Mayor Antoskiewicz explained that they are constantly trimming throughout the City at different times. Usually if the power lines are fine, however, if there are trees that are on cable lines, and many times the trees are on private property, we are told it is the responsibility of the resident. If they are in fact power lines, then we will call; we just had two in Ward 6 and they took care of it. The Mayor commented that some times where we think there may be a problem, they will convey that it is not a problem; therefore, they do nothing. We stay on them if we know about them. We have our contacts and we turn them in. The one he spoke about in ward 6 was bad, and he concluded that they came out right away.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Ms. Barath seconded by Mr. Dietrich **to adjourn the January 4, 2022, meeting.** Yeas: 3. Nays: 0.
Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:46 p.m.