

**UTILITIES COMMITTEE MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 6, 2022**

The Utilities Committee meeting was held on September 6, 2022 at North Royalton City Hall, 14600 State Road. The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m.

PRESENT: Committee Members: Chair Dawn Carbone-McDonald, Joanne Krejci; Council: Paul Marnecheck, Mike Wos, Linda Barath, John Nickell; Administration: Mayor Larry Antoskiewicz, Law Director Tom Kelly, Finance Director Jenny Esarey, Wastewater Superintendent Mark Smith, City Engineer Justin Haselton; Other: Michael McDonald, Joe Pavlick.

Ms. Barath moved to excuse Mr. Dietrich from the September 6, 2022 Committee meeting, seconded by Ms. Krejci. Yeas: 2. Nays: 0. **Motion carried.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of July 6, 2022 Committee minutes. Moved by Ms. Krejci, seconded by Ms. Carbone-McDonald. Yeas: 2. Nays: 0. **Motion carried.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

Mr. Smith reported that we completed the Villa Grande development, in which there were no failures. We are currently in Vista Drive, area of Valley Lane, and will be there for a little while. There have been 15 failures, in which letters will be sent out this week on those. Ms. Carbone-McDonald expressed her appreciation for the letters being sent.

Mr. Marnecheck inquired about the length of time that this is done for the rest of the year. Mr. Smith indicated that dye testing would be done as long as the weather permits; hopefully until early November, late October. He went on to say that the vac truck has to be out as well, therefore, you do not want to take it out in certain temperatures if there is no need to.

2. WW Treatment Plant B conversion

Mr. Smith advised that things are going along as planned. We had our last progress meeting last week, which they are at 50% of the design; should be completed by the next meeting in October. It was his hope to get 100% accomplished by the end of this year.

3. Street Lights on York Road (replacing)

Mayor Antoskiewicz advised that CEI (Cleveland Electric Illuminating) Company is working on all of them. He encouraged all that if anyone observes any that are in question, to please let him know. They are getting accomplished.

4. York Road Special Assessments – sanitary sewers

Mr. Haselton explained that we are completing the design at this time. The next step will be submitting to the Ohio EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) for the permit to install, which will allow us to bid the project later this year and construct in the spring. Everything is still on schedule for the end of spring of 2023; before the paving starts.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Carbone-McDonald brought up NOPEC (Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council), in which many residents have reached out to her concerning the rates and their bills. She asked if there were any possible updates as we approach the winter.

Mayor Antoskiewicz indicated that an e-mail was sent out explaining that NOPEC has put all of their customers into their default First Energy rates, which will lower everyone's rates. It was communicated to him that it may take a month or two to be able to see it on the bills. Everyone will automatically get put into the lower First Energy group. Ms. Carbone-McDonald asked if anything would be sent to the residents regarding this. Mayor Antoskiewicz agreed and stated it was also put out on our website.

Ms. Carbone-McDonald inquired about whether a representative has ever come to a meeting to educate people. Ms. Krejci recalled that a CEI person had come out before; when he was new to introduce himself. Mayor Antoskiewicz did not feel there has really been enough reason for someone to come out. Ms. Krejci wanted to point out that we do have contacts with the companies, in which she usually has a good response if she needs to call.

Mr. Marnecheck reminded everyone that we should make a motion for this new topic in the committee meeting for the agenda.

Ms. Carbone-McDonald moved to add NOPEC for discussion under New Business to tonight's committee agenda, seconded by Ms. Krejci. Yeas: 2. Nays: 0. **Motion carried.**

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Ms. Krejci, seconded by Ms. Carbone-McDonald to **adjourn the September 6, 2022, meeting.** Yeas: 2. Nays: 0. **Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.**