

UTILITIES COMMITTEE MINUTES
APRIL 4, 2023

The Utilities Committee meeting was held on April 4, 2022 at North Royalton City Hall, 14600 State Road. The meeting was called to order at 6:34 p.m.

PRESENT: Committee Members: Chair Heidi Webber, Vice Chair Joanne Krejci, Jeremy Dietrich; **Council:** Paul Marnecheck, Mike Wos, Linda Barath, John Nickell; **Administration:** Mayor Larry Antoskiewicz, Law Director Tom Kelly, Wastewater Superintendent Mark Smith, Service Director Nick Cinquepalmi, City Engineer Justin Haselton; **Other:** Joel Spatz, Vincent Weimer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of March 7, 2023 Committee minutes. Moved by Ms. Webber, seconded by Ms. Krejci. Yeas: 3. Nays: 0. **Motion carried.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

Mr. Smith reported that we should be able to start the program back up in the next week or so; weather has been permitting. Mr. Marnecheck inquired about where they would be starting. Mr. Smith was uncertain; however, he would e-mail that as soon as he knows the area in which they will begin.

2. WW Treatment Plant B conversion

Mr. Smith advised that we have the entire design for the force main. Currently, we are working on a few easements. He was not sure about the time line; however, he received some good news that it may be a little sooner than anticipated; on the easements.

Ms. Krejci asked about the timeframe, whether it would be later this year. Mr. Smith concurred; that is when we would start. Mayor Antoskiewicz pointed out that would be starting the force main; not the B Plant. Ms. Krejci wanted to clarify that the force main is going down Abbey Road. Mr. Smith agreed; he hopes to have that started in the fall. Ms. Krejci noted that if we are doing the force main down Abbey, that would be a sewer. She inquired if there are homes there that are not sewered, they would now be forced to hook up after that is completed. Mr. Smith explained that as we looked into this project, 95% of the homes were already tied in; there would be roughly 3-5 homes that are not. We will also be able to hook up that industrial property as well.

Mr. Nickell inquired about the 5% of the properties that are not connected, as to whether they have a standing order from the Health Department to be connected. Mr. Smith explained that once that sewer goes in, the Health Department would give them roughly 90 days to connect. Mayor Antoskiewicz noted that they are flexible; they are going to get the benefit of not having to pay for the line coming in. Mr. Smith commented that they have to pay the tab. He continued that when we initially started this, there was no plans for Abbey Road. There was a sewer put in, in 1974 that nobody knew about; we thought that it was all septic there; all of those homes are paying. We know that 35 of the homes are already paying sewer bills. Mr. Nickell asked how soon would we notify the few homes that this is coming. Mr. Smith stated, as soon as possible. We are in the process and have to go to Planning Commission on this. Mayor Antoskiewicz clarified that there would be a public hearing on it and we will make certain that everyone is aware.

Ms. Webber raised question about the potential cost for those residents to tap in. Ms. Krejci believed it may be roughly \$17,000; it depends on where their hook up is. Mr. Smith commented that you have to look at the fact that the Health Department is going to make them tie in; not the City. Also, it is better than paying for a brand-new septic system. Mr. Dietrich felt that \$17,000 was a lot of money. Mr. Haselton shared that it would be approximately \$10,000. He spoke of a few other projects, whereas in normal circumstances it would be at an estimated cost of \$5000-\$10,000 for the connection; it does depend on how far back they are from the street.

3. York Road Special Assessments – sanitary sewers

- **Proposed legislation – International Excavating of Ohio bid for the York Road Sanitary Sewer Project**

Mr. Haselton summarized that there is an item on the agenda to approve the contractor International Excavating of Ohio for the York Road Sanitary Sewer Project. If approved, we will give them notice to proceed and they can begin obtaining the materials needed for that project.

Ms. Webber moved to recommend the proposed legislation to Council for approval, seconded by Ms. Krejci. Yeas: 3. Nays: 0. **Motions carried.**

NEW BUSINESS

There was none.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Ms. Webber, seconded by Ms. Krejci to adjourn the April 4, 2023, meeting. Yeas: 3. Nays: 0. **Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m.**