

## UTILITIES COMMITTEE MINUTES MAY 2, 2023

The Utilities Committee meeting was held on May 2, 2023 at North Royalton City Hall, 14600 State Road. The meeting was called to order at 6:22 p.m.

**PRESENT: Committee Members:** Chair Heidi Webber, Vice Chair Joanne Krejci, Jeremy Dietrich; **Council:** Paul Marnecheck, Mike Vos, 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.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Approval of April 4, 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 advised that there were notification letters sent out in recent weeks. We are currently in Sharon Lane Drive and Vista Development.

Ms. Barath asked for a synopsis of the process. Mr. Smith explained that we roof drain, and do the gutters, the footer tile, then flood the area and insert dye. We have a camera truck there, which we are looking to see if we observe filtration of the dye. He went on to say if we see the dye, then we know there is a problem because we are trying to keep all of the infiltration out of the sanitary sewer. For example, you could have a leaky joint; your joint could have been dislodged or illegally connected with the drains. The gutters could be tied into your sanitary sewer line. That is why they flood them and put the dye in, along with a TV camera. Ms. Barath noticed that it seems to be a slow process. Mr. Smith clarified that it takes some time; it is not a quick process. You may have several drains off of the roof and some people have larger footer tile. Ms. Barath inquired if they knock on the resident's door when they begin. Mr. Smith agreed; yes. The letters are sent and as a courtesy, we knock on the door and let them know we are there to do their I & I.

Mr. Vos questioned different types of homes, and the process if someone were to just have a standard ditch. Mr. Smith explained that if it cannot be infiltrated into the sanitary sewer, we will not do it; however, we do all of the homes. In this program, we want to eliminate infiltration into our sanitary sewer, because when you have storm water and sanitary sewer, you are paying more to treat water. He added that you want to treat sewage, not water.

Mayor Antoskiewicz indicated that it helps us, as well as in some areas where we have found cross connections. He spoke about the big sewers whereas people get backed up. They are getting that infiltration, which is taking over the system. It is backing them up, so there is a lot of purpose to it. Mr. Vos recalled many years ago when Cedar Estates had their problem. That was the exact problem; they were cross connected. He shared that one resident's basement was really bad.

#### **2. WW Treatment Plant B conversion**

Mr. Smith reported that we are continuing work on the easements. We will have a presentation tomorrow at Planning Commission. We have KMJM Land Services doing the easements for us; that was a plus. We did not have to go outside of the City, which should help make it more smooth and quicker.

Ms. Webber wanted to clarify that we are doing the force main first and then going to Plant B. Mr. Smith concurred. Ms. Webber asked about whether we are laying with the force main, or laying sanitary sewer along there. Mr. Smith clarified that is what the force main is. Ms. Webber raised question as to whether they are tying in. Mr. Smith explained that there may be four or five residents that are not tied in; everyone else is already tied in. As mentioned at the last meeting, back in 1974, we did not have any drawings in the City and we found out that all of those residents there were

already tied in. He continued that we checked with Cleveland Water and they are paying the sewer bill. Ms. Webber asked about those four or five residents that are on septic, whether they are going to tie-in. Mr. Smith indicated that they will be forced to tie-in when we run that force main and the gravity sewer; they will tie-in to the gravity sewer. He noted that those few residents were located at the southern end. Ms. Krejci pointed out that because we are running the main sewer, they only have to do that tie-in from their house; it would be an advantage compared to other projects.

### **3. York Road Special Assessments – sanitary sewers**

Mr. Haselton reported that construction is scheduled to begin next week with completion expected in June.

Mr. Wos inquired about any updates on Edgerton Road. Mr. Haselton indicated that we received the paperwork from the sewer district approving community cost share dollars for the design, which will come to Council in two weeks. Mr. Wos asked about the cost. Mr. Haselton clarified it would be in the lower \$70,000 range.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. Ordinance No. 23-52 – Breezeline Contract**

Mr. Kelly explained that we are still negotiating with the parent company on the contracts and it is merely done. He went on to say that we would appreciate this going on to third reading.

Ms. Krejci inquired about the exact location of this property. Mayor Antoskiewicz indicated that it is a building behind the police station on Route 82. He questioned since it is going to third reading, whether it should be taken off of the agenda.

Ms. Webber moved to have Ordinance 23-52 removed from the Utilities Committee Agenda, seconded by Mr. Dietrich. Yeas: 3. Nays: 0. **Motion carried.**

REMOVE FROM THE AGENDA

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Ms. Webber, seconded by Ms. Krejci **to adjourn the May 2, 2023, meeting.** Yeas: 3. Nays: 0. **Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m.**