

**UTILITIES COMMITTEE MINUTES
JANUARY 2, 2024**

The Utilities Committee meeting was held on January 2, 2024 at North Royalton City Hall, 14600 State Road. The meeting was called to order at 6:26 p.m.

PRESENT: Committee Members: Chair Heidi Webber, Vice Chair Joanne Krejci, Mary Gorjanc; Council: Paul Marnecheck, Mike Wos, Linda Barath, John Nickell; Administration: Mayor Larry Antoskiewicz, Assistant Law Director/First Assistant Prosecutor Steven Ritz, Wastewater Superintendent Mark Smith, City Engineer Justin Haselton, Service Director Nick Cinquepalmi; Other: Ines Hammonds, Maliyah Gomola, Rainah Graves, Julia Gallagher, Joe Pavlick.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Gorjanc stated that the November 8, 2023 Utilities Committee minutes are available online, as well as in the Council office.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

Mr. Smith reminded everyone that we would begin once more on the Inflow and Infiltration in spring time.

Ms. Barath raised question as to how many properties were outstanding to his knowledge. Mr. Smith clarified there were several. He stated that we try to work with the residents. As we have discussed, we provide them with three sets of letters and we try to work with them following that. Mr. Smith indicated there are those that have not corrected theirs in years; we still try to work with them.

2. WW Treatment Plant B conversion

Mr. Smith reported on the Plant B conversion, whereas we finally have all the easements and they should be taken care of; we are just waiting on financing. He felt that we have a better chance of getting better financing. That project will probably start to go out to bid within the next month or two.

Ms. Gorjanc commented she was under the impression that financing was already in place. Mr. Smith explained that we applied for some grants. The financing was in place, when going through the OWDA (Ohio Water Development Authority). However, we are going through the EPA (Environment Protection Agency) to get the loan. They will pay off the OWDA loan we had for design; however, they do not meet until this year. They recommended waiting until 2024. He concluded that it was a lesser amount of interest than what we would have received from OWDA.

3. York Road Special Assessments – Sanitary Sewers

Mr. Haselton recapped that last month he had reported the sewer is complete, and it passed all testing. We thought that the final landscaping would be completed in November, however it was not. We anticipate the contractor will come back in the spring to do the final landscaping that is needed.

Ms. Gorjanc wanted to know if people are going to hook up to the sewers there. Mr. Haselton agreed. However, there is no immediate need at this time; perhaps when the project is completed. Then we can do the final assessments and they can hook up. Ms. Gorjanc asked if they have to and if it is mandatory. Mr. Haselton concurred. Once it is deemed ready, they will have six months to hook up. Ms. Krejci added that they are required by the Board of Health; not by the City.

Ms. Krejci inquired if we have the final cost yet. Her concern was informing the residents that are affected. Mayor Antoskiewicz noted we do not anticipate final cost until they come back to finish work in the spring. The Mayor agreed with Ms. Krejci when she stated that at this point, they do not have to worry about any potential assessments or anything that is coming up.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Edgerton Road Sanitary Sewer Project

Mr. Haselton summarized that we are working on the design and we are at the point that we can submit for permits. He concluded that this is the plan in January.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Ms. Webber, seconded by Ms. Krejci to **adjourn the January 5, 2023 meeting**. Yeas: 3. Nays: 0.
Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:31 p.m.