

Issue II Minutes
July 5, 2005

PRESENT: Committee Members: Chairman Don Willey, Robin Zaccardelli, Denise Bobulsky; President of Council Robert Stefanik, Vincent Gentile, Thomas Koch, Lisa Uffman-Kirsch; City Engineer Clark Merdes.

Mr. Willey called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. Motion made by Ms. Bobulsky, seconded by Ms. Zaccardelli to approve the minutes from June 7, 2005. 3 yeas/0 nays. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Input for this year

In light of the Volunteer Citizens Oversight Flooding Committee Final Report recommendations Mrs. Bobulsky requested that projects be added to the list. They are costly projects.

1. Cedar Estates storm sewers. The storm sewers are undersized and need replacing for an estimated cost of \$1.7 million.
2. Applewood detention basin estimated cost of \$415,000.
3. Chesapeake basin impacting a huge amount of people.

Mr. Stefanik said we would want to get our projects pre-scored. He asked if there would be a problem getting the pre-score for 8-10 projects. He said in the past we were always told to narrow down our list. Mr. Merdes said he could try to get a pre-score for whatever projects we seek. He asked if there was any hope to reduce the list.

Mr. Merdes said that the county is looking into doing a Sprague Road projects from Middleburg Heights and Strongsville through to York. This may be crossed off the Issue 2 list.

Mr. Willey asked if the storm water projects should be identified together for Pamela Drive, Cedar Estates, Chesapeake basin and the FEMA purchase of the houses on Abbey. He asked if all the storm sewers were replaced in Cedar Estates only, would the outflow create a problem further down. He was wondering the cause and effect would be of doing only some of the flooding issue projects.

Mr. Gentile said Mr. Klaiber advised that the amount of people impacted raises the scoring and funding of projects. He wondered if we were putting in too many municipal street projects for repair. Drake and Edgerton Roads impact the most residents at this time.

Mrs. Uffman-Kirsch asked if the list was being narrowed down to make the pre-scoring efficient and then based on the results decide what we are going to actually submit. The response was yes.

Mr. Merdes felt the Industrial Park will not score well.

Mr. Koch felt in addition to Drake and Edgerton Roads that Bennett Road between Route 82 and Akins Road should be included. He felt that putting on too many would take away from good projects.

Mr. Stefanik felt the projects should be pre-scored for Drake and Edgerton, Akins between Bennett and Edgerton, Bennett from Route 82 to Akins Road as road projects. Then ask Mr. Merdes to decide on the flooding and infrastructure projects that might score high.

Mr. Merdes suggested the infrastructure projects mentioned above by Mrs. Bobulsky.

Mr. Gentile asked if the Biro ditch project should be included or a possibility of getting Baldwin Creek opened up so that it could drain more effectively. Baldwin Creek would require the Army Corps of Engineers. Mr. Merdes said that restoring Baldwin Creek to its natural channel has been a goal, but it has never actually happened because the Army Corps of Engineers needs to approve the project. They studied it and did not offer much in the way of a solution. As time has gone on it has gotten more difficult to work in streams. Mr. Gentile said if we could start something if it would qualify through Issue 2 it would involve the state and county engineers and maybe that would speed up the process with the Army Corps of Engineers. There are many people effected.

There was discussion regarding submitting the reconstruction of Edgerton either in part or in phases. Mr. Merdes said it would be extremely costly and we would not have funds for this. He recommended that we request assistance for resurfacing.

Mr. Uffman-Kirsch asked what the deadline for submissions was. Mr. Merdes said mid September.

Projects requested to be pre-scored:

1. Complete resurfacing of Drake Road.
2. Complete resurfacing of Edgerton Road.
3. Akins between Bennett and Edgerton.
4. Bennett from Route 82 to Akins Road to be reconstructed with new storm sewers.
5. Cedar Estates storm sewers replacement.
6. Applewood detention basin.
7. Pamela/Parkdale

The City Engineer is expected to have information regarding the pre-scoring status prior to the next Issue 2 meeting.

The next Issue 2 meeting will be Thursday, September 1, 2005 at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Willey asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Ms. Zaccardelli to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Bobulsky. 3 yeas/0 nays. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m.