

## STORM WATER COMMITTEE MINUTES

March 14, 2007

The Storm Water Committee meeting was held on March 14, 2007, at North Royalton City Hall 13834 Ridge Road. The meeting was called to order at 7:33 p.m.

Present: Chair Larry Antoskiewicz, Vince Gentile, Lisa Uffman-Kirsch; Bob Stefanik, Denise Bobulsky, Mayor Luks, Engineer Clark Merdes; Lisa Wolf, Ellen Cook, Michael Kole, John Sikotowiec, Ed Biesiada, Donald Simonis, Steve and Barb Demko, Nikolay Kovelchik, Nick Cinquepalmi, Steve Ekert.

Moved by, Mrs. Uffman-Kirsch seconded by Mr. Gentile to approve minutes from February 14, 2007. 3 yeas/0 nays. Motion carried.

### RESIDENT DISCUSSION

**Residents from Gregory and Hawley area** spoke regarding the flooding problem in their area. The concern is to get the culvert under Hawley Drive to be able to handle the capacity of the problem. The Chesapeake retention basin and creek feeding into that gets bogged causing water to further flood. The cleaning of the culvert would offer relief and it is desired that the city get involved to require the culvert be cleaned.

It was discussed that when the Lynne culvert area was cleaned, the water level did not drop to the bottom of the culvert because the stream bed is not at the bottom of the pipes on both sides and the water ponds. Therefore, the capacity of the culvert was not gained. The river bed area is silted over and needs to be lowered.

The project this year seeks to clean areas inside the right-of-way and outside if the property owners allow. It was discussed what could be done if residents will not be willing to have work done on their property. It is unknown at this time if any residents would oppose the project on their property. This specific project is not funded for this year. It was not included in the Citizen's Flood Report and the project would be included with others that will be added and prioritized.

Since no cost would be involved, it was suggested that the city first pursue the project with residents to see if there is any issue that needs to be handled. A resident volunteered to take the document to neighbors that gives permission to the city to allow work to be done on their property in order to identify if there are any unwilling participants. The Law Director will be asked to determine what would be involved if residents will not permit the project on their property, and the residents will be notified of this determination as they requested.

It was asked if the Gregory culvert pipe would be replaced this year. This project is part of the right-of-way improvement that will be done this year. Surveying will occur first and the improvement will be recommended. It is anticipated that this project will be completed this year.

Rear drainage ditches on Gregory have over time grown over or been filled, and it was asked that this be part of the area project.

**Residents were present to discuss the Huntington Close area** flooding they are experiencing. The residents on the west side still take water.

There was some work done to cut a swale on the east side of the road. Residents feel that the project was not finished according to what they were told and it was asked why the project was not completed. The north side was done, the south side was not done to what they feel was completion. It is not the same size as the north side. The City Engineer provided an explanation with regard to the swale and the water flow.

The flow to the catch basins and into the detention basin (that they feel was not fixed or installed properly) does not seem to be working. There is sewer back up to the homes and the construction repair that was done has been damaged. The contractors should be held responsible, the job wasn't done correctly and it should be fixed or the solution was not correct at the start. Either the detention basin should be built up or the collector should be lowered. When the detention basin fills the water has no place to go and goes to the houses. There is no preventative maintenance and there is debris in the basin.

The request is to fix the retention basin, put the catch basins in as currently planned in the street and work on the problems to the south. All this work was supposed to have been done in 2005, but the residents feel it has not been done properly.

The detention basin was fixed according to what was approved by FEMA, if more needs to be done that will be looked at and put on the list and prioritized according to the funding that is now available with the passage of the income tax. The fixes will not happen over night. Residents feel that this should not put them on the bottom of the list as a new project since flooding continues to occur.

Residents were advised that the problem with sanitary back up is currently being studied and the reason has not been determined as of now. Prices on the catch basins are being sought. The swale is completed according to the City Engineer. The retention basin is still being monitored.

**A State Road** resident explained a flooding problem where water is coming from the top of the hill by Drug Mart and across to the property. There is a ditch on the east and west side of State Road. It was asked why those ditches divert into a front yard and not go into a storm sewer. Because of storm water funneling to the property the sanitary sewer line is going to need replacing. It was explained that there appears to have been a drainage course that went through there. The resident is downstream of the creek in the area. The water is seeking its natural course and the city is not able to make a correction to private property. The resident does not want to make an improvement but rather the desire is to restore it to what it was. Mr. Hartman will be sent to the property to make an evaluation.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- 1. Phase II storm water regulation (Public Involvement Public Education Committee—PIPE)**  
The contract is completed with Soil and Water. This is removed from the agenda.
- 2. North Royalton FEMA mitigation**  
The homes on Edgerton have been approved by FEMA and moving forward.
- 3. Storm water retention basin report**  
The inspections are not much further along than last month due to weather issues.
- 4. Flood areas not affected by the Turnpike and not covered under any other report.**  
No new information.
- 5. Bunker/Dublin area flooding**  
Still waiting for contractor prices and it is anticipated to begin in the Spring.
- 6. Turnpike study**  
A meeting is anticipated with Metro Parks as soon as they can schedule it.
- 7. Phase 2 storm water permit requirements**  
Will be addressed next meeting by Todd Hauser and Jim Storer from Soil and Water who will explain the requirements to Council. The Engineering Department has been dealing with it.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- 1. Huntington Close**  
Discussed above.

Moved by Mrs. Uffman-Kirsch, seconded by Mr. Gentile to adjourn the meeting. 3 yeas/0 nays.  
Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:29.