

STORM WATER COMMITTEE MINUTES

June 13, 2007

The Storm Water Committee meeting was held on June 13, 2007, at North Royalton City Hall 13834 Ridge Road. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Present: Chair Larry Antoskiewicz, Vince Gentile, Lisa Uffman-Kirsch; Council: Denise Bobulsky; Administration: Deputy Engineer Mike Bender; Public: Nick Cinquepalmi.

Approval of April 11, 2007 minutes. Mr. Antoskiewicz said with regard to amendments suggested by Mrs. Uffman-Kirsch to the minutes from April 11, 2007, that he recommended the notation to those listed as present of Mr. Houser and Mr. Storer being representatives from Cuyahoga County Soil and Water Conservation District. He also recommended approving the addition to Unfinished Business Item 6, Paragraph 3 as follows:

“...A mitigation permit from the EPA can be issued, but would not be done as a first option, and the city has the ability to not approve the permit. *The Corps will not issue a permit if they know it goes against our ordinances. Mr. Storer stated that the EPA will not issue permits for Class 3 Wetlands.* The more stringent regulations would prevail...”

Mr. Antoskiewicz did not agree with the other amendments submitted previously to the committee by Mrs. Uffman-Kirsch and said he did not recommend those other amendments.

Mrs. Uffman-Kirsch said that the amendments she submitted previously were extremely important to have in the minutes and it was especially important to include in Unfinished Business Item 6 that “Mr. Houser stated as a community we are charged with the responsibility to protect the function” and to also include additional information regarding the Turnpike meeting in Unfinished Business Item 5. She asked why it is not pertinent information.

Mr. Antoskiewicz said that it says enough with what was in the minutes and that they are sufficient.

Moved by Mr. Antoskiewicz, seconded by Mr. Gentile to approve minutes from April 11, 2007, with the amendments recommended above by Mr. Antoskiewicz. 2 yeas/1 nay (Uffman-Kirsch). Motion carried.

Moved by, Mrs. Uffman-Kirsch seconded by Mr. Gentile to approve minutes from May 9, 2007. 3 yeas/0 nays. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. North Royalton FEMA mitigation

Mrs. Bobulsky said that there was a meeting with the residents to clarify the timeline and responsibilities. Mrs. Uffman-Kirsch said the timeline was given for Abbey and Akins residents. The residents on Edgerton have received their appraisals approved from the state and purchase offers have been made by FEMA to the city.

2. Storm water retention basin report

Mr. Bender said that all letters and the final report are expected to be complete by the end of June. Engineering and Service Departments are working to get the work done for the 11 basins that are the responsibility of the city.

Mr. Antoskiewicz asked that the Ward Council Representative be notified that basin repair work will be done. Mr. Gentile said he is getting complaints from residents near the two Jamestown basins.

3. Flood areas not affected by the Turnpike and not covered under any other report.

Mr. Bender reported that the draft copy of the report has been reviewed by the Engineering Department and comments have been given to Hovansek and Associates. The final report is expected soon.

4. Bunker/Dublin area flooding

Mr. Bender said that the work is substantially complete. This is removed from the agenda.

5. Turnpike study

There is a meeting scheduled tomorrow with CDM Consultants and Metroparks.

6. Huntington Close

Mr. Bender said that the project was awarded for approximately \$14,400 and is expected to begin next week. It is expected to take approximately 2-3 weeks to complete. He explained some of what the project will be.

7. 2007 Projects

Mr. Bender reported that the regional upstream Chesapeake basin was approved by Planning Commission. Trying to determine the impact, the Engineering Department has met with the Army Corps of Engineers to have the wetland delineation affirmed. They are waiting to hear back from the Army Corps of Engineers so work can begin. R.E Warner is under contract to provide plans for the improvement to the Gregory and Hawley area to include front and back ditching. Dalia has completed the storm sewer plans for Pamela/Parkdale. Rear yard pipes are completely unusable; all driveway aprons will be replaced; there will be ditching on both sides of the street and new catch basins. The sewer in the center of the street is being abandoned. New storm mains will be placed on one side with lateral catch basins on both sides. Budgetary figures are being reviewed and it is hoped to include resurfacing with this to be bid as separate projects. Information has been submitted to FEMA requesting review and participation in part of or the entire Pamela/Parkdale project. Cedar Estates and Cady Road plans and specifications are being prepared by Hovansek and Associates. Mrs. Uffman-Kirsch asked if it is still planned that the Cady Road project will be done in-house and Mr. Bender said he will check into that. Biro Ditch cleaning is going to be done in-house. State and Royaltan headwall fix may be repaired if possible.

8. Bennett/Edgerton Road project

Mrs. Uffman-Kirsch hopes if Pamela/Parkdale receives FEMA funding that the city funds can go to the Bennett/Edgerton Road storm sewer project. Mr. Bender said with the Edgerton Road culvert replacement that is currently scheduled it is hoped that the storm sewer on Edgerton Road can be extend with the permission of the property owner.

9. Riverwalk Circle flooding issue

Mr. Bender said the Engineering Department reviewed the site plans. Mrs. Uffman-Kirsch said that she is waiting to hear the results of the review and a site visit with the residents will be set.

NEW BUSINESS**1. Rocky River East Branch-Akins Road**

Mrs. Uffman-Kirsch said a resident contacted her with concerns about the property to the east that is one that will be torn down as a result of FEMA mitigation. The resident wanted to know if that house is torn down would this cause an increased flooding risk to his property. Mrs. Uffman-Kirsch said the Mayor spoke with the FEMA representative who told her it should not affect the resident and asked the Engineering Department to look into this. Mrs. Uffman-Kirsch said that the other issue the resident related was that the east branch of the Rocky River should be straightened and the Engineering Department was asked about this.

Mr. Bender reported that the house being torn down from an engineering standpoint will not worsen the situation; it will make it better. The second issue of straightening the river is a very detailed engineering question requiring a great deal of hydraulic analysis that must follow FEMA guidelines to make any change. We do not have the in-house capabilities or programs to do that type of modeling nor the time this year to do this and it would be a great expense. The riparian set back would be an issue since no

work would be permitted under the ordinance as it stands. After processing through FEMA then the Army Corps of Engineers would have to be called into the project. Mrs. Uffman-Kirsch will advise the resident via copy of these minutes after they have been approved.

2. Route 82 Hill—Dover Apartments

Mr. Antoskiewicz said that the houses on Route 82 across from Dover Apartments that have the creek running through the front of their properties had flooding in the creek and house. Residents feel that the retention near the Dover Apartments may be a problem.

Mr. Bender said he will look into the problem and see if the letters regarding the retention basins went out for this basin.

Moved by Mr. Gentile, Seconded by Mrs. Uffman-Kirsch to adjourn the meeting. 3 yeas/0 nays. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:18.