

STORM WATER COMMITTEE MINUTES
February 13, 2008, 6:30 P.M.

The Storm Water Committee meeting was held on February 13, 2008, at North Royalton City Hall 13834 Ridge Road. The meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m.

Present: Chair Larry Antoskiewicz, John Nickell, Vince Gentile; Council: Gary Petrusky, Don Willey; Administration: Mayor Bob Stefanik, City Engineer Ken Tyrpak, Community Development Director Tom Jordan; Other Attendees: Nick Cinquepalmi, Pat Harris, Don Harris, Ivan Hack, Jr.

Moved by Mr. Gentile, seconded by Mr. Nickell to **approve the minutes of January 10, 2008**.
Yeas: 3. Nays: 0. **Motion carried.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. North Royalton FEMA mitigation

Community Development Director Tom Jordan said that there are two current FEMA projects and they are divided into two sections; the Abbey Road addresses and the Edgerton Road addresses. All homes will be demolished shortly pursuant to the requirement of the FEMA mitigation program. All the homes have been surveyed for asbestos and competitive bid specifications are being drafted to provide for the removal of the building material that contains asbestos by a state certified asbestos abatement contractor. Competitive bidding will also take place for the demolition of the structures and the restoration of the natural landscape. It is expected that this project will be completed by April 15, 2008.

2. Storm water retention basin report

City Engineer Ken Tyrpak said they have reviewed a few of the letters that are going to be sent out as the basins are inspected. As soon as the weather breaks they can look at the basins more thoroughly.

Mr. Nickell said he's been contacted by residents about a small retention basin at the end of Huntington. They are concerned because it overflowed after the last rain and there is visible erosion. He said it looks like the gabions have slipped down into the basin. At the outlet it looks like they put in a 12 inch pipe but the water is not coming out of the pipe, it's coming out from underneath thus causing further erosion. Mr. Tyrpak said that the outlet is probably blocked, or even possibly the inlet. Mr. Gentile thought there was discussion in the past that this basin was incorrectly designed or undersized.

Mayor Stefanik said that according to our code, we have to inspect these basins on a yearly basis. He asked Mr. Tyrpak if once we get these under control, can we change that to every two or three years or on some type of rotating basis. Mr. Tyrpak said yes.

Mr. Antoskiewicz said there have been questions in the past about whether the city owned the basins or if they were owned by the homeowners association. He said that the Law Director has been researching this.

Mr. Tyrpak said that the ones they looked at today were owned by the residents and they are responsible for the maintenance. He said that this is not a good policy to have.

Mr. Petrusky said that in other cities, the homeowners association is responsible to hire a private firm to inspect their basins. He questioned if we should be reimbursed for the inspection of these privately owned retention basins in order to help negate some of the cost to the city.

Mr. Gentile said that this is something that can be looked at. The reason the city started doing these inspections was because they were not being done. He said that the headwall in each basin belongs to the city. We have an easement to the basin and we are responsible for the integrity of the headwall. He said that while we are there, we can see what other maintenance issues are not being addressed.

3. Citizens Flooding Committee Report addendum

No action.

4. Turnpike run-off study

Mayor Stefanik said that we need to set up a meeting between the MetroParks, Turnpike and the city and determine the status of this matter.

5. 2008 Projects

The committee reviewed the Storm Water Projects report submitted by Mr. Tyrpak, a copy of which is attached to these minutes.

6. Proposed Ordinance 07-102 amending Section 1492.11, Variances within Riparian Setback and Wetland Setback

Mr. Jordan asked the committee to hold off on this legislation until he has had an opportunity to meet with the representatives from Chippewa Creek and to find out what our surrounding communities are doing toward this effort.

7. Edgerton Road 5244/5250

Mayor Stefanik said that the Finance Director was to check to see if the city had made an application to FEMA. He will check with her and get back to the committee.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Need for ditching on State Road from Wallings Road north

Mayor Stefanik said that this may be something the Service Department can look at with the new Storm Water crew. Between Mr. Kamps and Mr. Tyrpak, they can figure out the best way to approach this matter.

2. Rocky River Watershed Backyard Buffer Program

Mr. Antoskiewicz reported that the Rocky River Watershed Council sent out 1,148 brochures to residents in North Royalton along the Rocky River watershed explaining the Backyard Buffer Program. 57 people responded that they will participate in this program.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mr. Nickell, seconded by Mr. Gentile to **adjourn the meeting**. Yeas: 3. Nays: 0.
Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.