

STORM WATER COMMITTEE MINUTES
March 13, 2008

The Storm Water Committee meeting was held on March 13, 2008, at North Royalton City Hall 13834 Ridge Road. The meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m.

Present: John Nickell, Vince Gentile; Council: Dan Kasaris; Administration: Mayor Stefanik, City Engineer Ken Tyrpak; Other Attendees: Nick Cinquepalmi, Pat Harris, Don Harris, Ivan Hack, James Polacek, Joanne DuMound, Pat Jones.

Moved by Mr. Gentile, seconded by Mr. Nickell to **approve the minutes of February 13, 2008**. Yeas: 2. Nays: 0. (Absent: Antoskiewicz). **Motion carried.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. North Royalton FEMA mitigation

City Engineer Ken Tyrpak said that we received the paperwork from FEMA for the Pamela Drive project today. The Mayor's office is in the process of setting up the implementation meeting with FEMA to be held in the next few weeks. Mayor Stefanik said that at that meeting we will also be discussing Item 7 below (Edgerton Road) and the possible purchase of these homes. Mayor Stefanik said that the final easement for the Pamela Drive project has been signed and a request for authorization to bid will be on the next Council agenda.

2. Storm water retention basin report

Mr. Tyrpak said that they have completed the review of over 60 basins. The most difficult basins were addressed in the beginning, so once the snow melts the rest will progress quickly.

Mr. Tyrpak said that upon rechecking the Huntington Close basin, they found a pipe that was broken and he feels that this is what is causing the blockage and preventing the water from leaving the basin causing it to overflow.

3. Citizens Flooding Committee Report addendum

Mr. Kasaris said that 4161 Akins Road was included in this addendum. There was a 6 inch deep fast running creek in this front yard two weeks ago when we had the rain. Mr. Kasaris said that he called the Service Department and they came out and looked at the property.

Mr. Kasaris said that he also shared this information with the City Engineer. Mr. Kasaris showed pictures to the committee from 2006 (copies of which are on file with the minutes in the Council Office). He said that the resident was instructed to spend between \$15,000-\$20,000 to put in a culvert underneath the driveway to take the water to the street.

Mr. Tyrpak said that the report stated that some of the sizing of the pipes was small and needs to be increased, or the piping should be eliminated and a ditch opened up to allow the water to flow through. This was just a general study and needs further review.

4. Turnpike run-off study

Mr. Tyrpak said that they have met with Joe Balog of the Turnpike Commission, and a meeting with the city, the Turnpike Commission and the Metro Parks will be scheduled in the near future. Mr. Tyrpak said that things look favorable and Mr. Balog wants to settle this matter.

5. 2008 Projects

Mr. Tyrpak said that they will be asking for authorization to advertise for bids for Pamela Drive, Gregory Culvert replacement and Avalon Area Culvert replacement to be placed on the next Council agenda.

Mr. Nickell said that the new storm water crew has been out checking, cleaning and repairing catch basins. Mr. Tyrpak said that the ditching done earlier in the year has worked very well so far. As this continues, the results will be excellent.

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

Mayor Stefanik said he and Ivan Hack met with Community Development Director Tom Jordon on this matter today and Mr. Jordan is waiting to see what some of the other communities are doing. Concerns were raised that our work would be for naught if the other cities don't participate. Mayor Stefanik said that a meeting has been scheduled with the Chippewa Creek Watershed group, Broadview Hts. and Brecksville for later in the month.

7. Edgerton Road 5244/5250

This was discussed briefly under Item 1 above. Mayor Stefanik said that there are 4 homes already purchased and there are asbestos problems that need to be addressed. They should be ready for demolition in the spring. Authorization to advertise for bids for the asbestos abatement will be needed if the costs come in over \$25,000.

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

Mayor Stefanik said that the ditch has been cleaned out. Mr. Gentile said that Mr. Kamps is going to work with the engineer on the various elevation problems in the area.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Stefanik brought up the retention basin legislation we currently have in place. He said that he knows that it states that the work is to be done annually. He felt that once we get a handle on it, we can amend this legislation to every 2-3 years for inspection. Not much is going to happen in one year once the basin is repaired. This will allow the Engineering Department to concentrate on other storm water issues.

Where the basins are owned by Homeowners Associations, Mayor Stefanik said that we will clean those that have been neglected for years rather than forcing them to do so by taking them to court, sort of like an amnesty program, but will require them to maintain it from that point on. This will help us to start resolving some of these issues.

Mayor Stefanik said that the city will be installing a reverse 911 system in the near future that can be used for more than just emergencies. This could be utilized to quickly notify residents of important issues such as the need for residents to clear their catch basins after a heavy snow, and it can be used to notify residents of ward meetings by just calling those in the affected ward.

A resident said that the previous Engineering Department was supposed to investigate the existence of an easement from behind Cedar Wood Estates to the river in order to be able to clean out the culvert. She said that she never received an answer. Mr. Gentile checked the map and reported that it was PPN 481-012-088. Mr. Tyrpak said that he would look into this.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mr. Gentile, seconded by Mr. Nickell to **adjourn the meeting**. Yeas: 2. Nays: 0. (Absent: Antoskiewicz). **Motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.