

STORM WATER COMMITTEE MINUTES
October 8, 2008

The Storm Water Committee meeting was held on October 8, 2008, at North Royalton City Hall, 13834 Ridge Road. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Present: Committee: Chair Larry Antoskiewicz, John Nickell, Vince Gentile; Council: Dan Kasaris, Administration: Mayor Robert Stefanik, City Engineer Mark Schmitzer, Wastewater Superintendent Tim Tighe, Stormwater Foreman Nick Cinquepalmi; Other Attendees: Dave Perry, Ivan Hack.

Moved by Mr. Gentile, seconded by Mr. Nickell to **approve the minutes of September 4, 2008**. Yeas: 3. Nays: 0. **Motion carried.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Storm Water Retention Basin Report/Retention basin inspection – amend 1481.08

Mr. Schmitzer said we are regulated by the EPA to inspect basins as a standard by them, it is not written down that it is mandatory; however, their guidelines are to inspect all basins once a year. The EPA allows us to request changes as long as those changes are put in writing and sent to them. Mr. Schmitzer said that the Engineering Department is going to prepare letters to send to the EPA. Mr. Schmitzer said he should be hearing back from the EPA this week to let him know if they would consider the requested changes.

This item will remain on the agenda until the Engineering Department hears back from the EPA as to whether or not we have been approved for the requested changes for basin inspections.

2. Citizens Flooding Committee Report Addendum

Mr. Schmitzer said that the Engineering Department has been in touch with FEMA. The Engineering Department is in the process of filling out applications to try to secure grant money to purchase three homes on Edgerton Road which are located in the flood plain. Other streets included in the addendum are Akins Road and Royalton Road. Edgerton Road is the city's main focus right now.

Mr. Kasaris asked if there is an update on the home on Edgerton Road where there is a large culvert pipe under the driveway. Mr. Cinquepalmi said that when he spoke to the new homeowner, he said he was under the impression from the realtor that this is a city issue. Mr. Schmitzer will be forwarding a letter to the current owner with the history of this problem and also to let him know that it is not the city's responsibility to correct this problem. He will also offer options to the owner including relocating his driveway.

3. Turnpike Run-Off Study

Mr. Schmitzer said that the Engineering Department will be submitting their proposal on this project to the Mayor sometime this week. The project will be a 3-4 month process. The Engineering Department is working with the Turnpike Commission and the Metroparks to help with funding of this project.

Mr. Gentile suggested placing this project on the Issue 1 application for next year.

4. 2008 Projects

Mr. Schmitzer said the three projects currently under construction include the Pamela/Parkdale project, Gregory Lane project and Maple Lane project. The Pamela/Parkdale project which started out slowly due to utility conflicts and unforeseen rock conditions appears to be back on schedule. The project is expected to be completed by November 3, 2008. The Gregory Lane project should be finished in approximately a week and a half. The Engineering Department has received some complaint calls asking about potential flooding on neighboring properties. Mr. Schmitzer has handled these calls.

Mr. Nickell walked some of the properties on Gregory Lane and noticed some of the pipes had cracked. He asked where the responsibility lies between the city and the homeowner if there is pipe damage during project work. Mr. Schmitzer said situations like that are viewed on a case by case basis. If there

is contract money available, we may take that money to help cover the cost, or, it may just be something we would work on with the homeowner.

The third project is the Maple Lane drainage improvement project. Mr. Schmitzer and Mr. Gentile discussed concerns from residents regarding the outlet of the pipe on a paved channel, then the paved channel coming to a point where it stops and runs through a newly created stream ditch. It does not appear that this is going to solve the overlying issue which is that water fills up in that area and never flows out because it is so flat. Mr. Schmitzer is going to take a look at the area to see if we can pave the low flow area or if there might be another solution.

Mr. Schmitzer said the Engineering Department will be providing a recommendation at the next Council meeting, or possibly the November Council meeting, to get a bid on the Chesapeake Regional Basin project. Mr. Schmitzer said he would like to get the bids finished and get the project awarded by winter. Mr. Antoskiewicz asked about the Cedar Estates project. Mr. Schmitzer said they are working through this project and are hoping to get approved before Christmas and begin work in the spring. Mr. Nickell asked if most of the sewer work would be in the streets or between the yards. Mr. Schmitzer said due to utilities it will be between the yards. Mr. Schmitzer said he has discussed with Mr. Cinquepalmi possibly using the storm water crew to do a portion of the work on this project which would significantly reduce the cost.

Mr. Kasaris asked if there will be any issues with easements on the Cedar Estates project. Mr. Schmitzer said he believes it is something the city needs to consider. Mr. Nickell asked if these would be permanent easements. Mr. Schmitzer said we will be working with residents to secure permanent easements for these improvements down the road.

5. Edgerton Road 5244/5250

Mr. Schmitzer said the three homes we are working on purchasing are located at 5240, 5242, and 5244 Edgerton Road. The Engineering Department is currently in discussions with FEMA to purchase these homes. The address at 5250 Edgerton Road is the home with the culvert pipe under the driveway and will be addressed by Mr. Schmitzer in a letter to the new homeowner.

6. Need for Ditching on State Road from Wallings Road North

No report.

7. Rain Barrels

Mr. Tigue distributed a copy of the South Euclid Ordinance on rain barrels and a printout of various types of rain barrels. He spoke to the South Euclid Building Commissioner, Paul Kowalczyk, regarding the standards to write an ordinance on rain barrels. Mr. Kowalczyk told Mr. Tigue that they do not have written standards, but they do follow aesthetics which is a big issue in South Euclid. Residents cannot have rain barrels in the front yard or side yard, they are only allowed in the backyard, and the rain barrels cannot be homemade, they must be purchased. There is also a \$10 permit fee to have a rain barrel. Mr. Gentile suggested if we are going to consider legislation for rain barrels in North Royalton, we should make the permit free of charge. Mr. Antoskiewicz said that he would like to see the Wastewater Superintendent or his designee responsible for inspecting rain barrels to make sure they are hooked up correctly. He also feels that rain barrels should not be able to be placed in the front yard of a home. Mr. Gentile agrees that rain barrels should not be placed in the front yard, however, he does not feel we should make it mandatory that rain barrels be placed in the backyard as some homes do not have downspouts in the back of the home. Mr. Gentile suggested that rain barrels should be purchased in earth tone shades only.

Mr. Hack distributed flyers regarding an upcoming rain barrel seminar. Mr. Antoskiewicz may attend the seminar if he is able.

Mr. Antoskiewicz suggested that this topic be researched further, and discuss at next month's meeting.

8. The Patrician/Athenian Village

Mr. Schmitzer will be looking at this next week.

Mr. Nickell said that the residents in this area claim that there is some kind of agreement or documentation from the Patrician stating that they were going to put in a culvert. This documentation would date back 20 years or so. Mr. Gentile said that if this claim is true, the documentation should still be in the file.

NEW BUSINESS**1. Bennett Road Culvert**

Mr. Schmitzer explained that a resident came to the Ward 1 & Ward 2 meeting to discuss the flooding situation on his property. Mr. Schmitzer walked the creek on the property and noticed that there had been quite a bit of material being dumped down the hillside which eventually washes everything away. This basin was cleaned out 1-2 years ago and is now filled in again. This basin is owned by Cross Creek Condominiums Association. The water that is washing down the hillside eventually makes its way to the Bennett Road culvert. Mr. Schmitzer would like to pursue this issue a little further and have the County prove that this culvert does not need to be replaced. Mr. Schmitzer feels this culvert is undersized. Mr. Kasaris asked if any of this would be covered by the Bennett Road reconstruction project. Mr. Schmitzer said it was not put in the Issue 1 funding. Prior to applying for the Issue 1 funding, Mr. Schmitzer said that the Engineering Department did send a letter to the County to see if they would assist on the Akins Road and Bennett Road projects, but they were unable to help due to the burden in the county at that time. The culvert situation was not known at the time the letter was sent therefore, county assistance on the culvert was never requested.

Mr. Gentile said the Mayor will know late next month or early December the status of the projects we applied for on the Issue 1 funding. If we are lucky enough to get Bennett Road on the Issue 1 funding, we should go after the county to prove that the culvert is undersized so we can incorporate that into the project.

This item will remain on the agenda.

Mr. Nickell asked who is responsible for maintaining the creek that comes in between Delsey Drive and Hawley Drive and how we go about having someone clean it out. Mr. Schmitzer said that we have a large list of homes with issues, and it comes down to prioritizing at this point.

Mr. Hack distributed flyers regarding the Clean Ohio Issue.

Mr. Perry, a Ridge Road resident, asked about a repair he had to make to his waterline recently due to equipment trucks driving over his driveway. He believed it was city equipment that caused him to have to make this repair and asked if the city would cover the cost of this repair. Mr. Cinquepalmi said that city workers did not do work on his property.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mr. Gentile, seconded by Mr. Nickell to **adjourn the meeting**. Yeas: 3. Nays: 0. **Motion carried**. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.