

STORM WATER COMMITTEE MINUTES

April 14, 2010

The Storm Water Committee meeting was held on April 14, 2010, at North Royalton City Hall, 13834 Ridge Road. The meeting was called to order at 6:34 p.m.

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

Moved by Mr. Nickell, seconded by Mr. Antoskiewicz to **excuse Mr. Willey from the Storm Water Committee meeting**. Yeas: 2. Nays: 0. **Motion carried.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Mr. Nickell, seconded by Mr. Antoskiewicz to **approve the minutes of March 3, 2010**. Yeas: 2. Nays: 0. **Motion carried.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Storm Water Maintenance Department Monthly Report

Mr. Cinquepalmi said the stormwater crew has been working on the Biro Ditch.

Mr. Cinquepalmi said he is in the process of finishing up other stormwater jobs including pouring the three aprons on Ridge Road near South Hampton. He said he is working hard to get the Biro Ditch finished so he can pull his crew off of that project and they can start on others. He said when the stormwater crew gets tied up on a particular job other jobs have to wait. Mr. Cinquepalmi said he is hopeful that this project will be done by the next Stormwater Committee meeting.

Mr. Cinquepalmi showed the committee members his Durapatcher map which shows where they have been with the Durapatcher and where they still need to go. He said his plan is to start durapatching at one end of the city and work his way back and forth. Mr. Cinquepalmi said when he gets a call to fill a pothole on a particular street he has to respond, but said it is then hard to get off of that street because other residents want work done as well.

Mr. Gentile asked if there are any projects scheduled on any of the concrete streets to do concrete replacement or joint control. Mr. Cinquepalmi said he does not believe there is a lot of money to make these types of repairs.

2. Citizens Committee Flooding Report Addendum

No update.

3. Turnpike Run-Off Study

No update.

4. The Patrician/Athenian Village

Mr. Schmitzer said this project is on the schedule to be done this year. He said the stormwater crew is currently busy with the Biro Ditch, therefore Mr. Cinquepalmi is limited with his crews right now. Mr. Schmitzer said there is a crew going out to look at The Patrician/Athenian Village area next week so they can plan out installing the drain pipe.

5. 2010 Projects

Mr. Gentile asked about the Biro Ditch and the ditch cleaning. He asked if the stormwater crew is cleaning out shoulder to shoulder and if they are still maintaining the riparian and preserving the woody vegetation that helps control the erosion. Mr. Schmitzer said they have cleared a relatively small area on both sides. He said their restoration plan is to look at the plant materials they have in their Riparian Code and plant that to get the

natural look back. Mr. Gentile said when he spoke to the Soil and Water Conservation District it was his understanding that woody vegetation is the key to bank stabilization. Mr. Gentile said they are willing to give us willow which we can just plant in the ground. Mr. Schmitzer said he will not plant willows along the stream corridor. He said 15 years from now we will be going in to cut those down. Mr. Schmitzer said they are coming in with erosion control matting to stabilize the ground. He said they are also using old concrete that the Wastewater Department had and that along with gabion baskets, erosion netting and the plantings will be sufficient to stabilize these areas. Mr. Gentile said he just does not want this to be a problem 10 years from now and referenced the problems on Oakridge Drive where residents were losing their backyards. Mr. Schmitzer said the problem on Oakridge Drive was that branches and twigs were falling into the ditch and no one could get them out so it blocked the way and water diverted around it and started carving more which loosened the dirt. He said once you seal the sides that will stop.

Mr. Schmitzer said right now it is bare in the Biro Ditch area, but as the stormwater crew is working their way back they are going to start stabilizing everything behind them. He said in the Glen Abbey area there is a two foot ledge where gabion baskets will be placed. He said they are going to do their best to do what they feel is right. He said they will also be sending literature to the residents to ask them to help keep the area clean. He said they have made it relatively easy for the residents to maintain the area. Mr. Schmitzer said he has had a lot of resident requests, but they cannot accommodate every request. He said they are doing what they can to stabilize what is there.

Mr. Antoskiewicz asked about the Chesapeake Regional Basin. Mr. Schmitzer said they are finalizing the purchase of the land with the Law Department and working on a couple of other minor details then this project will be going out for bid.

Mr. Kasaris asked Mr. Schmitzer if there is any word on the Akins Road projects or the high school basin. Mr. Schmitzer said the stormwater crew will be working on the basin located on the corner of Akins Road and Ridge Road within the next two months. Mr. Schmitzer said the Akins Road projects will be scheduled with the stormwater crew sometime later this year. He said the Bennett Road and Edgerton Road storm sewer project will also be done this year.

6. Storm Infrastructure Maintenance

Mr. Schmitzer said the Engineering Department has to go in and videotape the Bunker Road sewer area that was worked on recently. He said the patching in those areas has all been done. Mr. Schmitzer said he will keep a watch on the area and report back to Council if anything comes up.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mr. Nickell, seconded by Mr. Antoskiewicz to **adjourn the meeting**. Yeas: 2. Nays: 0. **Motion carried**. Meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.