

**UTILITIES COMMITTEE MINUTES**  
**January 3, 2008**

The Utilities Committee meeting was held on January 3, 2008, at North Royalton City Hall, 13834 Ridge Road. The meeting was called to order at 7:36 p.m.

PRESENT: Committee: Chair Gary Petrusky, Don Willey, Dan Kasaris; Council: John Nickell; Larry Antoskiewicz Administration: Mayor Bob Stefanik (part of the meeting), Deputy City Engineer Don Ramm, Wastewater Department: Tom Kuehn, Scott Shantery; Other Attendees: Pat Jones, Paul Marnechek.

The minutes from November 8, 2007 were accepted.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**1. Gas wells on city property (Law Director is in negotiations)**

No report.

**2. Wind power**

No discussion.

**3. Ridge Road sewer update**

Mr. Ramm said that the contracts are open and some items need resolution. The Board of Health will be notified as soon as the items are completed. The final project costs are certified and assessments were sent to the residents.

**4. Wiltshire Road sewer odor status**

Mayor Stefanik said that Broadview Heights put filters on homes trying to control the odor, one household refused the filter. Letters were sent to homeowners in the area. This is in Common Pleas Court due for trial on March 8, 2008. We are going to try once again to negotiate with Broadview Heights before this time. Mr. Shantery said that another resident asked to have the filter removed and this was done. This resident said the filter did not work. Mayor Stefanik said that the best solution for North Royalton would be to extend the force main and Mr. Shantery agreed. It was mentioned that one resident who did not want the filter is a plumber who gave the reason that gas is leaking and filtering the leak will not resolve the problem.

**5. Kurtz Brothers contract status**

Mayor Stefanik said that he met with Mr. Greg Kurtz who wants to renegotiate the contract. Our Law Department will discuss this with Kurtz Bros.

**6. Wastewater report**

Mr. Kuehn said the plants and compost facility are basically in good working order. One small motor pump has a problem. Due to the cold weather, sewer maintenance, televising and cleaning projects are not being done. This will start again in a couple of months.

Mr. Willey asked about the Ridge and Queensway area where there was a problem recently. Mr. Kuehn will look into the status.

**7. Sanitary sewer connection (tap-in) request City of Parma and City of Broadview Heights**

Mr. Ramm said that our Law Director is still trying to work out the agreement with Parma over the sewer billing and other issues. He will contact our Law Director.

**8. NEORS D storm water efforts**

No report. This is removed from the Agenda.

**9. Amended Streets, Utilities and Public Services Code**

Mr. Antoskiewicz said that Mr. Gentile contacted Mr. Novickis and is waiting for a response. Mr. Petrusky will contact Mr. Gentile with regard to the status.

**NEW BUSINESS****1. RTA discussion**

The Mayor said that the Economic Development Director will discuss with RTA service improvement to North Royalton.

**2. Street lights**

Mr. Petrusky said that residents approached him about putting street lights at additional intersections. He wants to inquire about the process/costs of doing this.

Mr. Willey said that he spoke with Doug Hogan, the Illuminating Company representative. The service cost of one is approximately \$10 per month. It was mentioned that some of the subdivisions put in the lights themselves.

Mr. Antoskiewicz said that the general procedure is to go through Ms. Thomas in the Mayor's Office to initiate the request. The Police Department will analyze the safety need as part of the procedure. Ms. Thomas will work with the representatives making the request. Mr. Petrusky will talk with Ms. Thomas.

Mr. Willey said that he has had residents complain in an area where there was too much lighting.

Moved by Mr. Petrusky to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Kasaris. 3 yeas/0 nays. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.