

Minutes of Perrysburg Public Utilities Committee

Meeting Held October 26, 2022

CALL TO ORDER - 6:30 PM

The meeting was called to order at 6:48 p.m. by Chairperson Kevin Fuller.

ROLL CALL

Committee Members present were Kevin Fuller, Jan Materni, and Jonathan Smith. Also present were Bridgette Kabat, City Administrator, Matt Choma, Director of Public Utilities, Brian Thomas, City Engineer, Amber Rathburn, Finance Director, and Khayla Trego, Deputy Finance Director.

CITIZEN'S CONCERNS

None.

APPROVAL OF 09/28/2022 MEETING MINUTES

There being no objections, the minutes of the September 28, 2022 meeting were approved 3-0.

SEWER CREDITS TABULATION

Mr. Choma stated that there are three total sewer credits for the month, totaling \$1,003.00. The year-to-date total is \$5,932.81.

FT. MEIGS DITCH REPAIRS AND MULTI-USE PATH

Ms. Kabat stated that they are looking for indications of a direction that both Service and Public Utilities Committees are comfortable with. Ms. Kabat noted that both options require vegetation to be removed. Mr. Smith wanted to know about the timeframe. Mr. Thomas stated that with the current schedule, they should have plans in September or October 2023 and start construction in the Spring of 2024.

Mr. Smith asked if there are plans to put any more foliage in there, to give neighbors a bit more privacy. Ms. Kabat stated that if we have an Urban Forester, they could assist with these conversations. Mr. Thomas wanted both Service Committee and Public Utilities Committee to be aware of this, since funding would come from both for this project. Mr. Smith asked about grant funding. Mr. Thomas stated that the issue is that it would not be until fiscal year 2027 for a grant.

DISCUSSION ON DITCHES AND DITCH MAINTENANCE

Ms. Kabat stated that anything labeled green is City's jurisdiction, yellow is Maumee Watershed Conservancy District, purple is ODOT, blue is Wood County Engineer, and red is private. Mr. Smith asked about the cemetery ditch and wanted clarification if it is

not a problem for the cemetery to complete some work they would like to do. Ms. Kabat added that they could give the cemetery a copy of their ditch maintenance guide.

Mr. Choma stated that the amount of sediment, condition of the banks, and amount of debris are affecting the flow lines. He added that with private property issues, it is not always possible to get them cleaned up as best we can. Mr. Smith asked how they can budget for something that is labeled as private. Mr. Choma stated that it is labeled as private because they do not know who exactly the ownership is that it belongs to. The Committee Members thanked Mr. Choma. Ms. Materni is very glad that they did this and added that it is long overdue.

INTEGRATED AND LONG-TERM CONTROL PLANS UPDATE

Mr. Choma stated that they have met with and hired Arcadis to conduct the long-term control plan and to address their storm water issues with an integrated plan. At the end of the thirteen months, there will be a project launch with a series of projects that they will undertake to correct wherever water is getting into the system. Mr. Choma added that this will also look at any limitations at the Waste Water Plant.

DISCUSSION OF THE 2023 BUDGET

Ms. Kabat stated that she will send out details sheets from 2022 to all of City Council for them to compare and contrast to a certain extent. Mr. Choma explained that they have staff who do work in water and sanitary sewer collection, so they have split those funds in half. Mr. Smith asked about ditch maintenance and if it is under stormwater management. Ms. Trego stated that it was under services.

Mr. Fuller asked about the digester cleaning improvements if those are newer or typical. Mr. Choma stated that digesters are breaking down the solids and it has been 10-12 years since they were last cleaned. Ms. Kabat stated that they plan to have this on the agenda for the next Public Utilities Committee meeting. Ms. Materni stated that she is dismayed with delayed maintenance of equipment because it is preventative maintenance, which saves money in the long run. Mr. Choma prefers to do things in a controlled situation, rather than as an emergency. Mr. Fuller asked if there is anything he would like to include in the budget down the line. Mr. Choma stated that he is sure something will come up, but they had filtered already.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Smith asked about Five Point Road being closed for sewer work and how do they notify the school transportation. Ms. Kabat stated that the City Engineer does and the contractor does as well.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Fuller, Chairperson
Public Utilities Committee

Next meeting: Wednesday, November 23, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.