

Minutes of Perrysburg Public Utilities Committee

Meeting Held January 31, 2023

CALL TO ORDER - 6:30 PM

The meeting was called to order at 6:58 p.m. by Chairperson Kevin Fuller.

ROLL CALL

Committee Members present were Kevin Fuller, Jan Materni, and Jonathan Smith. Also present were Matt Choma, Director of Public Utilities, and Brian Thomas, City Engineer.

CITIZEN'S CONCERNS

None.

APPROVAL OF 10/26/2022 & 01/03/2023 MEETING MINUTES

There being no objections, the minutes of the October 26, 2022 meeting were approved 3-0.

There being no objections, the minutes of the January 3, 2023 meeting were approved 3-0.

SEWER CREDITS TABULATION

Mr. Choma presented the Committee with the Sewer Credits Tabulation from November 1, 2022 through January 20, 2023. He explained that there are a total of eight credits including three backup sump failures, three frozen/broken pipes, one hose left on, and one resident that filled up a hockey rink in their backyard. Mr. Choma added that we are entering the time of year where there may be more frozen pipes. He stated that they are now requiring residents to send an email with all of the details, as well as a follow-up when a plumber comes in to make any corrections, so that they have it all documented. The total for November 1, 2022 through January 20, 2023 is \$1,569.56.

Mr. Smith asked for sump pump failures, if the threshold for the dye test is over \$500.00, which Mr. Choma confirmed is correct. Mr. Smith asked if it is worth lowering the threshold and Ms. Materni does not think it is worth it for anything under \$100.00. Mr. Choma stated that the City has a very generous Homeowner Grant program, which allows residents to disconnect their stormwater connections from the sanitary sewer.

AWARDING CONTRACT TO KYLE SHERMAN FOR SANITARY SEWER REPAIRS ON ELM AND SEVENTH STREET

Mr. Thomas explained that this is for two smaller projects, that have been grouped together. One is for a section of sewer that is failing or has a clog in it on Elm Street, which needs to be dug up and fixed or replaced. The other is for a section of pipe that is collapsed and the camera cannot get through, on Seventh Street. Mr. Thomas added

that Kyle Sherman was the low bidder. He also stated that there was a third project, but that Public Utilities was able to take care of that. Mr. Fuller appreciates Mr. Thomas sending the questions to Kyle Sherman, so they have a better idea of who they are dealing with. Mr. Smith added that they have done great work at the Cemetery and knows that he will do well. There being no objections, this is being recommended 3-0 to City Council.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Smith noted the credit card misuse and wanted to clear the air on this. He stated that there were concerns of cyber security and this was to curb future issues as well. This was not the result of any investigation and was done as a precaution for future issues. Ms. Materni added that Ms. Rathburn was being proactive, which is what we want in our employees. Mr. Smith stated that Ms. Rathburn is doing a great job and is doing the right thing, adding that there are no investigations associated with credit cards.

Mr. Choma addressed the third project, that Mr. Thomas had mentioned which was on Louisiana Avenue and dealt with a connection to the sanitary system where there was an opportunity for sewer to go to Grassy Creek. Once that was discovered and verified, our crews responded and did a fantastic job getting it done in house, Mr. Choma added. He wanted to be completely transparent and added that it was something they suspected could occur. Mr. Fuller asked about Arcadis updates. Mr. Choma stated that February 15, 2023 they will be providing the Ohio EPA a work plan. Ms. Materni added that it needs to be comprehensive and not piece meal.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Fuller, Chairperson
Public Utilities Committee

Next meeting: Wednesday, February 22, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.