

Minutes of Perrysburg Public Utilities Committee

Meeting Held May 31, 2023

CALL TO ORDER - 5:30 PM

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Chairperson Kevin Fuller.

ROLL CALL

Committee Members present were Kevin Fuller, Jan Materni, and Jonathan Smith. Also present were Tim Effler, Law Director, Matt Choma, Director of Public Utilities, and Lauren Rush, Stormwater Program Technician.

CITIZEN'S CONCERNS

None.

APPROVAL OF 04/26/2023 MEETING MINUTES

There being no objections, the minutes of the April 26, 2023 meeting were approved 3-0.

SEWER CREDITS TABULATION

Mr. Choma explained that there are four sanitary sewer credits, since April's Public Utilities Committee meeting, totaling \$3,367.19. The two credits under \$1,000.00 were for a back up sump pump (confirmed with a dye test) and a hose left on. The two credits over \$1,000.00 were for a water line break/fire sprinkler break and a back up sump pump (confirmed with a dye test). Mr. Choma further explained that the two credits over \$1,000.00 would need City Council's approval. There being no objections, these are being forwarded 3-0 to City Council.

PERMISSION TO PURCHASE 3/4" AND 1" BRASS TAPPING MATERIALS

Mr. Choma stated that brass tapping materials are what they use to connect a resident or business from the water main to the meter itself. He explained that the 3/4" materials will be used for a water main replacement project on 5th Street and 6th Street. Mr. Choma added that the 1" materials are to replenish their stock, which is their standard for new construction. Mr. Effler explained that the first Resolution is for the 1" stock materials from Perrysburg Pipe & Supply Co. in an amount of \$32,893.96. The materials for the 5th and 6th Street water main replacement project are from Perrysburg Pipe & Supply Co. in an amount not to exceed \$34,831.38. There being no objections, the Committee is forwarding both 3-0 to City Council.

RESULTS FROM RECENT BIDDING - TRUCKS

Mr. Choma explained that they had a bid opening for three trucks and did not receive any bids, so they will have to rethink how they will approach this. Mr. Effler explained that there is a Resolution in front of them for a truck for the Waste Water Treatment

Plant for \$48,995.50. Mr. Fuller asked how many vehicles they are needing in total. Mr. Choma responded that with this one, they will still need two additional vehicles. Mr. Smith asked for an update on the lawsuit with Ford. Mr. Effler responded that they are doing their best to get vehicles and does not have knowledge of the Ford situation right now. There being no objections, this is being forwarded 3-0 to City Council.

RESULTS FROM RECENT BIDDING - FIRE HYDRANTS

Mr. Choma explained that the Department of Public Utilities is looking to purchase a number of fire hydrants to replenish their stock. Mr. Fuller asked about the fittings, if they will be on hand, or if they are on backorder. Mr. Choma explained that the wait time has shortened from a six-month period to a three-month period. There being no objections, this is being forwarded 3-0 to City Council.

Mr. Effler stated that there is a Resolution to purchase four used solar grid bee mixers, from the Northwestern Water and Sewer District, for the Department of Public Utilities. He explained that they normally run \$50,000.00 - \$60,000.00 a piece, and they are able to purchase these for \$30,000.00 total. Mr. Choma gave credit to Mickey Shank for negotiating that deal. There being no objections, this is being forwarded 3-0 to City Council.

PROJECT UPDATES

Mr. Choma stated that with the Integrated Plan, they are in a dry period right now, so they have not had great data on how the system responds to wet weather events. They are in the flow monitoring stage and are tweaking the model according to elevations in their system. The goal is to have the flow monitoring done by March 1, 2024 at the latest.

Mr. Choma explained that they have the water main replacement job for 5th and 6th Street. It was scheduled for this year, but is being pushed to 2024, due to their ability to procure brass tapping materials. He added that they might move some small projects, scheduled for 2024, into 2023.

Ms. Materni asked if the 3rd Street sanitary sewer is happening next year. Mr. Choma responded that it is still scheduled for this year, but that project has had some design changes and the sidewalks are hanging it up.

Mr. Choma explained that they have eleven sanitary sewer pump stations in their system, and the life of several of them is running out. They are replacing three pumps. He added that they are considering a more complete replacement for some of them in 2024.

Mr. Choma stated that the waste water plant has had some design changes for the digester improvements and is being spread out, due to the ability to procure equipment.

The last project update is for the sewer replacement on East 7th Street. They are

working with residents right now to address restoration concerns for lawns, driveways, and sidewalks.

STORMWATER PROGRAM / ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES INFORMATION WITH LAUREN RUSH

Ms. Rush introduced herself and explained that her number one goal is to protect the Maumee River. She shared that if dog poop does not get picked up, it contains a lot of e. coli, and will get into our waterways and pollute it. Ms. Rush explained one of her major roles is outreach and education, and added that with environmental issues, you need to see change to improve the environment. She noted that pollution prevention entails training our own City employees. Ms. Rush is HAZMAT certified and responds to the spills when they happen. She is now involved in ditch maintenance, which was not existent before she started.

Mr. Smith appreciates Ms. Rush coming out to the Cemetery, talking about the ditch there, and helping out the Cemetery staff as well. Mr. Fuller asked about her next educational event. Ms. Rush is planning a rain barrel event at the 577 Foundation on Tuesday, August 22, 2023. Mr. Fuller asked if there is anything community wise that they can help her spread the word on. Ms. Rush responded that they will have Clean Your Streams Day on Saturday, September 30, 2023. Ms. Rush always appreciates help with people letting her know where they are seeing trash, as well as having volunteers for that day.

Mr. Choma stated that Ms. Rush's position has evolved into a lot of environmental service related issues. He added that a community of our size needs to figure out some solutions and take a look at what they can do to serve residents and businesses. Mr. Fuller would like to be walked through the process of the application for the sanitary sewer homeowner grant. Ms. Rush noted that the 577 Foundation did some educational videos on the City's behalf. Mr. Choma added that the 577 Foundation has been a great partner in the process.

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Fuller, Chairperson
Public Utilities Committee

Next meeting: Wednesday, June 28, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

