

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE

AUGUST 2, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Jonathan Smith. Committee members present were Jonathan Smith, Barry VanHoozen and Becky Williams. Also present were Bridgette Kabat, City Administrator and Alice Godsey, Director of Public Utilities.

CITIZENS' CONCERNS

Ron Barr said that he is the owner of 560 West Eighth Street which is located on the alley between West Eighth and Garfield. He said that the alley has never been paved, and he has been told for years that the alley would be paved once the sewer separation project had been completed. Now he is hearing that it won't be done and he wonders why. Ms. Kabat said that she has not heard about this issue but she will discuss it with Jon Eckel and Mark Dunsmoor and will get in touch with Mr. Barr and will send an email to this committee and the Service Committee since the issue is more service related.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT INNOVATION FUND (LGIF) REPORT ENTITLED "FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR EMERGENCY WATER INTERCONNECTION/BACKUP" FOR NWWSD (GRANTEE) WITH PARTNERS CITY OF PERRYSBURG AND CITY OF BOWLING GREEN

Ms. Godsey said that the Northwest Water and Sewer District was the grantee on a study to see if it is feasible to construct an interconnection between the Bowling Green system and our system if one system is out of service for some reason. Ms. Godsey said that the study found that it can be done. Mr. Smith asked if it is for emergency purposes only and Ms. Godsey said that it is. Mr. Smith asked about the cost and Ms. Kabat said that the estimated cost is \$607,000. She said that there has been no discussion on action to be taken on this document and no engineering work has been done, this is just in the conceptual stage. No action was requested on this item.

DELINQUENT ACCOUNT FEES

Ms. Godsey distributed a handout showing the process, which takes about twenty hours, that is done for delinquent accounts. Ms. Kabat said that they are now trying to determine if our fees are appropriate based on the number of hours. No action was requested at this time. Ms. Kabat said that they will go through the motions and bring something back for the committee to consider at a later date.

AECOM UPDATE

A rough pictorial draft from AECOM was distributed to the committee. Ms. Kabat said that AECOM is crafting the language to go around the pictures. Mr. Smith asked if this

information was used for the lining project and Ms. Kabat said that it was. There was discussion regarding the gravity sewer line along Front Street and about access to Grassy Creek.

OTHER BUSINESS

Ms. Williams asked about a storm water fee that is paid by Defiance residents. Ms. Kabat said that Lucas County residents have a similar fee and it is a special assessment that goes to a special revenue fund for storm water issues.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jonathan Smith, Chairman
Public Utilities Committee

Next meeting: Wednesday, August 23, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.