

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE

APRIL 28, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 6:39 p.m. by Chairman Jonathan Smith. Committee members present were Jan Materni, Jonathan Smith, and Barry VanHoozen. Also present were Kate Sandretto, Law Director, and Alice Godsey, Director of Public Utilities.

LAKE ERIE WATER KEEPER

Dr. Earl Campbell was present to request that City Council pass a resolution asking that President Biden sign an Executive Order for federal management of Lake Erie. Dr. Campbell explained that in 2009 President Obama signed an Executive Order for the Chesapeake Bay, and they are looking for something like that for Lake Erie. Dr. Campbell gave the Committee background information on the Chesapeake Bay project, and on the issues with Lake Erie. He stated that there has been no effective repair of the problems affecting Lake Erie which is why they would like the Executive Order. Mr. Smith and Mr. VanHoozen said that they would like to see the details of the Executive Order before they agree to support it. Dr. Campbell said that he does not have the Executive Order, but they would like it to be similar to the Chesapeake Bay order. The Committee thanked Dr. Campbell for coming to the meeting. Mr. Smith added that he is looking forward to hearing what TMACOG has to say about the issue.

SEWER CREDITS TABULATION

Ms. Godsey reported that the only activity on sewer credits since the last meeting was a recalculation on a previously approved credit which resulted in a credit of \$27.26.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Smith asked that Ms. Godsey let the Committee know the number of overflow events year to date and for 2020. Ms. Godsey said that they have a notification system and individuals can be added to the list. Mr. VanHoozen suggested that the Committee be updated quarterly.

Ms. Materni asked about the City joining a COVID study through the Waste Water Treatment Plant. Ms. Godsey stated that it started in February, and we were invited by the Ohio Department of Health. She said that it is paid for by the State. Samples from raw effluent are taken from the Wastewater Treatment Plant two times a week. The Committee asked that Ms. Godsey send them a link for the results of the study. Ms. Godsey said she would do that, and she added that there is a link on the City's website.

Mr. Smith stated that the study on the Fort Meigs Road ditch has been received and will be discussed at the next meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jonathan Smith, Chairman
Public Utilities Committee

Next meeting: Wednesday, May 26, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.