Minutes of Perrysburg Public Utilities Committee

Meeting Held February 26, 2025

CALL TO ORDER - 4:30 PM

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by Chairman Kevin Fuller.

ROLL CALL

Committee members present were Kevin Fuller, Rick Rettig, and Kerry Wellstein. Staff members present were Matt Choma, Public Utilities Director, Joe Fawcett, City Administrator, and Brian Thomas, City Engineer.

CITIZEN'S CONCERNS

None.

APPROVAL OF JANUARY 22, 2025 MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Fuller corrected the Minute's "Next Meeting Date" from February 19th to February 26th. With this correction made, there were no objections to the minutes of the January 22, 2025, meeting being approved 3-0.

WWTP - SURPLUS EQUIPMENT

Mr. Choma talked to the members about equipment used by the Wastewater Treatment Plant that is no longer needed, and is requesting to sell the equipment as is. The Committee agreed 3-0 to forward to Council.

WWTP - FERROUS CONTRACT - PVS

Mr. Choma spoke to the Committee about a new contract with PVS for Ferrous Chloride for the Wastewater Treatment Plant. This chemical is used for coagulation in the water treatment process. The City previously had a 3-year contract with this company in 2022. This contract will provide Chloride for the WWTP through 2025. The Committee agreed 3-0 to forward to Council.

2025 - DPU FEES

Mr. Choma spoke about the Department of Public Utilities's fees for 2025. He provided a spreadsheet that showed the new 2025 DPU fees to compare to the 2024 fees. Mr. Choma spoke about the department's attempt to keep the fee increases down, by switching to plastic curb boxes instead of metal, as plastic is cheaper. Mr. Choma explained that the capital expansion fees have increased by 3%. These are one-time fees applied to new construction and are based on the size of the meter, and its capacity proposed for the new site. Mr. Fuller asked more about some of the increases shown, including an increase in meter fees, Mr. Choma explained that the cost of materials has increased, and this added cost is being distributed throughout all the Public Utility services.

SEWER CREDITS TABULATION

Mr. Choma distributed a list of sewer credits approved in February 2025. The credits totaled $1,149.11 for the month. The total for 2025 so far is $1,767.36.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Fuller spoke about supporting State Issue 2, and asked if Mr. Thomas could explain further about what this issue is and why it is important to the City of Perrysburg. Mr. Thomas explained that State Issue 2 will continue the State Capital Improvements Program, which has existed since 1987, and help support the completion of critically important road, bridge, sewer, and other infrastructure projects in local communities, with zero increase in taxes. This program is administered by the Ohio Public Works Commission, and it is tasked with distributing grant money to all the counties that apply for public improvement grants. Since this program was established, the City has been granted funds to develop 24 different projects with a total of 5.71 million dollars awarded throughout the years. Mr. Fuller explained that Mayor Mackin is also in support of this Issue and will be speaking further about it at City Council.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Fuller, Chairperson
Public Utilities Committee

The next meeting is scheduled for March 26, 2025, at 4:30pm.