MINUTES OF UTILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING
May 13, 2019

The May 13, 2019 Utilities Committee meeting was called to order by Paul Moskun at 5:50 P.M. Present were: Matt Harper, Rob Kairis, Bruce Ribelin, Scott Rainone, Andrew Kluge and Amy Michael. Also attending the meeting were Mayor Frank Seman; Finance Director, Kimble Cecora; City Engineer, Bob Finney; Police Chief Jeff Wallis; Larry Silenius of 123 North Walnut Street, Ravenna, Ohio; Tim Calfee of 910 Murray Avenue, Ravenna, Ohio; Greg Francis of 558 Coolman Avenue, Ravenna, Ohio and Deena Tannert of 784 East Main Street, Ravenna, Ohio.

Mr. Moskun said the first item on the agenda is the Portage Soil and Water Conservation District contract and appropriation.

Mr. Finney said the Portage Soil and Water Conservation District has been assisting the city for a number of years with its NPDES Phase II Permit requirements. The contract is for five years at $1,500.00 per year. They have not invoiced the city since the beginning of the contract in 2015 and are now invoicing for the full $7,500.00 for the five years. The request is to increase the appropriation from $3,500.00 to $7,500.00. That is to cover the cost of the invoice which covers the entire five year contract period. The money is in the Stormwater fund for this.

Mr. Finney said that years ago Portage County, Ravenna and Streetsboro combined the Stormwater Permit through the EPA. The EPA wanted them to separate it several years ago. They now do their own reporting. However, the EPA has allowed them to stay with Portage County for the education component. A rain barrel workshop was done a few years ago, which is part of the education portion.

There being no further questions or comments, it was decided by those present that the issue would be referred to the Committee of the Whole for further action.

Mr. Moskun said the next item on the agenda is the loading dock door at the water treatment plant needs to be replaced at the raw water building. The total estimate is $22,000.00. The door is more than just a door. Right now the door on there is a double door and opens out. The one that will be installed to replace it is a rollup type of door and insulated. On the west side of the building, there is a vent and the wind came through there during a storm several weeks ago. It pushed part of the doorframe off. Part of the cost includes masonry work toward the top of the frame where there will be a new header installed.

Ms. Michael asked if this issue is a result of the storm and if so, should it not be submitted to the insurance company for at least partial reimbursement.

Mr. Moskun said that it was going bad before.

Mr. Cecora said he wasn’t aware of it and that’s the first he’s heard of it.
Mayor Seman said that the door is worn out.

Mr. Moskun said the door is close to 40 years old and was there when the new water plant was installed.

Mr. Cecora said that it’s a 40 year old door that got beat up by a storm. He doesn’t think it would carry much weight. That’s the first he heard about storm damage. Certainly, if it was something viable and exclusive to that storm damage, they would pursue that.

There being no further questions or comments, it was decided by those present that the issue would be referred to the Committee of the Whole for further action.

There being no further items to be discussed, the meeting adjourned at 5:55 P.M.

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Clerk of Council                     Paul Moskun, Chairman
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