

MINUTES OF UTILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING
June 17, 2019

The June 17, 2019 Utilities Committee meeting was called to order by Paul Moskun at 6:22 P.M. Present were: Matt Harper, Amy Michael and . Also attending the meeting were Service Director, Kay Dubinsky; Finance Director, Kimble Cecora; City Engineer, Bob Finney; Police Chief Jeff Wallis; Larry Silenius of 123 North Walnut Street, Ravenna, Ohio and Tim Calfee of 910 Murray Avenue, Ravenna, Ohio.

Mr. Moskun said the first item for discussion is the Hazen Waterline Project.

Mr. Finney said the request is to authorize the mayor to sign a contract and appropriate the funds for the project. This is for Fioritto Construction and it is the Ohio Public Works Grant. The grant is for \$227,000.00 and \$50,000.00 is loan. This is all upon the approval of the State. The approval will come in early July. They can go up to a certain point, appropriate the money, enter into contracts, etc. but can't proceed until the State gives that approval to move forward.

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

Mr. Moskun said the next item is the Wastewater Treatment Plant paving.

Mr. Finney said this is to authorize the advertising for bids because it will be in excess of \$50,000.00. This is for the driveway and the parking lot.

Mr. Cecora said that he thinks the money is already in the budget to do this.

Mr. Moskun said that hasn't been done for many years.

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

Mr. Moskun said the next item is the siphon drain at the Lake Hodgson Dam.

Mr. Finney said that the Ohio Department of Natural Resources is requiring a plan in case Lake Hodgson ever needs to be drained. Engineering has been working with ODNR for the past year with multiple scenarios. They came up with a siphon drain utilizing some of the existing piping and culverts that one site at the dam. They've gone back and forth and ODNR finally did approve it. The request is to appropriate \$38,000.00. Because it was under \$50,000.00 bids were solicited.

Mr. Harper asked if this is going to be a permanent structure at the dam.

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Mr. Finney said that the existing drain has slide valves in the water that do not function. There is a spillway but a spillway won't drain it far enough down. They tried to explain there is actually natural drainage through Sandy Lake to the west but that wasn't good enough for ODNR. This system designed by Patrick Jeffers, utilizing the existing box culvert that is underground, saves them from having to fill it with concrete which would have been thousands and thousands of dollars. Basically, there will be pipes put into the dam and a set of valves to fill a section up and fill another section up when you open up the valves in series, it will start the suction. That's the theory. They may never use it and see if it works. However, it makes ODNR happy. It's much less costly than buying a pump and letting it sit there and never be used. ODNR has been pushing on this for a couple of years.

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

Mr. Moskun said the next item on the agenda is the natural gas aggregation program.

Ms. Dubinsky said the highest the contract will be is \$3.19 per mcf. It may be lower. The price today is \$3.08 per mcf. The \$3.19 is the price that was requested. The residents who participate will be locked in at \$3.19 or less. The delivery period is October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2021. That price request expires July 31 that is why they need to move forward with it right away.

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

There being no further items to be discussed, the meeting adjourned at 6:32 P.M.

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

Paul Moskun, Chairman
Utilities Committee