

MINUTES OF UTILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING
July 15, 2019

The July 15, 2019 Utilities Committee meeting was called to order by Paul Moskun at 6:45 P.M. Present were: Matt Harper, Amy Michael, Rob Kairis and Andrew Kluge. Mayor Frank Seman; Finance Director, Kimble Cecora; Director of Public Service, Kay Dubinsky; Fire Chief, Geoffrey Cleveland; Police Chief, Jeff Wallis; Utility Billing Supervisor, Mike Reynolds; Larry Silenius of 123 North Walnut Street, Ravenna, Ohio; Clifford Soudil of 434 Woodland Street, Ravenna, Ohio; Deena Tannert of 784 East Main Street, Ravenna, Ohio; Tim Calfee of 910 Murray Avenue, Ravenna, Ohio and Christina West of 732 Eastland Avenue, Ravenna, Ohio.

Mr. Moskun said the first item for discussion is the Portage Soil and Water Conservation contract.

Mr. Finney said the request is to authorize the mayor to sign a contract with the Portage Soil & Water Conservation District. This is to perform public education and public outreach and involvement as required by the permit. This is for the Stormwater and sewer system. The contract is up at the end of 2019 and is a five year contract.

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 is the Hickory Way Waterline Project.

Mr. Finney said one of the requirements for the former Record-Courier press room was the installation of a new fire line into the building. When the waterline was being installed, there 2" water service traced into the drycleaners but wasn't being used. They had the contractor disconnect and remove that waterline from the street. With that, there is a \$1,441.00 bill from the contractor. They had to dig beside the waterline installation. It was originally intended to be right at the same location but they had to move it because there were other utilities in the way. The money would come from the water fund.

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. Finney said the next item is to appropriate money for the acceptance of three parcels of land. One of the parcels is 608 Spruce Avenue, which the City is in the process of taking ownership. The other parcels were two vacant parcels at Muzzy Lake. The document settlement fees need to be paid for a total of \$1,257.00. That would come out of the General Fund.

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.

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Mr. Moskun said the next item for discussion is 677 Lake Avenue.

Ms. Dubinsky said all the documentation had previously been sent to them. This resident lives in a very low spot and, at no time, did any of the City's systems break down. It was just a matter of too much rain in such a short amount of time that the system just couldn't keep up. The breakdown presented by the resident was sent to them. If Council wants to reimburse the individual she would stand by the ordinance of a total of \$1,000.00.

Mr. Moskun noted that when the electricity goes out, the generator at the wastewater treatment plant kicks instantly, almost without measurement of time so it's not because the electricity had gone out and the plant failed.

After some discussion, it was decided by that issue wasn't the fault of the City. There were three inches of rain within 45 minutes that night. The Service Director will contact the resident and let her know the City is not going to pay for the damages to the basement.

Mayor Seman said he received a call from the president of the Muzzy Lake Association on the south end of Muzzy Lake. They are attempting to deal with some drainage problems. He asked if the City would apply for a grant to help with the project. It has to be an entity to make the application and they cannot make it themselves. Although the City owns the lake and some property on it, he doesn't know if it's legal for them to do that. He has yet to discuss it with Mr. Cimino. They are feeling their way through it and he does understand the situation. He is also fairly certain they may have asked NDS to do it. NDS called him and said they couldn't do it because they represent the City. He'll discuss it with Mr. Cimino and they can talk about it at length later.

There being no further items to be discussed, the meeting adjourned at 7:01 P.M.

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

Paul Moskun, Chairman
Utilities Committee