

**Service Committee
Minutes
July 1st, 2014**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm

Members present: Councilman John Clark, Councilman Paul Janson, Councilman Bill Zoller, Village Administrator David Akerley

Others present: Mayor Linda Clark, Administrative Services Officer Kate Rogers, Tammy Wheeler of Walnut St., Jon Harmon of W. High St., Mr. Lang of Amble Lane, Christopher and Andrew of the EPA

Approval of the Minutes

- ❖ Motion to accept the minutes from the June 3rd Service Committee meeting was made by Councilman Janson and seconded by Councilman Zoller. All voted aye.

Village Administrator's Report

Dave reported that the service department is working on the final catch basin installations for the EMA project list. Once all are in the ground they will go back to put the finishing touches on all of them. The pump at the Ambler lift station was also installed from the EMA list.

Joe installed one of the new doors on the park lodge. He will do the other one as soon as he can.

Dave mentioned that he was interested in paving two road sections this year: Glenwood from Main to Ambler and W. Prospect from Cemetery Dr. to Elm Street. The reason West Prospect is in such poor condition is that there is a spring running along the road that causes it to be continually wet. Before new paving is done we will need to put in some new drainage to capture the water run-off

His staff is also working on a major project on Regan St. They intercepted a spring there and ditched and piped the water. They also replaced a catch basin and a section of storm sewer. Dave also said the drainage point for the storm sewer needs to be dredged. There is so much silt build up that the water that runs off of Regan has nowhere to go. He suggested that we talk to a company about coming in to dredge this area and take the dirt for topsoil.

Review of Legislation

No new legislation to report

New Business

EPA presentation on county recycling –

The EPA representatives shared their current Portage County Solid Waste Management Plan. Last spring the county's proposed waste management plan failed and so the state office stepped in to re-write the plan. The local district has a positive history of operating in the county and so the state plan does not make major changes to what was proposed. The big change is in regards to curbside recycling. Unlike when the county first started its recycling program, there are now other haulers that would like to handle the county's recycling. Many of the local communities would like to have choice in their recycling providers. The EPA's current idea is to have communities that would like to go with the private sector to pool together into a consortium to bid out their recycling and waste management services. The communities that would like to stay with the district's services may continue to do that.

The Mayor reported that Streetsboro, Hiram Township and possibly Ravenna are currently considering the consortium option.

Councilman Janson said that he would like to see some concrete examples of how these consortiums have worked across the state. He also asked about the timeline for building the plan.

The EPA representative said that the timeline for putting together the plan is roughly 6 months.

The new plan, whether it is through the district or through a private entity, will provide for single stream recycling and hopefully a wider range of acceptable plastics.

10904 Ambler Lane – Lang water issue – Mr. Lang presented his concerns about excessive amounts of water coming off of the road and onto his property. He says that the ditch across from his house is not sufficient and that the road is sloped towards his house. The problem has gotten worse in the last 8-10 years than it was when he first moved in to the house.

He cited the Mantua Sanitary and Storm Sewer Regulations and believes that this is an issue that the Village has an obligation to address. He further provided his written notification of the issue in accordance with the code section 94.16.

Dave gave his assessment of the whole area. There are many failed culvert pipes and ditches that are adding to the trouble. The first step to addressing the issue will be to have Ravenna come out with their camera truck to get a picture of what the storm sewer lines look like up-hill from the Lang residence.

Old Business

Sewer charges for pool and landscaping use –

Chairman Clark asked for the committee's suggestions based on the research Michelle shared. Councilman Janson said that he would be ok with a one-time exemption for a spring fill-up based on the actual dimensions of the pool. Councilman Zoller agreed that would be a help to the residents.

The Mayor shared the application that Kent residents who want to fill up their pools must file. The application contains information about the volume of the pool and expected filling dates. The committee members agreed that some type of application would be a good idea.

Mr. Harmon's biggest complaint is that we sell to bulk water haulers without charging them sewage, while we are charging our own citizens.

Both Mr. Harmon and Ms. Wheeler said that they would be happy with a one-time per year exemption for a spring fill-up. They are not asking to report their mid-season top offs. One way to handle this would be to measure the volume of the pool and allow only that much sewer credit one time per year. The service department would also need to verify how much water was in the pool from the previous season before the filling begins.

Councilman Janson asked whether they should think about going back to the second meter that would allow people to deduct for landscaping as well.

Councilman Clark explained that the original legislation allowed for a secondary deduct meter but that it was simply never enforced. He then re-stated what he had said at the June Council Meeting that we talked about this for several months before drafting legislation. After that the legislation was talked about in Council and tabled for several more months to make sure that everyone had time to think through the options and weigh-in on the debate. He said that he would be ok with a once annually exemption, but thinks there should be a minimum limit on the volume of water the credit is given for. He also said that this amount should be billed separately and immediately

Pioneer Trail sewer tie-in – The mayor reported that Mr. Cornett is still in the process of getting his easements and drawings together. Once we have all of that in place, Dave will go out to inspect the project.

Mrs. Zitner water issue – Councilman Zoller reported that he went to look at the problem. Mrs. Zitner's concern is with run-off from the pond owned by Matt Benner. The spill pipe in the pond was replaced incorrectly and there is spillage around the pipe. Matt Benner said that he will be making the necessary repairs.

Regan Street chip and seal – CT is currently handling this. Rich took pictures and Brian will be following up with Ronyak.

Anything Else That May Properly Come Before This Committee

Ms. Wheeler asked for a clarification on the way that multi-unit rental properties that share one water meter are billed. Kate explained that each meter is charge the monthly service charge for capital improvements regardless of how many units use the one-meter. Each unit, however, is charged a base-rate for water usage. The rate steps are then adjusted based on the number of units sharing the meter.

The Mayor said that the pre-construction meeting for the State Route 44 project is tomorrow, July 2nd. We should have more information about the timing of the road closure then.

Adjournment

- ❖ Motion to adjourn at 7:40 pm was made by Councilman Zoller and seconded by Councilman Janson. All voted aye.

Committee Chair John Clark

Admin Services Officer Kate Rogers