

**Drainage and Sewer Control Committee**  
**November 8, 2006 7:00PM**  
**Regular Meeting**

- I. Meeting was called to order at 7:02PM.
- II. Attendees are as follows:  
Members: Joseph Schiavone, Cathy Loya, Tom Loya, Dennis Mulac, Julia Henderson, Rosemary Filisky, Amanda Coon  
Representatives from the City: Fred Tufts (City Engineer), Robert Jamieson (Assistant Service Director), Jim Crevar (Service Director)
- III. Minutes of the October 25, 2006 organizational meeting were approved by unanimous vote.
- IV. Chairperson Report**
- A. DOES Activity in the City:** It was noted that DOES has been seen performing testing in areas of the city. It was also noted that smoke testing had been done on Shepard Hills Blvd., and camera work was done on Shepard Hills Blvd. and the area of Berkshire and Crow Drive. It was also stated that on October 17<sup>th</sup>, DOES was pumping clear water out of the sewer lines in the area of Berkshire and Crow Drive.
- B. Handouts from the Mayor:**
1. An article from the July/August 2006 edition of Ohio Contractor titled "Flooding Splits Norwalk"
  2. An article titled "Flood Fix Could Cost Village \$4 Million" about Chagrin Falls, dated 10/26/06.
  3. An article from the July/August 2006 edition of Underground Infrastructure Management titled "Go With the Flow"
- C.** Also mentioned correspondence with John Wysmierski, councilman from Stow, Amanda is to follow up with John on Stow's meeting with DOES.
- V. Old Business**
- A. Selection of Resident from Southern part of the City:** Note that DSCC is looking for a resident from the Western (Melody Lane Area) and/or the Southern (Twinsburg Road Area) part of the city to serve as representatives of their respective areas.
1. It was mentioned by the mayor in his mayor's report
  2. Rob Jamieson, asst. service director, is planning on sending letters to some residents to see if anyone will volunteer. His list is based on calls to the service department regarding flooding issues.
- B. Member Input, Comments, and Suggestions:** Members of the committee were asked to summarize their flood experiences with dates. The following members submitted information:
1. Tom and Cathy Loya, N. Bedford Rd.
  2. Mark and Julia Henderson, Shepard Hills Blvd.

3. Jim and Rosemary Filisky, Blue Jay Trail
4. Dennis Mulac, Crow Drive
5. Amanda Coon, Shepard Hills Blvd.

## **VI. New Business:**

### **A. City Engineer and Service Department Information**

1. **Fred Tufts, City Engineer:** Mr. Tufts noted that parts of Macedonia are in FEMA's 100-year flood plain. This flood plain follows the path of Indian Creek, but they have not been updated since 1981. The original purpose of defining the flood plain was to avoid construction and reconstruction in the flood areas, but this plan was not enforced.

Mr. Tufts also stated that there are several problem areas in the city, such as Shepard Hills Blvd, off of Ledge Road to the creek, and Deepwood. There are 75 retention basins within the city, in individual developments and industrial basins, which have helped to control and reduce the flooding. He also noted that many of the areas with chronic flooding were build before the 1970s. He recommends studying the storm sewers and runoff in the city as a whole.

Storm water needs to be either contained or drained to the creek. Older sections of the city do not have storm sewers. It was also stated that there are no known maps of the storm sewers in the city. The NEORSO did a regional study and suggested \$20M worth of improvements for this area. Mr. Tufts also noted that part of the solution is including funding for annual inspections and maintenance.

2. **Jim Crevar, Service Department:** Mr. Crevar agreed that annual inspections and maintenance were required as part of the solution to storm water issues as a whole. He also mentioned that city employees couldn't dredge areas of Indian Creek, as it is private property. The city has been maintaining the culverts. He noted that open bridges should possibly replace some of the culverts.
3. **Rob Jamieson, Assistant Service Director:** Mr. Jamieson updated the committee on the service department's ongoing efforts to maintain the culverts and roadside ditches. He also alerted the committee to a fairly new problem on Florence. He stressed the importance of the public knowing what their responsibilities were regarding ditches and driveway culverts.

- B. **Vote to bring in consultant: Approved by a unanimous vote.** Next Meeting John Lund will be invited to discuss what exactly a study would involve and what its cost estimate would be. Mr. Lund is a consultant that has contacted the city with interest in conducting a study of the storm water issues. Mr. Tufts has agreed to provide the committee with names and contact

information for some other consultants. Mrs. Filisky will speak with an acquaintance as well. It was also noted that Greg Bachman, the county engineer, could possibly speak with us.

**VII. Calendar:**

**A. Resident Meeting with DOES:** 11/15/2006, 6:30PM

**B. Next DSCC Meeting:** 12/6/2006, 7:00PM, in the UPSTAIRS  
CONFERENCE ROOM

**VII. Announcements:** None

**IX. Meeting was adjourned at 8:42PM.**