

Drainage and Sewer Control Committee
January 3, 2007 7:00PM, Macedonia City Center
Regular Meeting

- I. The meeting was called to order at 7:05PM.
- II. Attendees are as follows:
Members: Cathy Loya, Tom Loya, Julia Henderson, Dennis Mulac, Rosemary Filisky, Amanda Coon, Joseph Schiavone
City Representatives: Fred Tufts (City Engineer), Jim Crevar (Service Director)
- III. Minutes of the November 8, 2006 meeting were approved by unanimous vote. Minutes of the December 6, 2006 meeting were approved by unanimous vote.
- IV. **Chairperson Report**
- A. **Welcoming of DOES member to committee:** Bob Hollis from DOES was not in attendance at this meeting, Joe S. will see if he can get in touch with him. Dennis will also follow up with Jan, since she has contacts at DOES. It was also noted that there has been no forward movement on DOES' part with home inspections.
- B. **EPA Letter:** Dennis advised us that he received a copy of a letter from the EPA stating that there was funding available for sanitary improvement projects in 2008. Dennis will scan and email this letter to the committee members as soon as possible.
- C. **County Engineer Letter:** Dennis received a copy of a letter from the county engineer about a regional storm water retention basin in New Franklin. New Franklin is in the southern part of Summit County. This new retention basin will hold 1.5 million gallons of storm water. Dennis will scan and email this letter to the committee as well.
- V. **New Business**
- A. **Develop a spec for the other 2 consultants:** Dennis received the names for 3 other consultants from Fred T., however it is unknown at this point if these consultants still consult on storm water. It was agreed by the committee that the proposal request letter sent out would be general, stating that the DSCC is looking at comparing sanitary and storm water issues citywide. Dennis will provide Julia with the names and addresses of consultants, and she will draft a letter requesting proposals by January 31st. CTI came to the committee with a plan already in place, because storm water is their specialty. Joe S. suggested that the committee hold a special meeting for the consultant's presentations, and the committee agreed. The following are the consultant's names:
1. Malcolm Pirnie
 2. Metcalf and Eddy
 3. Finkbeiner, Pettis, and Strout

4. URS Consultants (from PD article on 1/1/07)

B. Discuss how to finance future projects that will need to be addressed:

The committee decided that we needed to secure funding for the study first, and then we could use that information to secure funding for future projects.

It was also noted that EPA compliance needed to be completed in 5 years, of which 2007 is the 5th and final year. The city's EPA plan was passed in 2003, but council has not funded the plan. EPA Phase II compliance also requires a storm sewer map and all storm sewer discharges. This information was already in the CTI proposal, which is another point to show council when requesting funding for the study. Many of the culverts and storm sewers are not in engineering records. We also need to inspect and maintain drainage structures, such as culverts. Dennis requested a copy of the city's EPA Phase II Compliance Plan.

It was also discussed that council can pass a storm water fee at any time without a public vote. Council recognized the need to proceed with a committee and a consultant for storm water issues. We need to convince council to come up with the funding to start the initial process. Julia will draft a letter to Jan Tulley asking her to add the funding request not to exceed \$24,999 to the agenda for council's work session at 6:30PM on January 25, 2007.

1. It was put to committee vote whether to proceed with the plans to hire a consultant to perform a city wide study on storm water:

Yes: 5 Votes (Julia, Tom, Cathy, Amanda, Dennis)

No: 2 Votes (Joe, Rosemary)

Joe noted that these problems should have been addressed in the past. During this discussion, the committee agreed, but also realized that we still have to deal with the problems. Fred also informed the committee that if an individual owned a buildable lot and the city did not want the individual to build on that lot, the city was required to purchase the lot.

C. Discuss the Plain Dealer article from 1/1/07: (Mr. Crevar made copies of this article and passed them out to committee members.) The committee decided that we needed to use this article to show council that we are not the only community with the storm water issue, but we seem to be one of the only communities that are not already doing something about it. It was also noted that the article blamed some of the current issues on less trees, more impervious surfaces, and failing storm water systems. A Brecksville councilman stressed the fact that they were not using the word "fix" when it came to storm water, but the word "improve" instead. Rosemary stated that we need to focus on the creek those other problems such as the McCoy's and Our Lady of Guadalupe. The committee agreed that we need to figure out what to do, where to go, and how to keep this issue in front of council as part of our mission.

VI. Old Business

- A. Discuss CTI Proposal:** The committee agreed to put this on hold until we receive other proposals for comparison.
- B. Website Content and Public Announcements:** Tom has completed a general layout for the web information, and spoke with Julie from D Webjazz. Julie needs to have the cost approved by a city employee, but Tom was not sure of the name. He will check with Julie again and give Dennis the information. Dennis will get this moving. It was also noted that Julie will need more info for the actual verbiage on the website.
- C. Member Input, Comments, and Suggestions:** Rosemary brought up the high school improvement plans that were in the newspaper, asking if they have involvement for maintenance of the creek. The school owns the property.

VII. Calendar

- A. Next meeting:** February 2, 2007, 7:00PM, Macedonia City Center
- B. Deadline for proposals:** January 31, 2007
- C. City Council Meeting with Funding Request on the Agenda:**
Tentatively working to have this added to the agenda of the 1/25/07 council meeting or work session.
- D. ADDITIONAL NOTE:** The committee had it brought to their attention that the council workroom was not left in a neat and orderly fashion after our last meeting. Special care will be taken at this meeting and all future meetings to assure that the room is left as we have found it.

VIII. Meeting was adjourned at 8:15PM.