

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

- I. The meeting was called to order at 7:06PM.
- II. Attendees are as follows:
Members: Amanda Coon, Joseph Schiavone, Julia Henderson, Dennis Mulac, Rosemary Filisky, Tom Loya, Cathy Loya
City Representatives: Fred Tufts (City Engineer), Mike Miller (Council Representative), Jim Crevar (Service Director)
Other Attendees: Bob Hollis (Department of Environmental Services Representative)
- III. It was noted that the minutes from the January 3, 2007 meeting had one adjustment on them. Minutes of the January 3, 2007 meeting were approved by unanimous vote.
- IV. **Chairperson Report**
A. Welcoming of DOES member to committee: Bob Hollis was welcomed as the DOES rep to the DSCC.
B. Sanitary Sewer Repair on Crow Drive: Bob H. noted that DOES found a section of pipe on Crow Drive (between Berkshire and Deepwood) that was deteriorating at a faster rate than the rest of the pipes in the area. It was replaced. Bob H. also noted that this section of pipe was not a major water inlet, and was not a major problem.
C. DOES 2007 Budget Approval: Bob H. advised the committee that per DOES' 5-year capital improvement plan, \$1M has been earmarked for the Indian Hills development in 2010. There is still no specific earmark for what this money will be used for.
D. ADDITIONAL NOTES REGARDING DOES QUESTIONS:
Rosemary asked Bob H. about the status of DOES home inspections in the Shepard Hills Blvd. and surrounding areas. It is scheduled to begin in the next 2 to 3 weeks. Homeowners will get a copy of the inspection report via mail. DOES will be checking elevations and for cross connections. They will also TV the lateral line.
- V. **New Business**
A. Discuss the 2 proposals from consultants: *Note that all members of the committee were provided the following information:
 1. CTI's full proposal, dated 12/12/2006
 2. URS's full proposal, dated 1/30/2007
 3. Brief comparison of the two proposals prepared by Dennis M.Dennis brought up the fact that CTI has done a lot of work behind the scenes already for Nick Kostandaras (County Council, Ward 1) and for Mayor Kuchta. The committee needs to make a recommendation to

council regarding a consultant and who to choose. We also need to request funding to implement Phase I of the storm water study. Rosemary noted that CTI's proposal included information on all of the phases, and the URS proposal focused on one phase. She felt that CTI did not include as many services as URS did. Fred noted that the CTI proposal included the resident survey, which is important if we want to tie this in to the EPA mandates. Three other companies declined proposals for various reasons. Committee members voted on recommending CTI as a consultant to council:

Yes – 5 votes (Dennis, Amanda, Cathy, Tom, Julia)

No – 0 votes

Abstained – 2 (Rosemary, Joe)

B. Discuss the Storm Water Legislation of 2002: *Note that all members of the committee received the following:

1. Stormwater Management Program Recommendations, dated 10/31/02
2. Timeline for Implementation, dated 2003

These documents are referring to the EPA Phase II Compliance Study. All mandates must be in place by the end of 2007 per federal mandate. These documents can be used to show council that if a consultant is hired for storm water study, he will also eliminate some of the items from the EPA list. There is a finance commitment attached to the Timeline for Implementation that was signed off by city officials, but the funds were not made available.

C. Discuss how to finance the study and future storm water/drainage issues: Storm water management has a fund of \$200K+ available; the DSCC will request that council appropriate monies from this to fund Phase I of the storm water study. The Stormwater Management Program Recommendations document outlines the funding that is required for the EPA Phase II compliance. It also outlines how a storm water utility fee of approximately \$7 per quarter could raise over \$285,000 per year to fund the recommendations listed. DSCC discussed requesting council pass this storm water utility fee to fund portions of the EPA project, in addition to future phases of the storm water study and any improvements required as a result of the storm water study. It was also discussed that some residents may refuse to pay such a fee, as they are not affected by the flooding problems that other parts of the city are affected by. If residents refuse to pay, it would be added to their tax bill as a special assessment. It was also discussed that other cities in the area already have a storm water utility fee in place, and others are considering it as an alternate source of funding to address their flooding issues. Rosemary asked if we have exhausted all other means of funding before we ask residents to pay another fee. The committee agreed that we will work to obtain alternate funding as it becomes available, but that the fee will be needed to continue to fund improvement projects in the future. The voters do not have to approve the storm water utility fee if council approves it. However, if council does not

approve it and they require a public vote, it will most likely not be voted on until November. If council is aggressive in approving and implementing the fee, the city could start receiving funds in 3 to 6 months.

D. Council Presentation of 2/8/07: The DSCC will ask to speak following other committee reports and distribute the information that it noted below. The following is a brief outline of the order of discussion and who will be presenting. Most of the items were discussed in length during our regular meeting, see notes above.

1. Julia will present a brief background of why the committee formed and what we have been charged with. She will include our mission statement.
2. Dennis will present regarding the consultant proposals.
 - a. We solicited 5 proposals for the storm water study, and received 2 responses, CTI and URS (Council will receive copies of both proposals, and rejection letters from the other 3 consultants. They will also receive a brief comparison of CTI and URS proposals.)
 - b. After comparing the proposals, the DSCC recommends that CTI perform Phase I of the storm water study. (Council will receive a brief outline of the actions to be performed during Phase I of the study)
3. Rosemary will request \$24,999 to fund Phase I of the study.
4. Rosemary will request a quarterly storm water utility fee of \$7 per household.
 - a. Fee would fund portions of the EPA mandates
 - b. Fee would fund future phases of the storm water study as well as provide capital for recommended improvements.

E. ADDITIONAL NOTES: Mike Miller has been in contact with the Army Corps of Engineers. Their initial search showed that they have never done work in Indian Creek, but they are continuing to search their records. He proceeded to tell the Corps about the natural water features in the area, and that the city is working on retention/detention basins. The Corps sent him an application for 50/50 funding, meaning that the Corps of Engineers would split the cost of work done within the city. Dennis passed pictures of Indian Creek *at the Blue Jay crossing (updated per Jim C. 2/13/07)*. The pictures showed what it looked like after the city cleaned it in July, and that in January, only 6 months later, the sediment had completely refilled the cleaned area. Pictures were provided by Jim Crevar. The committee also received copies of the following:

1. Email from Joseph Kassler of the Army Corps of Engineers
2. Copy of EPA letter regarding the Water Pollution Control Loan Fund (this was briefly discussed in our Jan. 3, 2007 meeting)
3. Copy of article from the Chagrin Valley Times dated 1/25/07
4. Copy of fax from Paul Schweikert, Sagamore Hills Trustee, regarding Sagamore Hills' resolution to oppose the NEORSD

rate hikes. It was also noted that Macedonia has filed a resolution opposing the rate hikes as well.

VI. Old Business

- A. Website and Public Announcements:** Tom and Cathy Loya have been working on the copy for the DSCC website. All members of the DSCC agree that the information they have compiled and organized thus far is great, and they will go ahead and provide the information to Julie from D Webjazz. It was also noted that instead of listing member's private emails, we would list one general email to contact the committee. Currently we will use DSCC@windstream.net, but we will look into getting the address DSCC@macedonia.oh.us, since all members of the committee agree that this looks more professional.
- B. Member Input, Comments, Suggestions:** None given

VII. Calendar

- A. Next Meeting:** March 7, 2007 at 7PM, Macedonia City Center
- B. City Council Meeting with Funding Request on the Agenda:** February 8, 2007 at 7:30PM.

VIII. The meeting was adjourned at 9:05PM.

Minutes taken 2/7/2007 by Amanda Coon.

Minutes distributed via email 2/12/2007 by Amanda Coon