

**Drainage and Sewer Control Committee**  
**January 7, 2009, 7:00PM, Macedonia City Center**  
**Regular Meeting**

- I. The meeting was called to order at 7:02PM.
  
- II. **Attendees are as follows:**
  - Members:** Tom Loya, Cathy Loya, Julia Henderson, Jean Gagné, Dennis Mulac, Rosemary Filisky, and Amanda Coon
  - City Representatives:** Kelly Luecke (GPD Group/City Engineer), Jim Crevar (Service Director), and Jan Tulley (Council Rep)
  - Others in Attendance:** Dave Engle (Council President) and Dave Koontz (CTI Engineers)
  
- III. Minutes from the December 3, 2008 meeting were unanimously approved.
  
- IV. **Q&A for Residents:** There were no residents in attendance.
  
- V. **New Business**
  - A. **Rt.8 Culvert Replacement:** The city needs to allocate \$237K to replace the aging culvert under Route 8 (north of 82 and south of Valley View) before ODOT will begin the repaving process. According to the December 3 News Leader, \$110K is needed to replace the culvert and the balance of the funds for related paving work. Dave Koontz mentioned that perhaps AMATS could help pay for some of this cost, as they were considering culvert replacement as one of their eligible projects for the year. It would be a reimbursement of funds to the city; the city would still need to place the money in escrow to begin work. Kelly will check with Gene on this.
  - B. **Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District Article:** See packet of information received at this meeting, titled "500,000 property owners along Tuscarawas and Muskingum rivers must pay"
  
- VI. **Old Business**
  - A. **Utility Status:** Dave Engle attended this meeting at our request to advise council's position on the city storm water utility fee. Dave E. advised us that council has not had a meeting yet to discuss this in detail, although council wants to address storm water issues. They are currently looking at starting with a retention basin behind Our Lady of Guadalupe. Dave E. believes that council does not support a fee at this time. Julia asked Dave how council was planning on funding this, and Dave E. advised they were planning on using the general fund. He also mentioned that they would be working on the new budget over the next several weeks, and they were planning on realigning the current priorities. Council was never advised that the DSCC was looking at funding sources, although they asked the DSCC during our first presentation how we would fund the capital improvements. Dave E. believes that the city needs to decide on a formal policy regarding storm water and the city drainage system. He asked if the committee would be willing to assist council with this project. Council intends to begin with the OLG project, since it was listed as one of the major projects in Area #1, the area of highest concern affecting the most residents. However, Dave E. believes that they need to

determine at what point the city's responsibility ends, since it is not possible to fix every puddle in every person's backyard. Dave E. says that council has committed to addressing the problems and finding the fund to begin the work. The budget must be passed and submitted by March 31<sup>st</sup>. Council is concerned and opposes the NEORSR fee. Jim C. noted that there are over 70 residential catch basins in the city that are on private property. These should be considered a part of the city's drainage system. In most cases there are no easements in place for the city to maintain these catch basins. Kelly advised the committee that new basins must have a long-term maintenance and inspection agreement signed by the responsible homeowner's association or business. There also must be easements in place to maintain the catch basins. As of this date, there have not been any 2009 budget meetings. The council meeting on 1/8 will determine council officers and committee chairs. Ken Martin arrived at our meeting during the end of this discussion, and also disagrees with a city storm water utility. He believes that money from the city budget needs to be allocated to storm water. He also believes that the city needs guidelines as to how the funds should be used. He believes that the community needs to understand that this won't fix every problem. Dave K. also asked if the city has prepared a list of projects for the federal stimulus package, maybe it would be possible to put flooded roads on the list for federal funds.

- B. NEORSR:** Dennis advised the committee about a conversation between Mayor Starr (member of NEORSR board) and Mayor Kuchta, in which Mayor Starr also disagreed with the NEORSR utility. It doesn't seem like the board is up on the plan and Mayor Starr believes that it has not been adequately planned. Dennis also sent an email to Russ Pry (County Executive) regarding the committee of northern Summit County communities that are part of NEORSR's service area. He also copied DOES, but has not had any response yet. The Mayor is asking that someone from the committee attend the meeting on January 29 at 10AM in Cuyahoga Falls. This meeting is to appoint someone to the NEORSR board, but they are planning on bringing up the utility at this meeting.
- C. High School Fields:** Kelly spoke with the new engineer for the high school fields. He is very familiar with storm water regulations. Don Black is the project manager for Philips & Associates, the firm out of PA working on this project. Kelly sent him a copy of the letter, and spoke with him via phone. According to Mr. Black, they have completed the wetland delineation, and the architect will be refining the layout based on that information.
- D. Mound at the Crossings:** The creation of the mound has been traced back to DeBartolo, the original owner/developer of the plaza. At this point, they have not returned any calls. The city has also looked into options to move the mound.
- E. EPA Phase 2:** The 2007 Annual Report has been submitted. The 2008 report is due in March. Kelvin Rogers has worked closely with the city and has considered his review of the report a "mini-audit." He will give Kelly a copy of his information.
- F. Discussion:** Rosemary motioned that if the committee is still together at the end of this year, that we should cancel the December meeting as a holiday recess. All members agreed.

## VII. Calendar

**1/15/09, Thursday, 7PM:** Finance Committee Meeting

**1/21/09, Wednesday, 5PM-7PM:** Tinker's Creek Stressor Identification Meeting, held at the Ohio EPA's Northeast District Office in Twinsburg (2110 East Aurora Road)

**1/29/09, Thursday, 10AM:** Appointment of Small Communities Seat to NEORSD Board of Trustees Meeting, held at the NEORSD's Environmental and Maintenance Services Center (4747 East 49<sup>th</sup> Street, Cuyahoga Heights, Ohio 44125)

**3/4/09, Wednesday, 7PM:** DSCC Regular Meeting

**VIII.** The meeting was adjourned at 8:44PM.

Minutes taken 1/7/09 by Amanda Coon

Minutes distributed via email 1/13/09 by Amanda Coon