

**Drainage and Sewer Control Committee**  
**April 4, 2009, 7:00PM, Macedonia City Center**  
**Regular Meeting**

- I. The meeting was called to order at 7:07PM.
  
- II. **Attendees are as follows:**
  - Members:** Amanda Coon, Dennis Mulac, Rosemary Filisky, Jean Gagné, and Julia Henderson
  - City Representatives:** Kelly Luecke (GPD Group/City Engineer) and Jim Crevar (Service Director)
  
- III. Minutes of the March 4, 2009 meeting were unanimously approved.
  
- IV. **Q&A for Residents:** None in attendance
  
- V. **New Business**
  - A. **Summit Soil and Water Proclamation:** The committee agreed to recommend that council proclaim 2009 "The Year of the River."
  
- VI. **Old Business**
  - A. **NEORS D:** See B
  - B. **Summit County:** On 3/10/09 Summit County officials, including lawyers, the Mayor, Russ Pry (County Executive), Dave White (County Engineer's office), and Alan Brubaker (County Engineer), at which time they went over the details available regarding the NEORS D storm water utility fee. NEORS D still does not have a workable plan to present as of their board meeting two weeks ago. Summit county lawyers spent time going over the situation, including if there would be backlash for pulling out by raising sewer fees. One idea was to file a motion and force NEORS D into court. Richfield noted that they were not against it, and were willing to look at the plan. Mr. Snell is going to investigate further. If it goes to court, each county has to appoint a judge to give the OK. NEORS D bills Summit County DOES, not individual homeowners. NEORS D charges whatever they deem necessary for sewer rates, there is no oversight by any agency over their rates.
  - C. **Zell Residence:** This home is located on Ledge Road, on the North side of Airline. The area is very flat; the home appears to be the low spot of the 3 parcels in question. Kelly is to send a letter about the city policy regarding storm water to the residents. The neighbors may be required to tap the downspouts into storm drains.
  - D. **1612 Driftwood:** The storm sewer was reportedly discharging and overflowing at a yard drain near the garage. The owner believes that the storm sewers are backing into the yard drain by the garage. It is a low spot, maybe there is not enough drop between the drain and the storm sewer. Another neighbor's yard drain has also been tapped in. Mike Hlad was going to send a letter. The landscape mount could be increased to keep the water away from the house in the event of a backup.
  - E. **High School Project:** The preliminary overall plan and the final phase 1 plan were approved by the planning commission. The school submitted their variances to ZBA on 3/24/09.
  - F. **Discussion**
    1. **Budget for 2009:** The 2009 budget was passed at the last council meeting. Funding was approved for the engineering and design of two projects. Kelly has not received

word to go ahead on these projects as of yet. Dennis will ask the Mayor about the status.

2. **Jean:** Jean noted that he had to dig out silt from his creek due to the ditch redefining on Shepard Road.
3. **Brunswick receives federal funds:** Brunswick received federal funds for storm sewer improvements. They may also be allowed to recoup engineering and design work costs from as far back as 2003. Funding is not from the federal stimulus package. (See article titled "City Gets Federal Funds for Sewers" received on 4/1/09)
4. **Stimulus Funds:** It was mentioned that a Hudson group managed to secure federal stimulus money for a railroad quiet zone. This was a group of residents.
5. **New Finance Director:** The committee briefly discussed enlisting the help of the new finance director to obtain grant funding.
6. **Drainage Questions:** Rosemary asked about where the drainage pipe crossing Route 82 near South Bedford Road discharges. Jim is looking into this.
7. **Storm System Map:** Dave K. sent a file for the storm water map to Kelly, she says it is not quite what they are looking for yet. Kelly is waiting to hear back from Dave.
8. **ODNR flood plain workshop:** Kelly attended an ODNR workshop for the FEMA flood insurance maps. The maps were rolled out in stages and will be finalized on 7/20/09. She noted that the city's flood control policy will need to be updated to direct those to reference the new maps. This must be done for the city to be eligible for the National Flood Insurance Program.
9. **Tinker's Creek Watershed Partners:** Jim met with Mike McNutt about putting in a rain garden on city property. It will likely be by the police department. Estimated time frame is June, but Jim will advise the committee on the date. He is also asking about their contract with the city, may possibly do a presentation on Cable 9, at the high school, or to council.
10. **Litter Pickup on Rt. 8 and 82:** This was done last year, looking to repeat this year. Possibly first weekend in May, but unsure of an exact date yet.

#### VII. Calendar

**5/6/09, 7:00PM:** Regular meeting, Macedonia City Center

**5/7/09, 9:30AM to 11:00AM:** NEORS meeting for Summit County Communities, Richfield Village Council Chambers (4410 W. Streetsboro Rd., Richfield)

VIII. The meeting was adjourned at 8:17PM.

Minutes taken 4/1/09 by Amanda Coon

Minutes distributed via email 4/28/09 by Amanda Coon