

Drainage and Sewer Control Committee
July 16, 2008, 7:00PM, Macedonia City Center
Regular Meeting

- I. The meeting was called to order at 7:06PM.
- II. **Attendees are as follows:**
 - Members:** Dennis Mulac, Cathy Loya, Julia Henderson, Rosemary Filisky, and Amanda Coon
 - City Representatives:** Gene Hill (GPD Group, City Engineer)
 - Others in Attendance:** Dave Koontz (CTI)
- III. Minutes of the June 4, 2008 meeting were unanimously approved.
- IV. **Q&A for Residents:** No residents were in attendance; however, the committee discussed a problem that was received via email. Resident located at Saybrook and Wiltshire sent an email on May 16 about a sinkhole that is 1 ft. in diameter and 1 ft. deep reappearing in his yard. Jim had the hole dye tested and the dye and film show broken seals in the city storm sewer. Gene advised the committee of a new city policy regarding sinkholes: The city will investigate sinkholes. They will repair only if the sinkhole was caused by a mainline storm sewer. If the sinkhole was caused by another utility, it will be that utility's responsibility. Otherwise, it will be the homeowner's responsibility. Storm laterals are 100% the responsibility of the individual homeowner. Gene advised he would send a copy of this policy via email to the committee.
- V. **Old Business**
 - A. **CTI Updates:** GPD is in the process of reviewing CTI's reports. It was also noted that the EPA Phase 2 reporting is behind, and the city missed the second deadline. Jim walked some of the creek with Tinker's Creek Watershed Partners doing outfall mapping. The committee's job is not really to have this done, just to help inform the public and keep updated with current status. Gene also agrees that we should not have responsibility over EPA issues. Rob Jamieson is the EPA coordinator for the city. Gene has suggested that the city hire a storm water coordinator.
- VI. **New Business**
 - A. **NEORS D Utility – Gene Hill:** NEORS D claims they will have a court hearing in early March of 2009 regarding storm water management. The utility they are proposing only covers main streams and drainage, and not city storm sewers or catch basins. The thought is that cities should get back some of the funds for EPA and their own storm water management projects. There are other questions as well. Is this money going to be in a dedicated fund? If not, could NEORS D use the funds to pay for other projects? NEORS D stated that they will divide the watershed into sub-watersheds to help make sure the money is fairly distributed. They are confident that this will go forward. They are already mapping ERUs (about 3000sf) and talking with other cities across the country. Businesses will most likely still be responsible for their own basins. It also seems reasonable that if a city opts out and collects their own fee, they may be required to kick back a percentage to the watershed as a whole as well. The current proposed fee is \$4 to \$6 per month. The committee also received the following:
 1. Copy of Proposed Regional Drainage Map, Macedonia, OH dated April 2008

2. Copy of memorandum from Gene Hill listing some questions for NEORSRD about their proposed utility.
 3. Copy of letter from NEORSRD dated February 11, 2008
- B. Presentation Outline:** The committee agreed to give the mayor a list of communities from our survey that may have concerns similar to ours. We could also ask what they will do with the SWU fees that they are already collecting. The presentation needs to be revisited to determine how we can use the new information. Other questions arose during this discussion: Have court papers already been filed? Are the communities going to get a draft copy before the court hearing?
- C. Discussion:** Dennis advised the committee that he will retain the chair position.

VII. Calendar

August 8, 2008, 7:00PM, City Center: Regular meeting

VIII. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35PM.