

Drainage and Sewer Control Committee
9/3/2008, 7:00PM, Macedonia City Center
Regular Meeting

- I. The meeting was called to order at 7:08PM.
- II. **Attendees are as follows:**
Members: Dennis Mulac, Rosemary Filisky, Julia Henderson, Jean Gagne, Tom Loya, Cathy Loya, and Amanda Coon
City Representatives: Kelly Luecke (Engineer, GPD Group) and Jim Crevar (Service Director)
Others in Attendance: John Lund (CTI Engineers)
- III. Minutes of the August 6, 2008 regular meeting were unanimously approved.
- IV. **Q&A for Residents:** No residents were in attendance.
- V. **Old Business**
- A. **CTI Updates:** CTI is currently on hold per John Lund, they are awaiting comments from GPD on the Indian Creek Model. No information has been received from Summit County for storm water system mapping. Kelly will work with Summit County on this issue. Issue 2 money that was available was detoured to roads, so none is available for storm water in Macedonia. Dave Koontz had a meeting with the EPA today, in which he found out that 25% of Northeast Ohio communities are still failing Phase 2 requirements. Per EPA, Macedonia still has not passed an illicit discharge ordinance. Kelly and Jim will check on this, Kelly believes this is passed. It is possible to be penalized, but there is no immediate risk because Macedonia is working closely with the EPA to become compliant. As a side note, John still believes we would just be a “donor city” for the NEORSD storm water plan.
- B. **NEORSD Storm Water Utility:** Kelly spoke with Betsy Yingling on 9/2/08. During this conversation, she found out a few things:
1. This has not been proposed to the court yet. An existing ruling have them the sanitary sewer district. According to Betsy, wastewater in this ruling specifies sanitary and storm water. They are trying to change the language of the existing court order. They are expecting to go to Cuyahoga County Common Please Court in March of 2009. There would be a public notice and public comment on ruling changes. Earliest billing for SWU would be October 2009.
 2. The district is developing a priority list of projects. Communities will be allowed to comment, but there is no guarantee that any projects would be done within the city of Macedonia. Services that were originally optional may now be core services of the program, such as EPA requirements.
 3. NEORSD expects to kick back 5-10% to the city, which could be \$15,000 to \$72,000 annually, but it is not yet known if there will be stipulations on what this money could be used for.
 4. NEORSD will allow the city to piggyback a local storm water utility on their billing.

5. Dave White (Summit Co. Engineer's Office) is unsure if NEORSRD could require a community to participate in their EPA program. Macedonia is already a part of the Summit County Joint EPA Permit.
 6. John Lund believes that this could be contested in court, since sanitary and storm water is largely considered separate.
 7. The Mayor has scheduled a meeting with NEORSRD on Sept. 17th. The Mayor has advised that he will listen but then refer them back to the DSCC.
 8. Where do we draw the line? When do we proceed to do something to alleviate the storm water issues we already have?
 9. If we institute our own SWU, 100% of the money stays in the community. We will have to sell it to council, and many communities already have fees. All agree that we should model it against the Water M&E Fund. This was a council action. The committee agrees that if we bring it to council in this way, council will put it to a vote. If it goes to a public vote, it is highly likely that it will fail. To council and the public: Who cares about the local problems more, us or NEORSRD? Who do you trust to solve your problems, us or NEORSRD?
- C. **Presentation Outline:** It was agreed to work on the presentation via email. We can go over it in our next meeting and divide work into sections.

VI. New Business

- A. **Discussion:** Dennis believes that the creek near the Rt. 82 Bridge needs cleaning. The banks are severely overgrown and seem to be narrowing the creek. Kelly will discuss this with Gene.
- B. **Discussion:** We currently do not seem to have a council rep. Dennis will talk to the mayor about who our council rep is or if we need to have a new one assigned.

VII. Calendar

9/17/08: 7pm, funding work session

10/1/08: 7pm, regular meeting

- VIII. The meeting was adjourned at 8:16PM.