

MINUTES OF UTILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING
June 11, 2012

The June 11, 2012 Utilities Committee meeting was called to order by Chairperson Sharon Spencer at 6:20 P.M. Present were Fred Berry, Jack Ferguson, Amy Michael, Bruce Ribelin, Frank Seman, Scott Rainone and Fran Ricciardi. Also attending the meeting were Mayor Bica; Finance Director, Kim Cecora; City Engineer, Bob Finney; Water Plant Supervisor, Tim Stephens; Marc Resnik of 1102 East Riddle Avenue, Ravenna and Nick Dudek of 328 North Prospect Street, Ravenna.

Ms. Spencer said the first item on the agenda is to design, preparation specifications of the SCADA at the water treatment plant.

Ms. Stephens said that the SCADA system which is the Supervisory Control Administrative Distribution System which basically controls the system, which they currently do not have. Everything at the plant is manual so they have been putting money away to update the system. He's at the point where he would like to get in a consultant to design it and come up with bid specifications. He would like to see that get done by the end of the year.

Mr. Ribelin asked the cost.

Mr. Stephens said they capped out at \$200,000.00. They might fall a little short of that. They may need to do another phase to it because it might push the \$250,000.00 envelope. At this point, he would just like to get it designed.

Mr. Berry asked how much the consultant fee will be.

Mr. Stephens said that he was given a budgetary estimate of \$36,000.00. He got another estimate that was \$55,000.00.

There being no questions or comments, it was decided by those present that a tracking sheet would be submitted for Finance Committee approval.

Ms. Spencer said the next item for discussion is replacing the backup carbon feeder at the water treatment plant.

Mr. Stephens said there is one main carbon feeder that runs all of the time. The backup feeder has been there since the 1980's. It's starting to rust out and puts that into the water. They are looking to replace the feeder itself. The budgetary estimate is about \$15,000.00. This can't be repaired. They put the last available parts in several months ago. They don't make them any more.

Ms. Spencer asked what the general life span of this equipment would be.

Mr. Stephens said they are looking at about 20-25 years. It's been in there since 1985.

Mr. Ricciardi asked how old is the main feeder.

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Mr. Stephens responded that he thinks it is about ten years old. He was looking to take the funds from the dehumidifier at the plant. He thinks he can put that off for a couple more years.

There being no questions or comments, it was decided by those present that a tracking sheet would be submitted for Finance Committee approval.

Ms. Spencer said the next item is the Cleveland Road Water Line Project contract.

Mr. Finney said they would like to authorize the mayor to enter into a contract with Tom Fioritto Construction. He is the same contractor who did Clinton and Lafayette and appropriate the money necessary for the contracts.

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Mr. Finney said the miscellaneous storm projects; the street department is performing several projects pertaining to storm. Somehow he is getting the invoices but he doesn't have a fund to pay for the storm projects. Mr. Cecora said money had been set aside but it was in the primary budget but it wasn't earmarked for anything particular. He believes it was \$50,000.00. What he would like to do is appropriate the money to these storm projects. These will be replacing curbs, catch basins. These have a price tag associated with them. The work is being done in-house. If he were to do them through his concrete or asphalt program then they would be coming out of the CI fund which really belongs in the storm fund because it's a function of storm as a utility. He would like to appropriate the money from the budget into the small project fund.

Mr. Cecora said that they just need to encumber the money.

There being no questions or comments, it was decided by those present that a tracking sheet would be submitted for Finance Committee approval.

Ms. Spencer said the next item for discussion is the City Park Tower painting project.

Mr. Finney said this is a request to authorize the mayor to enter into a contract with the contractor to be determined. The board of control will determine the best low bidder. They will open bids this Friday. His intention is to have an answer by Finance Committee for a contractor and a price.

Ms. Spencer asked if there is a timetable for completion of the project.

Mr. Finney responded the specifications call for October 15. They have 60 days to complete the project. It's an important to have legislation the beginning of July so the contractor can plan to get started as soon as possible.

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There being no further business before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 6:20 P.M.

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

Sharon Spencer, Chairperson
Utilities Committee