

MINUTES OF UTILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING
September 10, 2012

The September 10, 2012 Utilities Committee meeting was called to order by Chairperson Sharon Spencer at 6:17 P.M. Present were Frank Seman, Jack Ferguson, Fred Berry, Bruce Ribelin, Scott Rainone and Fran Ricciardi. Also attending the meeting were Mayor Bica; Finance Director, Kim Cecora; Service Director, Kelly Engelhart; City Engineer, Bob Finney and Water Treatment Plant Supervisor, Tim Stephens. Also in attendance were Donna Swigart of 528 East Riddle Avenue, Ravenna, Ohio and Nick Dudek of 328 North Prospect Street, Ravenna, Ohio.

Ms. Spencer said the first item on the agenda is the OPWC loan for Diamond Street Waterline Project.

Mr. Finney said this simply authorizes the mayor to submit an application for funding through OPWC for the Diamond Street Waterline Project also, authorizing the mayor, in the event the application is approved, to agree to participate in the funding of the City's local share for the Project.

Mr. Finney said any time there is an OPWC loan project, this is the language being used.

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 a turbidimeter for combined filter effluent samples.

Mr. Stephens said that this is not something they already have. It was recommended by the EPA in October of last year that it be installed. It's not a requirement but it was a recommendation and any time they make recommendations, they try to work towards those. He's looking for \$1,600.00 to purchase one. It will enable them to monitor the turbidity. Right now they just do graphs and will be able to tie this into the main control panel.

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 raw water flow meter.

Mr. Stephens said that the current flow meter isn't reading accurately. If anything, it's reading low. They base all of their chemicals and reports off this. He's known for a while that it's been reading this way but he's been holding off but something brought it up to the forefront. The valve right in front of it leaks. When they replace one, they're going to have to take the whole thing down at one time and replace it. The bad part about it is there are no bypasses and they won't be able to pump any water at that time. It's something, he thinks, they can do in eight hours when both of the tanks are full. The cost for this is \$16,000.00 from the water fund. This one was installed in 1985.

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Mr. Stephens said asked to add an item. There is a matter of installing electric power at the GE standpipe. The funds are available. It's just a matter of signing a contract. It's \$3,900.00.

Mr. Cecora asked if it's an installation agreement.

Mr. Stephens responded in the affirmative.

Mr. Cecora said they don't typically do legislation for installation agreements.

Ms. Spencer said that the next item on the agenda is to advertise for bids for the Fairgrounds project.

Mr. Finney said this is simply an ordinance authorizing the mayor to advertise for bids for the Fairground project. They have also called this Neighborhood Revitalization Project which NDS has helped them get this grant. In the end it's about a \$450,000.00 project that will be performed in the Fairgrounds, Sapp Road, Woodgate, Southgate where they will replace some hydrants, resurface, curbs, sidewalks; sections that need it, not the complete Fairgrounds but the deficient sections. They are also going to abandon the Woodside lift station and install a gravity line south on Linden and connect to the extension on Linden.

Ms. Spencer asked the timetable on this.

Mr. Finney said he's been trying to bid it out over the last four months and now he's closer than ever. They have asked for a change in the scope and they are waiting for the State to approve the change. As soon as they get the change in scope, they will proceed.

Mr. Cecora asked for the funding breakdown.

Mr. Finney said that \$50,000.00 will come out of the paving program. That is in for this year and he may end up carrying it over; \$50,000.00 RLF and \$50,000.00 CDBG; \$50,000.00 from paving and then \$300,000.00 will be grant.

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

There being no further business before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 6:25 P.M.

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

Sharon Spencer, Chairperson
Utilities Committee