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Minutes = of Special Council Meeting

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Tuesday<= span class=3DGramE>, February 15, 2011 at 10 a.m.

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The meeting was called to order by Mayor Larry Haver.

The Pledge of Allegiance was repeated by all present. Present were: Mayor = Haver, Council members, Mick Pocratsky, Bruce Hart, Ron Jones, Mike Barth, Ron Beverly & Mike= Headley; Administrator, Kent Miller; Clerk/Treasurer, Diane Collins. Others present were: <= st1:State w:st=3D"on">Ohio EPA represe= ntatives Dana Martin-Hayden and Dan Gill, Scott Strahley= from RCAP, Sewer superintendent, Ron Daniels and Water superintendent, Jessi Elson.

Ms. Martin-Hayden started the meeting by stati= ng that various violations are triggered by SSO's a/k/a/ Sanitary Sewer Overflows. She continued to explain that recently Ron Daniels calculated that a 1" rain event in one block of Hicksville created 300,000 gallons of water.

The EPA had received a complaint about a disch= arge behind the Trident building on Defiance Avenue without precipitation. Martin-Hayden noted we probably ha= ve river water intrusion there also that will load our system that we don= 7;t need to treat. We= need to address two issues: 1. Get the river water out; 2.<= span style=3D'mso-spacerun:yes'> Figure out why we have an SS= O and fix it. She says it is = always the best course to find all the sources of storm water & get it to the right place. We need to get t= he river water out like yesterday. She wants to see a schedule to accomplish the goals at the north end of town. Recommendations were: Do soon; no excuse for dry weather overflow; no excuse for river intrusion. What matters to them is gett= ing it done. They do not want to use= legal mechanisms.

Strahley= 's response was: We have taken action; die testing has been done; the area has been videoed; we met with the Defiance City sewer superintendent for some ideas; we thought about how we got in this situation to begin with. The plan of attack is to clo= se off the 24" CSO line then if the ditch backs up it will go to the storm sewer. They will begin monito= ring the issue immediately. In add= ition we are going to try to get the residue in the ditch removed so we can start fresh with a clean bottom. We= are going to communicate with Gene Rigby to continue to deal with these issues.=

Dan Gill stated we still would have the potent= ial to back flow but we are looking at ways to prevent it. It was felt that we had a SSO in d= ry weather because we had float issues at the pump station.

Dana: We should take this opportunity to look into methods to check the flow and do I & I reduction. DEFA has loans available for flow monitoring. Dana passed out information on monitored maximum flow, peaking and target to use to explain to the residents how much expense there is due to homes tied into the system. She also has a report from DEFA about private clean water (roofs) and approaches of how to deal with it. She said we need to have flow data to back up the ideas we want to try and document what we did in a letter to her to protect ourselves from enforcement.

Strahley's response: #1 we will address SSO & river water intrusion in the Defiance Avenue area; #2 we will do flow monitoring and collect data right now while the flow is there. We have identified areas we want to monitor. The NE corner is the worst then south of the tracks is the second concern.

Martin-Hayden responded that we need to set up a schematic to explain to the residents our target. She did not feel we could take the I & I out without providing a storm pipe and cutting through the pipe is not the ideal situation. She feels it is a short term solution that makes sense.

Strahley clarified that the Village needs to send a letter to the EPA explaining how we are going to address the SSO, river intrusion and timing. Dana said it isn't a great idea and won't be acceptable unless it goes along with the long term plan to get this part of town separated. The PTI is due soon. Dana was asked if it can be modified or extended. Dan Gill said to put together what is technically feasible. Phase I is to be completed August 2014. The Permit to Install (PTI) deadline is December 1, 2011. Dana said we need to have the data to back up our decision on how to make corrections and we need to know our system. The Long Term Control Plan is a binding document but can be modified. Dan reminded us that we must follow the NPES permit.

Strahley stated there is no guarantee that going down this path will work. Dan replied that the Plan can be changed if we have a better way to do it.

It was noted that the SSO was the main reason Dana came. Miller stated that doing the north/NE part of town is not what will fix this problem. Putting in a pipe will only solve the SSO problem.

Dana said the response letter needs a schedule & plan then in June reference the current letter. Decent monitoring may show improvement and help a lot. Hart voiced concerns about the future bringing new faces to the council table and EPA. Dana replied that the correspondence will be the reference material. Dan said the EPA will not stop us from achieving our goals less expensively.

Beverly moved to adjourn. Headley seconded. All voted yes. 11:40 a.m.

Mayor Larry Haver = &nb= sp; = &nb= sp; = &nb= sp; Diane Collins,
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