

UTILITIES COMMITTEE MINUTES

OF JULY 20, 2020

Municipal Council of the City of Vermilion
Municipal Complex, 685 Decatur Street, Vermilion, Ohio 44089

In Attendance: **Vermilion City Council:** *Steve Herron, President of Council; Monica Stark, Council at Large; Emily Skahen, Ward One; Frank Loucka, Ward Two; Steve Holovacs, Ward Three; Barb Brady, Ward Four; Brian Holmes, Ward Five; Gwen Fisher, Certified Municipal Clerk*
Administration: *Jim Forthofer, Mayor; Amy Hendricks, Finance Director; Chris Howard, City Engineer; C. Hartung, Police Chief; Tony Valerius, Service Director*

Call to Order: Frank Loucka, Chairman, RESOLVED THAT this Utilities Committee comprised of the committee of the whole does now come to order.

TOPIC ONE: Project Updates

T. Valerius updated council on the City-Wide Water Meter Replacement Project and stated to date there have been 2,572 residential meters installed. He said large meters are currently being installed and they should be halfway done with the meter installation by the end of the week. G. Fisher said she was approached today by a neighbor who stated that sections of Dogwood and Ridgeview were completed but other houses at the end of Ridgeview and Foxwood were not done, so he wondered if they were doing certain sections and if door hangers notifying the residents of the install were being provided to the residents. T. Valerius said the workers knock on the doors prior to the meter installation and they usually do sections of town at one time, so he wasn't sure if the workers were pulled off from that area to start installing the larger meters. E. Skahen said some houses have the new silver cap on the water meters and asked if there was a reason why some of the houses do not have them. T. Valerius said they all should have readers on the top of the lids.

M. Stark said it was brought to her attention that there was a house in Bluebird Beach where a big pile of rocks were dumped into a front yard by the city with regards to the meter project and they were told it would be there until late fall. She asked the service director if he heard anything about what is happening there. T. Valerius said the project will continue into the end of November and he was aware there was a valve that was replaced in Bluebird Beach, but the city will make sure this gets taken care of.

C. Howard reported the sanitary lateral inspections for Rowland, Aldrich, Cummings, and Overlook were completed and they received the videos. He is reviewing them and preparing the report of findings. The contractor of Great Lakes Pipeline Services had some equipment issues, which delayed them in getting the final reports to the city. He will provide the reports to Council at the next committee meeting. He said the sanitary sewer flow metering is being finalized and reviewed and he will have this to council for the next committee meeting as well.

He said with the OPWC release of Round 34, the city will have funding for Liberty Avenue (12" Water Main Replacement Phase 1 from Vermilion Road to South Shore Court). He will be preparing a proposal for this as it is a winter bid project.

F. Loucka adjourned the meeting upon no further discussion. The next meeting is scheduled for August 10, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.
