

UTILITIES COMMITTEE MINUTES
OF SEPTEMBER 21, 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 Hologacs, 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; Tony Valerius, Service Director; Chief Hartung*

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: **VOL Sanitary Sewer Laterals**

C. Howard said they prepared a preliminary construction estimate for repairing the laterals down four streets in VOL. The cost is a breakdown per street within the right of way and outside of the right of way. He said they did include cleanouts at the right of way, which is included in the city side portion of the project. They are assuming the road will be open cut and will be replaced in kind. The existing laterals will be removed at the main line connections, so they will have to replace parts of the main line at each connection. It is the cleanest way to make the connection watertight. A lot of the laterals have leaking joints at the main line, so it is assumed in the construction estimate as well. Obviously, there was no field work and it was based on record information and available county aerials. Both costs assume a 10 percent construction contingency.

Rowland Road – 40’ right of way – 10 laterals

Estimated Costs: Work inside ROW - \$48,700; Work outside ROW - \$30,300

Aldrich Road – 40’ right of way – 33 laterals

Estimated Costs: Work inside ROW - \$98,000; Work outside ROW - \$103,000

Cummings Road – 40’ right of way – 36 laterals

Estimated Costs: Work inside ROW - \$115,000; Work outside ROW - \$78,000

Overlook Road – 50’ right of way – 26 laterals

Estimated Costs: Work inside ROW - \$106,500; Work outside ROW - \$64,000

He said you must take into consideration that some of these have driveways and they are assuming the laterals are a straight shot to the house, so it’s a basis to start somewhere. The costs do not include replacing landscaping on private properties.

He said these estimates include replacing every lateral from the house to the city's main line.

B. Brady said it looks like it might cost the homeowners around \$3,000. C. Howard said the costs vary, but it is an average. He said they can look at funding through the Ohio EPA at a low interest. B. Brady thought the Neighborhood Revitalization Grant would be perfect for this because you must show that you are spending money to get money. She said they would need to do an income study. Mayor Forthofer said he talked with Tim King about this earlier in the year and he said there is no money available right now, so they are not accepting any applications. He said he can check again though.

F. Loucka adjourned the meeting upon no further discussion.

The next meeting is scheduled for October 19, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.
