

UTILITIES COMMITTEE MINUTES

JUNE 14, 2021

In Attendance: **Vermilion City Council:**
Steve Herron, President of Council; Monica Stark, Council at Large; Emily Skahen, Ward One; F. Loucka, Ward Two; Steve Holovacs, Ward Three; Barb Brady, Ward Four; Brian Holmes, Ward Five

Administration:
Jim Forthofer, Mayor; Chris Howard, City Engineer; Amy Hendricks, Finance Director; Chris Hartung, Police Chief

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: **Liberty Avenue Waterline (Between Vermilion Rd. & Park Drive)**

S. Holovacs said currently the city is replacing the waterline from South Shore Court to Vermilion Road. He said this leaves the last section from Vermilion Road to the bridge and the city has experienced numerous breaks at Park Drive and Vermilion Road over the years. There was a recent break that flooded Romp's and ruined some of their new parking lot because it undermined it. He said the main line serves the Lagoons by the park and Portage Drive. Park Drive is a dead-end line and Portage has a secondary feed to Willow under Vermilion River. When the main line between Vermilion and the river needs to be shut down, it shuts down the entire corridor at Park Drive, Quaker Steak, Huggy's, Romp's, and Vermilion Power Boats. He suggested the administration and City Engineer come back to Council after seeing what the cost would be to do this section. He said the last link to this is the line under the river, which is most crucial. He said they had this problem on Cliffside years ago. It was leaking and they did not know they were losing water because it was in the river.

F. Loucka said it sounds logical to him. S. Herron asked the mayor if the city could use the recovery money for this. Mayor Forthofer said it could contribute to part of it. There is also another wrinkle in this that has not been discussed, which may play into it. He felt it was worth looking into.

S. Holovacs said the EPA is talking to the city about the waterlines and this is one that keeps on breaking, and it damaged a parking lot to a business, and they are getting close to the river. They need to continue to push forward and get some of this done.

F. Loucka adjourned the meeting upon no further discussion.

The next meeting is scheduled for July 19, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. at the Vermilion Municipal Complex, 687 Decatur Street, Vermilion, Ohio.

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