

UTILITIES COMMITTEE MINUTES

OF FEBRUARY 11, 2019

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; John Gabriel, Ward One; Frank Loucka, Ward Two; Steve Holoavacs, Ward Three; Barb Brady, Ward Four; Brian Holmes, Ward Five.*

Administration: *Jim Forthofer, Mayor; Tony Valerius, Service Director; Chris Howard, City Engineer; Amy Hendricks, Finance Director; C. Hartung, Police Chief*

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

TOPIC ONE: **Harcourt Sanitary Sewer Laterals**

S. Herron reported that city engineer, Chris Howard provided city council with three (3) proposals on the Harcourt Sanitary Sewer laterals.

C. Howard stated he would like council to consider holding off on doing the lateral repairs as he would like to get some prices on flow meters and install them on a couple streets, so they can figure out how the storm water is getting in. He would hate to see the city spend money on fixing laterals until they try to figure out which streets have issues. They can then narrow it down and figure out how they will address the street(s). He is getting prices to either rent or purchase flow meters. S. Holoavacs said with placing two or three flow meters it may take a couple months per site and they can move them around and start getting data to see where the most infiltration is coming from.

S. Herron asked if they are looking for the source coming from the south to the north of where the most storm water is coming from with flow meters. C. Howard said they would probably put the flow meters at Edgewater and say Harcourt at the manhole because they will get an idea of the water coming down from Harcourt. They can compare it to the flow of rain data to see if there is a lot of rain water getting in. It's a better way of addressing the issue and obviously when the relining was designed 10 years ago, it was designed for sanitary only, but there is still I&I getting in, so they need to figure out where it's coming from.

F. Loucka asked how the flow meter data is going to be logged. C. Howard said a lot of the new flow meters have data loggers and you can send the information to the website and you can view the data. B. Brady thought this was an amazing idea as they looked at this years ago when Underground Utilities was in Vermilion, but at the time nobody was willing to go this route. She thought it makes sense and M. Stark agreed it would give the city a big picture of the situation. C. Howard said he would come back to council with some pricing.

S. Holoavacs adjourned the meeting after no further discussion came before the committee.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 11, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Gwen Fisher, Certified Municipal Clerk