

**UTILITIES COMMITTEE MINUTES**  
**OF OCTOBER 15, 2018**

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. Absent: Barb Brady, Ward Four; Brian Holmes, Ward Five.*

**Administration:**  
*Jim Forthofer, Mayor; Tony Valerius, Service Director; Chris Howard, City Engineer; Amy Hendricks, Finance Director*

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

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**TOPIC ONE:            Update of Televising Harcourt**

City Engineer Chris Howard provided council with a sanitary lateral video inspection report performed by Great Lakes Pipeline Services dated September 2018. This inspection summarizes each home of what was witnessed and whether there was obstruction or an issue within or outside the right of way. In addition, he provided council with an older plan they did years ago when they did the lining of the VOL project, which they updated to show current aerial, ownership names and addresses. He asked council to take an opportunity to review the report and they could discuss it at the November committee meeting. S. Holoavacs agreed that council should take time to review the report, as two of the members were unable to attend this meeting, which included the council representative for this ward. He asked council to forward questions to the engineer prior to the next meeting so he is ready to answer them at that time.

David Terken of 1042 State Street asked for a copy of this report and the clerk advised she would email the report to him.

Homer Taft of 3972 Edgewater Drive asked the clerk to email him a copy of the report as well. In addition, he asked if council could address next month the issue regarding disconnection of storm sewers where they have been identified.

F. Loucka thought it would be helpful to get a summary from the city engineer advising where action is needed so it focuses on what needs to be done. C. Howard explained he did identify this information on the inspection report he distributed.

S. Holoavacs asked council to send questions to the engineer prior to the next meeting and asked the service director to provide council with information on the downspout disconnections so it can be discussed at the next meeting as well.

C. Howard mentioned they witnessed eight laterals that have root balls within the right of way, six laterals that have joint separations within the right of way, two laterals outside of the right of way that have breaks that need to be addressed, and four homes that have root balls outside of the right of way. He said when you get into root balls it becomes a bigger issue because you're cutting into it, but there's no cleanout and some companies can't do it from the main line. If there is no cleanout then how do you get to the root ball inside the right of way without installing one. Therefore, he noted there needs to be discussion within council on how to repair it.

Dave Terken thinks the people have sewer lines without cleanouts. In this day in age with the types of excavation they need to install a cleanout. He thinks it's part of maintaining your system to have one. He has a sewer line coming to his house that it's 550 feet long and he installed three cleanouts, so he could clean it out properly.

S. Holovacs said this has been discussed in council for many years and residents aren't ordered to do this under any ordinance. This is something they can discuss more but a lot of the homes are grandfathered in.

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

*The next meeting is scheduled for October 15, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.*

*Gwen Fisher, Certified Municipal Clerk*

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