

City Of Olmsted Falls
Environmental Protection Board Meeting
Minutes of a regular meeting
March 10, 2016

Chair Owens called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

Roll call

Board Members: David Owens, Daila Shimek, Ron Maichle, and Michelle Hawkins were present. Also present: Council Liaison Terry Duncan and Chris Hartman for Don Sheehy, City Engineer

New Business

Mr. Maichle announced that the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District would be completing the outfall survey throughout the City this spring. Mr. Maichle stated the NEORSO storm water program is up and running, and cities can now apply for any community cost-sharing funds. He suggested the City get an application and see if any funds would be available. Councilperson Duncan asked if there was a deadline for the application, and does the money rollover from year to year. Mr. Maichle suggested checking with Jeff Jowett, water team leader for Olmsted Falls. Mr. Maichle thought the funds rollover for a period of 5 years before it started disappearing.

Mr. Hartman was asked if he was familiar with the cost-sharing program. He answered each town is required to sign into a service agreement. Nothing can happen until the service agreement procedure is in place. Mr. Maichle asked where Olmsted Falls was with this process. Mr. Hartman did not know at this time, but he knew the City had been notified.

City Engineer Report

- Working on MS4 Permit Annual Report, which is due April 1. Mr. Maichle asked if the Board could get a copy of the report when it is completed. Mr. Hartman – yes.

2016 is a banner year for storm water; many things are due this year

- All the ordinances for erosion, sediment control and storm water management need to be updated to meet the Ohio EPA permit standards. This must be completed by the end of the year.
- City has to update their five-year storm water program that was originally put together in 2003. Mr. Hartman stated the Board would be heavily involved in this update. Work has not been started on this, because the City is waiting for the model document that is being development by the Ohio EPA in partnership with the Chagrin River Watershed partners.
- Service departments, yard areas and any publicly owned facilities where equipment maintenance is done are required to have a storm water prevention plan specific those facilities. These need to be updated or created if they have not already been established. In 2017 onsite sampling will be started.

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Ms. Shimek - in regards to the NPDES storm water permit, how is the City doing with public information and education. Mr. Hartman – the City is on track with posting information in the newsletter and on the website. Public involvement would have been the rain barrel workshop, which was cancelled due to insufficient interest. Mr. Hartman stated the City would have to make this up some way. He suggested the Board might want to identify options at the next meeting. Mr. Hartman stated Council would be holding meetings this year regarding the updates of the storm water management program. This would be considered public involvement.

Service Department Report

Service Director Borczuch was unable to attend the meeting.

Minutes from December 3, 2015, were approved.

Next meeting will be June 9, 2016 at 5:15 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.



Terrie Grospitch, Secretary EPB



Date