

## Public Utilities Committee Minutes for 06 December 2024

Attending:

Mark Porter (MP)  
Chris Berger (CB) - Chair  
Eric Haibach  
Tim Young  
Mayor Koons

Meeting called to order at 9:01:47AM by CB. The meeting was held in person at The Village Hall.

1. MP advised solar project was still waiting for First Energy to sign off on the connection (Solicitor has approved the Indemnification Clause) and advise the FO so that the Village could apply for the government funds rebate. MP noted that the Village should review the efficacy of the project after a 12-24 month period and may want to consider additional solar panels for the Salt Dome, Village Hall, or Service Garage. Discussion was held concerning the orientation of the Salt Dome. All agreed we should proceed to make the Salt Dome as effective as possible – any solar panels would be a secondary consideration.
2. EH reported OPWC grant for Hemlock has been submitted. EH to prepare a 2025 OPWC grant submission for Hazelwood stormwater pipes.
3. No new action at 134 Fairview. Dry Basin to be put on project list for 2025 (estimated at \$40K). EH/TY talked to the homeowner. A cedar tree is at the northeast corner of the current pond. The homeowner would like to retain. EH to submit new sketches to the homeowner for approval. Then EH/TY to get contractor quotes upon approval from Council and homeowner to sign an easement agreement prepared by the Solicitor. WK to write letter to the residents updating status of project.
4. Central Detention Basin – TY and EH working with Mr. Excavator for the Hill repair. Planned to be completed by 12/31/24.
5. No report for discussion with Chagrin Falls regarding Industrial Park drainage.
6. No progress reported from MP on the license agreement for Kensington pond monitoring to the Kensington Board for review and action – waiting HOA response.
7. Reserve Trail – CB advised a continuing flooding issue. EH presented technical drawings to TY to review. They will advise a plan of action plan.
8. Maple Springs Culvert – Street Department inspected. Homeowner wants no action.
9. WK wanted to know if the Manor Brook Gardens project ever went to the ESID for funding. MP reported no.
10. Sugar Bush pond – WK inspected and thought that the silt pond had filled in to the point where dredging would be required. TY to investigate whether the project should be done in house or contracted out. MP suggested the Village split costs with the HOA. The Sugar Bush HOA needs to be re-organized in order to sign an agreement with the Village to have the work done. WK and EH agreed that the silt pond is a collecting point for all the dirt carried downstream from the

Manor Brook phase I project. CB pointed out that the costs should have been attached to the MB phase I project. Also noted that if MB phase II goes forward, the same problem will reappear. Costs should be included in the funding for MB phase II. WK suggested that Council authorize TY to get quotes from outside contractors to do the work.

Next meeting is unscheduled at this time.

MP moved to adjourn at 9:56:58AM. CB concurred.  
Submitted by

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Christopher J. Berger, Public Utilities Committee Chair