

Cuyahoga Falls City Council
Minutes of the Public Improvements Committee Meeting
November 5, 2007

Members: Jerry James, Chair
Debbie Ritzinger
Terry Mader

Mr. James called the meeting to order at 6:49 p.m. All members were present.

The minutes from the October 15, 2007 Public Improvements committee meeting were approved as submitted.

Legislation Considered

Temp. Ord. B-143

Discussion:

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An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract or contracts, according to law, for repairs as required by Project Partner Storm Water Inspection Program, and declaring an emergency.

Russ Kring stated this money was for repairs to one of the prequalified contracts. Mr. James asked if there were any major jobs which still needed to be completed. Mr. Kring stated there were not. They did four total sewer lateral repairs and eight residential repairs located throughout various areas of the City. The companies performing the work are Superior Drainage and Correct Plumbing. They were the only contractors who responded to the City's RFQ and stayed on the list once they were prequalified. Both companies bid against each other for each project. Mrs. Pyke asked if most of the repairs were done due to property sales or at the request of the residents. Mr. Kring stated out of 1,000 inspections, 90% were for real estate transactions. He distributed a list of the properties and costs that were done. He stated if property owners were unable to pay for the repairs, the amounts could be certified to the property taxes. Amounts under \$1,500 would be certified for five years and amounts over \$1,500 could be certified for ten years. They just ended their third year in the program on November 1 and performed 978 inspections. Of those, 482 passed, 389 failed and 107 were unable to be accessed. Mr. Gorbach stated he had his lateral inspected and found the companies to be courteous and professional. He has not heard any complaints from residents regarding any problems.

Mrs. Pyke asked if any other communities had programs like this. Mrs. Carr stated Stow is trying but their sewers are through Department of Environmental Services. Other communities have talked about doing this but we are still one of a kind.

Mr. Walters asked what the cause of the failed inspections was. Mr. Kring stated it was usually footer drains. Mrs. Pyke asked if they were requesting \$25,000 for the rest of the year. Mr. Kring indicated they were.

Committee recommended bringing out Temp. Ord. B-143.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.