

Record of Proceedings

Special Council Meeting

Held: September 7, 2017

CALL TO ORDER: The Village of Peninsula Special Council Meeting convened at 4:15 p.m. in the Peninsula Village Hall. Mayor Mayer called the meeting to order and initiated the roll call. The following members and officials were present:

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Michael Matusz	PRESENT	Douglas Mayor, Mayor	PRESENT
Mary Booth	PRESENT	Pamela Schneider	PRESENT
Carol Kramer	ABSENT	Daniel Schneider	PRESENT
Diane Holody	PRESENT		

Ms. Holody stated she received a call last week from Gary Silcott from Stantec. One of Stantec's tasks is to identify funding options for the wastewater system. The traditional funding options are few and far between because the Village does not meet the median household income funding requirements. As a result, Stantec and the Village Core Team have been looking for non-traditional sources of revenue. One source identified through RCAP is the United States Army Corps of Engineers. The Corps have had money for the last several years that it has been using for infrastructure projects. The Ohio Water Development authority asked for a list of communities that could be in need for funding from the Army Corps of Engineers. It asked for the application a couple weeks ago. Gary Silcott called and said he wanted Peninsula in this loop and that the Village would get the application back to them as soon as possible. There are no guarantees that the Village will receive money, but the Village certainly has a better chance having applied for it.

The Army Corps of Engineers has 6 districts in our region, and it usually funds \$1M-\$2M in a district, sometimes more. Some counties are split. The Village is in the Buffalo, New York District, and Southern Summit County is in the Huntington, West Virginia District. The gentleman from RCAP said there were several pending applications in the Huntington District but none in the Buffalo District. The Army Corps of Engineers (ACE) spreads its money between the districts. This application could be a good opportunity for the Village. Stantec would like our application as soon as possible, and at the latest, by the end of the week. Filing the application does not obligate the Village to take any money. The application requests one million dollars in grant money. Eventually, the application would go before the SCEIG Committee, and then the Village, as a community, along with its engineering group, present its case. SCEIG then works with the Village to come up with options for funding the project. There are several steps the Village would have to go through before any money could be received. This process would definitely get the Village's name on the list for potentially getting some funds.

The Mayor stated in the preliminary engineering report, Stantec came up with two best options 1) if we built our own plant, or 2) hook up with the County.

Ms. Holody stated the County solution would involve running a gravity line that Stantec estimates is almost \$2.5 million less than what the County estimated it would cost a few years ago. Even still, that option is one million dollars more than if the Village built its own facility. If the Village applies for this grant and is fortunate enough to get it, the Village would use the grant to reduce the cost to the residents for any capital costs that the Village would be charged with. For example, Stantec has another community, Murray City, that it is working with (a Village down in Hocking County) and Carbon City. The County is going to do the project, which is over \$20 million, including approximately \$13 million to update the treatment system. It will cost \$3.7 million for Murray City to run its gravity line to the County system and \$3.3 million for Carbon City to run its line to the County system. Murray City doesn't have any money, so they are applying to the ACE for one million dollars through the Huntington District. So even though Murray City may not be building its own system, it is applying for the money to offset the costs to the residents.

Stantec stated receiving the one million dollar grant would reduce the cost to the residents. There was another community called Lordsway in Southern Ohio that did get three million dollars from the Army Corps of Engineers last year, and that is what prompted Stantec and the Core Team to look into this funding source.

The question was asked if the Village could apply every year for funding. There is no application due date, so applications can be filed whenever the ACE has the money. The Village can apply every year based on the projects it has. But if the Village gets its project on the ACE list, it has a better chance of getting some funding.

Mayor Mayer stated he is against filing this application since the Village does not have an engineering report at this time. No decision on what kind of system the Village would put in from a range of 3-4 systems has been made. The Ohio EPA letter suggesting collaboration with the County was read by Council. When the County did its review in 2015, it estimated a system connecting to the County would cost eight million dollars.

Ms. Holody mentioned the Ohio EPA stated the Wastewater Team from Peninsula is doing a great job and makes the community knowledgeable.

MOTION: To authorize Stantec to file a grant application on behalf of Peninsula for monies for the sewer system and having the Mayor sign the application. If the Mayor declines to sign it, then the Council is authorizing Council President Pro Tem Dan Schneider to execute the application on behalf of the Village.

MOTION TO PASS made by: Ms. Holody; seconded by Mr. Matusz. Votes were: Matusz, yes; Booth, yes; Holody, yes; P. Schneider, yes. D. Schneider, yes. The motion passed 5-0.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Made by Ms. Schneider and seconded by Ms. Holody.

All in favor – yes; all opposed – no. Meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Douglas G. Mayer, Mayor Date

Douglas G. Mayer 11-20-2017

John Stiegel, Fiscal Officer Date

John Stiegel 11/14/17