**NORTH RIDGEVILLE CITY COUNCIL**
**UTILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**
**COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 6:30 p.m.**
**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2018**

**To Order:**
Chairman Dennis Boose called the Utilities Committee meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**Attendance:**
Members present: Chairman Dennis Boose, Councilman Gregg Westover and Councilman Martin DeVries.

Also present: Mayor David Gillock, City Council President Kevin Corcoran, Councilman Bruce Abens, President of Bramhall Engineering - Mike Bramhall, Councilwoman Michelle Hung, Assistant Clerk of Council Tara L. Peet, Auditor Jeff Wilcheck, Engineer Dan Rodriguez, Safety-Service Director Jeff Armbruster, Superintendent of the Service Department Al Swindig, Law Director Brian Moriarty and Clerk of Council Nancy Linden.

**Minutes:**
Chairman Boose asked for any corrections to the minutes of September 4, 2018. No discussion was offered. The minutes stand approved as submitted.

**Discussion regarding T 90-2018:**
Chairman Boose went through the redline changes provided by the Law Department from the suggestions of the Chairman and the Committee. He noted additional changes. In Exhibit "A", under .02, the word "Division" should be removed from letter (a) to be consistent with letter (b). In .03(a), the word "fee" should read "charge" to be consistent. In .10 the word "commercial" should read "non-residential" as was pointed out by the Director of Utilities and to be consistent. In .11(b), Chairman Boose suggested striking the language and inserting "Delinquencies in payment will follow the procedures established in N.R.C.O. 1046.08, *Delinquent Accounts; Discontinuance of Service*."

Chairman Boose opened the discussion up to the Administration in regard to giving credits to HOA's for detention basins.

Engineer Rodriguez stated he, Council President, Al Swindig and Safety-Service Director Armbruster met with Bramhall Engineering to discuss the potential for HOA credits or subdivisions with an HOA that have detention basins. He noted they are looking into adding a credit to the manual and what the administrative costs would be to implement the credit. He noted the credit would be eight percent.

Chairman Boose asked what the timeframe would be on receiving the information.

<u>Mike Bramhall, President of Bramhall Engineering:</u> stated subdivisions after 1995 have stormwater management in place. What needs to be looked at is the administrative cost to implement the credit.

Safety-Service Director Armbruster stated the expert on the matter; Lou was unable to be at the meeting. Once they speak to him, he can get the information needed and the Administration will report back to the Committee hopefully by next week.

Chairman Boose asked who monitors the stormwater plans that HOA's have in place now. He further asked if there was a review of the ponds and systems.

Engineer Rodriguez stated the City has certain detention ponds they are responsible for but the HOA's are responsible for their own maintenance and care. They are required to report to the Ohio EPA annually. Some of the HOA's are delinquent on the reporting and the City receives letters to that effect.

Chairman Boose asked how many HOA's are in compliance.

Engineer Rodriguez stated he would guess about eighty percent.

Mayor Gillock stated if the City is notified the HOA isn't compliant, the City goes out and takes a look.

Chairman Boose asked for any comments from the Committee. No discussion was offered.

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Chairman Boose asked for any comments from the audience.

Kim Stermole, 37872 Sugar Ridge Road: stated she heard last meeting there would be no credits afforded to HOA's. She noted in this meeting it is being discussed to issue credits. She asked if she can receive a credit as her property absorbs the water.

Chairman Boose stated no because that is not how the legislation is written.

Ms. Stermole asked if she constructed a pond can she have a credit.

Chairman Boose stated credits are only given to non-residential properties and asked if the Administration wanted to address the question.

Mayor Gillock stated HOA's already pay a monthly fee to maintain formal detention ponds. He noted they were discussing a ten to fifteen cent credit. The fee is not just for individual property – it is to handle stormwater throughout the City.

Ms. Stermole asked after she pays her fee will there be a difference in her backyard.

Mayor Gillock stated probably not, but there will be a difference for streets that flood.

Engineer Rodriguez stated when credits for businesses are discussed, the fee could be up to $9,000-$10,000 a year. The City wants to be business friendly. The schools would be about $18,000 annually.

Chairman Boose asked if the credit manual was finalized.

Mr. Bramhall stated it is about ninety-five percent complete. He could have it prepared for the next Council meeting.

Chairman Boose stated he looks forward to the responses from tonight's meeting and a future meeting will be set to continue moving forward.

**Adjournment:**
Chairman Boose adjourned the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

Date Approved: _____

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Tara L. Peet, MMC
Assistant Clerk of Council