



# ***CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE***

**Engineering Department  
Daniel Rodriguez, P.E., City Engineer**

## **DRAINAGE AND FLOOD CONTROL BOARD**

### **Minutes for Tuesday, October 24, 2017 Meeting**

Meeting called to order by City Engineer Daniel Rodriguez at 7:00 p.m.

In attendance were:

Ed Dunham	Dennis Boose	Bob Chapek
Mike Gillespie	Eugene Kleinholz	
Assistant City Engineer Cathy Becker		
City Engineer Daniel Rodriguez	Resident Rick Szalkowski	

### **Old Business**

- A. Minutes for April 25, 2017 Meeting**
- B. Minutes for July 25, 2017 Meeting**

City Engineer Daniel Rodriguez said that since there was not a quorum of seven members present, the minutes could not be voted on.

### **New Business**

- A. City Engineer Daniel Rodriguez Expressed Condolences to the Family of Former Board Member Rosemary Berg and her Family and thanked her for her years of service to the Board of Drainage and Flood Control.**
- B. City Engineer Daniel Rodriguez welcomed New Board Member Mike Gillespie.** Board Member Mike Gillespie said he wished that there was a quorum present, and Board Member Dennis Boose agreed. Board Member Dennis Boose suggested that Council Persons replace the Board members who do not attend the meetings. Board Member Gene Kleinholz agreed. It was determined that the Board Members from Ward 3 did not attend most of the meetings in 2017, and the Ward 3 Council Person should probably contact them and ask if they want to continue being on the Board. If not, they should be replaced. Board Member Bob Chapek said that he would call the Board Members in his ward to remind them to attend the meetings and ask if they wanted to continue on the Board. City Engineer Daniel Rodriguez agreed that Board Members needed to be asked if they want to continue serving on the Board.

**New City Engineer and Chairman of the Board of Drainage and Flood Control Daniel Rodriguez introduced himself.** He said he has 14 years of experience, and he graduated with a civil engineering degree from Youngstown State University. He was employed at the Lorain County Engineer's Office from 2003 to 2007 and with the City of Lorain from 2007 until October 2017. He has most of his experience in transportation, structures and municipal work. The City of Lorain was larger than North Ridgeville but has most of the same types of issues. He believes in addressing problems quickly. He also said that the Engineering Department needs a larger staff to get control over the numerous city projects and private projects including storm water issues. He would like to expand the services provided by the Department, but he is already falling behind on projects. Everything is going well and he likes the challenges of the work. He asked each Board Member to introduce themselves.

Board Member Ed Dunham said that he has been on the Board for more than 12 years. He lives on Chesterfield Drive where it used to flood. He has experience in storm water quality sampling.

Resident Rick Szalkowski said he regularly attends the meetings. He has lived in North Ridgeville since 1994 on Highland Drive. It has flooded there, and he walks the ditches and checks the storm water basins to look for and remove obstructions.

Board Member Bob Chapek said he is the Council Person for Ward 4. He has lived here since 1972 and he has watched the flooding start to happen in his Mills Creek neighborhood. The flooding situation has lessened recently.

Board Member Dennis Boose said he has lived here since 1990, been on City Council since 1999, and been on the Board of Drainage and Flood Control since 2005. He also walks the ditches with waders on and looks for obstructions. He agreed that resident Rick Szalkowski walks a lot of ditches and helps prevent potential flooding by finding and having obstructions removed.

Board Member Gene Kleinholz said he has lived in North Ridgeville since 1955. He said he has been a civil servant under eight mayors. He was first a Water Foreman in the Service Department, but most of his career was as a firefighter medic. He is retired and he believes the Board is valuable and does an important job. He said the Board Members helps to take the heat off the administration when they deal with residents' drainage complaints.

Board Member Mike Gillespie said he is the new kid, and he has been a resident for 14 years. He was a master plumber and has been retired for three years. He worked for Moen for 20 years. He worked for a plastic pipe company as a field representative who met with cities to get approval for their products. He also worked for a German pipe joint company. He would like to get involved in politics, but his wife does not want him to do that. He is looking forward to working on this Board.

#### **C. Assistant City Engineer Cathy Becker Discussed the Ohio Turnpike Grant Update – Reroute 72 Inch Pipe to West Point Retention Basin**

Assistant City Engineer Cathy Becker displayed the GIS map and explained that storm water from the Turnpike culvert would be redirected to West Point Retention Basin and Dixon Ditch instead of the Mills Ditch and Robinson Ditch which flow through the Gina/Pitts area. Flow from the existing 72-inch diameter culvert under the Turnpike has been redirected to a 54-inch storm sewer and then to West Point Retention Basin. There is a small amount of flow still heading north through a 15-inch storm sewer. She said that the Turnpike grant amount is \$352,000 and the city share is about \$80,000. She said that construction is completed except for punchlist items and displayed photos of the construction and restored Turnpike right of way.

#### **D. Items from Committee Members:**

Board Member Ed Dunham asked if what he heard about the Center Ridge Road Widening project being delayed one year was true, and City Engineer Daniel Rodriguez said no. Board Member Ed Dunham also asked about the storm water utility program progress. It was discussed that attorneys were working on legal issues currently. Board Member Mike Gillespie asked what the program was for, and City Engineer Dan Rodriguez explained that the monthly fee would be on the residents' utility bill. He said the fees would be used for ditch cleaning, construction of storm water improvement projects, and design of storm water improvement projects.

Board Member Gene Kleinholz asked if the city was going to apply for the Senate Bill 310 Capital Improvements grant again, and City Engineer Dan Rodriguez said yes. He said the city is meeting with the consultant preparing the application in the next week or so.

Board Member Gene Kleinholz said he still sees sanitary sewer risers on the west end of Center Ridge Road. He wondered why they were not tied into the sanitary sewer yet since the sewer was built in 2006. Board Member Dennis Boose suggested that he get addresses of these locations. Assistant City Engineer Cathy Becker said that the Lorain County General Health District enforces connection to sanitary sewer mains and that the risers may just not have been cut down after they were tied into the sewer.

Board Member Gene Kleinholz said that they used to get copies of the reports showing where the septic systems needed to be tied into sanitary sewer mains. Assistant City Engineer Cathy Becker displayed this year's storm water outfall screening and sampling report and the letter forwarding the results to the Lorain County General Health District.

Board Member Gene Kleinholz said that he had heard that someone had placed another board in front of the outlet structure on the Jones Ditch retention basin at Terrell Drive in Waterbury. It was discussed that this would reduce the retention volume of the basin, and the Engineering Department would check it out. City Engineer Daniel Rodriguez said that for non-emergency issues, the Engineering Department and the city should not be going onto private property to do storm water inspections. This work uses valuable city resources that could be applied to other issues.

Board Member Mike Gillespie asked if the homeowner placing the splash block across the outlet structure would be sent a letter by the city. City Engineer Daniel Rodriguez said that the homeowners' association would get the letter. He explained that there are other situations where the homeowner would get the letter. There is a situation now where a homeowner has filled in a retention basin.

Board Member Gene Kleinholz asked if there were storm water management calculations and a plan for the new Cross Creek Subdivision. Assistant City Engineer Cathy Becker showed him the calculations and basin plan.

Board Member Gene Kleinholz said that the Lickorish Ditch by his property on Stoney Ridge Road needs to be cleaned, and the city can use his property for access.

Resident Rick Szalkowski said that it would be beneficial if homeowners could be notified that it would help to clean leaves and large piles of snow off of roadway catch basins in front of their property so that the flow is not obstructed during storms. He says he frequently cleans the ones near his property. Board Member Dennis Boose suggested that an article be placed in the quarterly newsletter.

Resident Rick Szalkowski said that there is a sand bar or large sediment mound in front of the inlet of the box culvert at Jaycox and Mills Roads. There is much vegetation growing on the mound, and it needs to be removed so that the flow is not obstructed.

City Engineer Daniel Rodriguez stated that the next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, January 23, 2018 in the Conference Room.

City Engineer Daniel Rodriguez adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Daniel Rodriguez  
City Engineer

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