



**Hemlock Creek
Watershed Sanitary Sewer
Facilities Plan**

**City of Seven Hills
Cuyahoga County, Ohio**

July 2013

Hemlock Creek Watershed Sanitary Sewer
City of Seven Hills
Cuyahoga County, Ohio

FACILITIES PLANNING

1) Project Summary

The project is located within the Hemlock Creek Watershed which is a subwatershed of the Cuyahoga River North Watershed in the City of Seven Hills, Cuyahoga County and State of Ohio. The following table summarizes the location of the streets with home sewage treatment systems (HSTS) to be removed within the project area.

Street	No. of HSTS	House No. Range
Cherry Lane	49	488 to 2120
Hillside Road	32	845 to 2441
Mary Lane	10	2675 to 2751
Mary Lane North	10	2301 to 2651
Mary Lane North	11	2151 to 2660
Nemet Drive	55	637 to 1846
Oak Lane	11	7096 to 7200
Seven Hills Boulevard	23	7021 to 7193
Shady Lane	28	2125 to 3075
Twilight Drive	68	224 to 1085
Total	297	

See CT Consultants Basis of Design Report Figures 1 and 2 which illustrate the Hemlock Creek Watershed Area and Project Vicinity Map.

The project includes installation of 16,460 feet of 8” diameter sanitary sewer which will provide service to 297 properties with HSTS. See CT Consultants (Basis of Design Report) Appendix G which lists the existing HSTS systems in the City of Seven Hills provided by the Cuyahoga County Board of Health. The project will additionally include improvements to pavements, storm sewer system, and water main.

2) Existing Conditions/Future Needs

a) *Delineation of planning and service areas (maps)*

The project encompasses the remaining unsewered areas of the City of Seven Hills with exception to seven properties on Rockside Road not included in the project. See CT Consultants (Basis of Design Report) Figures 1 and 2

b) *Existing pollution/water quality problems*

Attached is a letter from the Cuyahoga County Board of Health (dated 2/18/2010) related to outfalls within the Hemlock Creek Watershed. The results indicate that the

watershed is experiencing high counts of fecal coliform bacteria which is related to failing septic systems within the watershed.

c) Type/condition/limitations of existing wastewater systems, as applicable, including:

i) Unsewered areas

This project is the last phase of unsewered area listed in the City of Seven Hills.

ii) Package WWTPs – Not Applicable

iii) I/I analysis for separate sanitary sewers

See CT Basis of Design Report Appendix E.

iv) CSO study for combined sewers – Not Applicable

d) Present/revised permit limits, if any – Not Applicable

e) Present and future population (20 year projection) –

Present Population 11,724 (2012) & Future Population 13,000

f) Present and future land use (20 year projection)

Table 3.1 shows the present Land Use for the entire city taken from the City of Seven Hills Master Plan authored by the Cuyahoga County Planning Commission. For the immediate project area, it is zoned Single-Family Residential. There is vacant land within the project area where steep ravines exist and development is unlikely. No changes are anticipated with regards to land use in the immediate project area.

Table 3.1. Land Use Inventory		
Acreage Estimates by Land Use for the City of Seven Hills		
Land Use Category	Acreage	Percentage of Total
Single-Family Residential	2,000.0	66.5%
Vacant	404.0	13.0%
Street Rights-of-Way	372.0	11.8%
Recreational	65.0	2.1%
Institutional	56.0	1.8%
Utility	50.0	1.6%
Retail Commercial	30.0	1.1%
Office	30.0	1.0%
Two-Family Residential	11.0	0.4%
Multi-Family Residential	1.0	0.0%
Total	3,144.0	100.0%

g) Present and future design flows by category

See Table 1 on page 15 of CT Consultants Basis of Design Report.

h) Sensitive environmental features or resources

None - The site is located in a residential area.

3) Feasible Alternatives (Solutions)

a) No-action

Not Applicable as the City of Seven Hills is an MS4 Community which the NPDES permit program requires the area to be either sewered or individual property owners file an Ohio EPA permit to discharge. Council unanimously voted to sewer the project area.

b) Optimum utilization of existing systems

A majority of the lots in the project area are small. Small lot sizes and poor soil conditions prohibit the abatement of these discharges through the installation of replacement home sewage treatment systems in the project area. Therefore, use of the existing systems is prohibited.

d) Flow reduction/water conservation – Not Applicable

- e) *Unsewered areas - appropriate on-site vs centralized treatment alternatives*
A majority of the lots in the project area are small. Small lot sizes and poor soil conditions prohibit the abatement of these discharges through the installation of replacement home sewage treatment systems in the project area. Therefore, use of the existing systems is prohibited.
- f) *I/I problems - removal vs transport and treat, including sewer rehabilitation, sewer replacement, flow equalization, etc.*
Not Applicable
- g) *CSO problems - determine cost beneficial level of treatment; then compare sewer separation, in-line storage, off-line storage, treatment at each overflow, etc. as appropriate*
Not Applicable
- h) *WWTP - appropriate wet stream and solids handling processes –*
Not Applicable

4) Alternative Selection

- a) *Determine and compare present worth costs for each alternative (include capital, O,M&R, and salvage value costs)*
See CT Consultants Basis of Design Report including Appendix O.
- b) *Identify and compare adverse environmental impacts for each alternative*
The design does not have an adverse environmental impact. The project is utilizing gravity flow without the need for pump stations. See CT Consultants Basis of Design Report Appendices A & B for the environmental summary. Additionally, the planned course of the new sanitary line avoids steep terrain and environmental impacts to the unnamed tributary of the Hemlock Creek.
- c) *Incorporate input from other review agencies/departments, as appropriate: OHPO, ODNR (floodplains, natural areas, parks, wildlife) Ohio EPA-DDAGW, local/regional planning agency, ACOE, USFWS, etc.)*
See Plate 1 with the attached letters of support from the Cuyahoga County Board of Health and Cuyahoga County Soil and Water Conservation District.
- d) *Select the cost-effective alternative(s) based on monetary and non-monetary factors*
See CT Consultants Basis of Design Report including Appendix O.
- e) *Describe selected alternative(s) in detail, including preliminary basis of design, line item costs, etc.*
See CT Consultants Basis of Design Report including Appendix O.

f) Provide an implementation schedule

See Attachment – Plate 2

5) Environmental Impacts/Mitigation (in facilities planning document/files)

a) Describe the nature, magnitude, and duration of all potential primary and secondary adverse environmental impacts associated with the selected alternative(s)

See CT Consultants Basis of Design Report including Appendices A and B.

b) Detail the structural and non-structural measures that will be used to avoid or otherwise mitigate each of these potential adverse impacts. Examples include specific storm water best management practices like sedimentation basins and specific ordinances to protect riparian corridors and wetlands from development impacts

See CT Consultants Basis of Design Report Section C.

6) Project Financing/User Costs/Implementation

a) Provide a breakdown of total project costs

See CT Consultants Basis of Design Report Appendix H for the Engineer's Opinion of Probable Costs.

b) Identify other approved or potential supplementary sources of project funding

It is planned to apply for Ohio Public Works Commission, Water Pollution Control Loan Fund, Congress Appropriation, NEORS D Storm Water Management Program funding, City of Cleveland Division of Water and/or property owner special assessments. The City of Cleveland has already committed to funding the watermain replacement for select streets.

c) Determine the anticipated user costs based on existing debt, project-related debt, and annual O,M&R costs

Existing debt (planning/engineering) is to be included in the assessment. See CT Consultants Basis of Design Report Appendix M for project related debt. Annual O, M & R costs will be covered by the annual sanitary sewer fee charged by the City of Seven Hills based on frontage which currently is \$0.95 per foot of frontage.

d) Identify any other homeowner costs (assessments, tap fees, lateral costs, etc.) that could be associated with the project

Besides special assessments, the property owner will be responsible to abandon the septic tank and to connect the house to the lateral. Costs generally range between \$3,000 and \$7,000 depending on length of connection, number of connections and orientation of the plumbing within the structure.

- e) *O,M&R costs must be distributed proportionately among user classes to achieve a proportional user charge system, while debt service does not have to be. Please provide copies of your sewer use ordinance, and wastewater and water rate ordinances*

See Plate 3 for Seven Hills Codified Ordinance 729.03. The water system is owned, operated, maintained, and charged by the City of Cleveland through a Joint Economic Development agreement.

7) Public Participation - Depends on project type, if existing rates cover project costs, and prior public notification and participation activities, etc. Choose one or more:

- a) **Public meeting - introduction to WPCLF, facilities planning, and problem(s) to be addressed by proposed WPCLF projects; provide adequate advance public notice, register attendance, and compile general meeting notes; where public is already somewhat familiar with potential project, this meeting may be more oriented toward alternative evaluation and selection (in some cases, this meeting may be discretionary)**

See Plate 4 for Sewer Committee meeting notes discussing the project (these meetings are posted and open to the public), separate meeting held with Oak Lane residents (Private Street), Parma Sun Post new story, and City newsletter project updates. Also see CT Consultants Basis of Design Report Appendix N.

- b) *Public hearing - summary of facilities planning, including existing problem(s), alternatives evaluated, proposed project, environmental impacts, costs, and implementation schedule; provide adequate advance public notice, make draft facilities plan available for public review prior to public hearing, register attendance, and compile a hearing transcript (a public hearing may be required)*

To be determined

- c) *Additional meetings, fact sheet distribution, etc. are encouraged throughout the planning process, and may be required should the project change significantly subsequent to the initial public meeting/hearing*

See CT Consultants Basis of Design Report Appendix N.

Tables to Complete

Table 1. Project Cost Summary (Annual Costs per User)	
Item	Costs
Total Project Costs (Sanitary Sewer Portion)	\$3,833,287
* Planning/Design (Sanitary Sewer Portion)	\$505,987
* Construction (Sanitary Sewer Portion)	\$3,327,300
Year 2010 Total Annual O,M&R Cost of WWTP and Collection System	\$362,973
Estimated Post-Project (2018) Total Annual O,M&R Costs of WWTP and Collection System	\$400,000
Year 2010 Total WWTP and Collection System Annual Debt Retirement	\$112,648
New Debt on Proposed Wastewater Project	\$3,833,287
Estimated Post-Project (2018) WWTP and Collection System Annual Debt Retirement	\$385,000
Total Annual Costs	
2010	\$475,621
2018	\$785,000
Existing (2010) Residential Wastewater Service Rate	Inside Users: \$5.85 per month min. plus \$5.255 per 100 c.f. Any Outside Users? None
Projected (2016*) Residential Wastewater Service Rate (*2018 not available)	Inside Users: \$7.20 per month min. plus \$7.985 per 100 c.f.

Table 2. Current Number of Users in Each User Class and Flow Figures.			
User Class	# Users	Average daily Flow (MGD)	Peak Flow (MGD)
Residential	5,226	0.5955	2.0951
Commercial	277	0.0188	0.06956
Institutional			
Industrial			
Total Other	41	0.0028	0.01036
Totals	5,526	0.6171	2.175

Table 3. Future (2018) Number of Users in Each User Class and Flow Figures.			
User Class	# Users	Average daily Flow (MGD)	Peak Flow (MGD)
Residential	5,523	0.6293	2.2067
Commercial	277	0.0188	0.06956
Institutional	1	.02	.074
Industrial			
Total Other	41	0.0028	0.01036
Totals	5,842	0.6709	2.361



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February 18, 2010

Congressman Dennis Kucinich
Parmatown Mall
7904 Day Drive
Parma, Ohio 44129

Re: Section 594 Appropriations, Letter of Support

Dear Congressman Kucinich:

The City of Seven Hills, Ohio is applying for Section 594 Appropriations for the Hemlock Creek Watershed Sanitary Sewer Project. The Cuyahoga County Board of Health supports this project, as it will eliminate approximately 307 Household Sewage Treatment Systems (HSTs) within the City. Over 85% of these systems are not capable of meeting current water quality standards due to their age and design based upon HSTs evaluations and water quality sampling that has been conducted by our agency.

The vast majority of the HSTs within the City discharge their effluent into a storm sewer system. This project will therefore also assist the City in meeting its Phase II Storm Water requirements by eliminating these illicit discharges from the storm sewer systems. Water quality sampling results for fecal coliform bacteria within the Watershed have been found to be as high as 1,710,000 colonies / 100ml of water; a public health nuisance condition exists when fecal coliform bacteria levels exceed 5000 colonies / 100ml of water. These elevated bacterial levels put the public's health at risk to exposure to waterborne pathogens.

This project will be of great benefit to our agency through the resulting improvement in water quality, not only in the Watershed, but to Lake Erie. Additionally, the installation of storm water BMPs that will address both storm water quantity and quality issues will reduce flooding and pollutant impacts from surface water runoff.

Sincerely,

John McLeod, R.S., M.P.H.
Director
Environmental Health Services

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February 18, 2010

Mark Papke, P.E. – City Engineer
City of Seven Hills
7325 Summitview Drive
Seven Hills, OH 44131

Re: Seven Hills Section 594 Environmental Infrastructure Project

Dear Mr. Papke:

On behalf of the Cuyahoga Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) Storm Water Program, I am pleased to express our support for your Environmental Infrastructure project and to confirm our agreement to collaborate with you to make this proposed project a success.

Installation of storm water quality and quantity Best Management Practices (BMPs) within the Hemlock Creek watershed will be a significant improvement and will present a unique opportunity within the City of Seven Hills to highlight the benefits of water quality treatment and volume reduction BMPs.

Cuyahoga SWCD Storm Water Program staff is pleased to collaborate with the City of Seven Hills towards the overall goal of water quality improvement. Storm Water Program staff look forward to working with you on this project, and encourage the reviewers to support your efforts.

Sincere regards,



Todd A. Houser, CPESC, CPSSc
Storm Water Program Manager
Cuyahoga SWCD

Hemlock Creek Watershed - Tentative Project Schedule

	2010				2011				2012				2013				2014				2015				2016				2017			
	Qtr 1	Qtr 2	Qtr 3	Qtr 4	Qtr 1	Qtr 2	Qtr 3	Qtr 4	Qtr 1	Qtr 2	Qtr 3	Qtr 4	Qtr 1	Qtr 2	Qtr 3	Qtr 4	Qtr 1	Qtr 2	Qtr 3	Qtr 4	Qtr 1	Qtr 2	Qtr 3	Qtr 4	Qtr 1	Qtr 2	Qtr 3	Qtr 4	Qtr 1	Qtr 2	Qtr 3	Qtr 4
PLANNING																																
Flow Monitoring Downstream Conditions	[Gantt bars: Q1-Q4 2010, Q1-Q4 2011, Q1-Q4 2012, Q1-Q4 2013]																															
Environmental Site Assessment Screening	[Gantt bars: Q1-Q4 2010, Q1-Q4 2011, Q1-Q4 2012, Q1-Q4 2013]																															
Televising - Existing Storm in Project Area	[Gantt bars: Q1-Q4 2010, Q1-Q4 2011, Q1-Q4 2012, Q1-Q4 2013]																															
Televising - Existing Sanitary Downstream	[Gantt bars: Q1-Q4 2010, Q1-Q4 2011, Q1-Q4 2012, Q1-Q4 2013]																															
Planning - Basis of Design	[Gantt bars: Q1-Q4 2010, Q1-Q4 2011, Q1-Q4 2012, Q1-Q4 2013]																															
Council Review and Approval	[Gantt bars: Q1-Q4 2010, Q1-Q4 2011, Q1-Q4 2012, Q1-Q4 2013]																															
Facilities Planning	[Gantt bars: Q1-Q4 2010, Q1-Q4 2011, Q1-Q4 2012, Q1-Q4 2013]																															
Ohio EPA Review of Plan	[Gantt bars: Q1-Q4 2010, Q1-Q4 2011, Q1-Q4 2012, Q1-Q4 2013]																															
Apply for WPCLF Design Loan	[Gantt bars: Q1-Q4 2010, Q1-Q4 2011, Q1-Q4 2012, Q1-Q4 2013]																															
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Easement Appraisals	[Gantt bars: Q1-Q4 2014, Q1-Q4 2015, Q1-Q4 2016, Q1-Q4 2017]																															
Easement Acquisition	[Gantt bars: Q1-Q4 2014, Q1-Q4 2015, Q1-Q4 2016, Q1-Q4 2017]																															
Plan, Specification, and Estimate	[Gantt bars: Q1-Q4 2014, Q1-Q4 2015, Q1-Q4 2016, Q1-Q4 2017]																															
Agency Reviews	[Gantt bars: Q1-Q4 2014, Q1-Q4 2015, Q1-Q4 2016, Q1-Q4 2017]																															
Apply for WPCL Construction Loan	[Gantt bars: Q1-Q4 2014, Q1-Q4 2015, Q1-Q4 2016, Q1-Q4 2017]																															
OPWC Application for funding	[Gantt bars: Q1-Q4 2014, Q1-Q4 2015, Q1-Q4 2016, Q1-Q4 2017]																															
Tentative Assessments Issued/Equilization Board	[Gantt bars: Q1-Q4 2014, Q1-Q4 2015, Q1-Q4 2016, Q1-Q4 2017]																															
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Award	[Gantt bars: Q1-Q4 2016, Q1-Q4 2017]																															
Construction	[Gantt bars: Q1-Q4 2016, Q1-Q4 2017]																															
PUBLIC INPUT																																
Council Meetings & Public Works Committee	[Hatched bars: Q1-Q4 2010, Q1-Q4 2011, Q1-Q4 2012, Q1-Q4 2013, Q1-Q4 2014, Q1-Q4 2015, Q1-Q4 2016, Q1-Q4 2017]																															
Meeting with Oak Lane Residents	[Hatched bars: Q1-Q4 2010, Q1-Q4 2011, Q1-Q4 2012, Q1-Q4 2013, Q1-Q4 2014, Q1-Q4 2015, Q1-Q4 2016, Q1-Q4 2017]																															
City Newsletter Project updates	[Hatched bars: Q1-Q4 2010, Q1-Q4 2011, Q1-Q4 2012, Q1-Q4 2013, Q1-Q4 2014, Q1-Q4 2015, Q1-Q4 2016, Q1-Q4 2017]																															

CHAPTER 729
Sewer Rates

- 729.01 Declaration of necessity.
- 729.02 Definitions.
- 729.03 Computation of charges.
- 729.031 Capital cost surcharge for Shar-Bon Area. (Repealed)
- 729.04 Billing and collection.
- 729.05 Collection of delinquent bills.
- 729.06 Bylaws and regulations.
- 729.07 Use of moneys.
- 729.08 Waiver of sewer rental charge.

CROSS REFERENCES

- Finance Director's responsibilities for funds - see CHTR. Art. V, §3
- Sewage and sewers - see S. & P. S. Ch. 721
- Trunk Sewer No. 1, permits and fees - see S. & P. S. Ch. 722
- Owner's responsibilities for underground utilities - see P. & Z.
Chap. 915
- Chap. 915

729.01 DECLARATION OF NECESSITY.

It is hereby determined and declared to be necessary and conducive to the public health, safety, and welfare and the convenience of the City and its inhabitants to operate the sanitary sewer and storm drainage systems in the City as a public utility and to levy and collect maintenance charges upon all lands, lots, and premises served by having connections with such and/or being served with such systems. Such charges, when collected, shall be used for the purposes hereinafter provided.

(Ord. 40-1982. Passed 5-24-82.)

729.02 DEFINITIONS.

As used in this chapter, "sewage" means water or water-borne wastes and "industrial wastes" means liquid wastes resulting from any commercial, manufacturing, or industrial operation or process, which water-borne or liquid wastes enter the City sewerage systems, or any portion thereof from any premises having a connection therewith. "Storm drainage systems" means road ditches, storm sewers, culverts and/or natural watercourses which conduct the natural drainage of the City.

(Ord. 40-1982. Passed 5-24-82.)

729.03 COMPUTATION OF CHARGES.

(a) Pursuant to the provisions of Ohio R.C. 729.49 and related sections of the Ohio Revised Code, every person, firm or corporation whose premises in the City are served by the City sanitary sewer and/or storm drainage systems, whereby the water, sewerage or industrial wastes are disposed of by the City through its system or otherwise, shall pay a system service or rental charge of ninety-five cents (\$.95) per front foot per lot for one sewer connection, for each year of maintenance of sanitary sewers, and forty cents (\$.40) per front foot per lot for each year of maintenance of storm drainage systems.

(Ord. 90-2011. Passed 5-23-11.)

(b) Where such lots are corner lots, cul-de-sac lots, or lots with a radius frontage, said front footage calculation shall be based on the entire front footage including the arc of the corner or the entire arc of curvature of the respective lot.

(Ord. 70-2012. Passed 7-23-12.)

(c) Within condominium housing developments the sewer maintenance charges will be based on the total footage of sewer pipes serving the development multiplied by the sewer maintenance charge per foot divided by the total number of units in the development. Where appropriate the Finance Department is authorized to bill the aggregated monthly charges directly to a legally formed condominium owners association in lieu of billing individual unit owners on a separate basis. (Ord. 94-1998. Passed 11-23-98.)

729.031 CAPITAL COST SURCHARGE FOR SHAR-BON AREA. (REPEALED)

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Former Section 729.031 was repealed by Ordinance 19- 1988, passed May 23, 1988. See Chapter 735 for current provisions.)

729.04 BILLING AND COLLECTION.

The maintenance charges shall be payable at the office of the Director of Finance, and he is hereby authorized to bill and collect the foregoing charges. Such service or rental charges shall be computed annually, and shall be paid not later than August 1 of each year, commencing with the year 2007. The annual service charges for new service shall be prorated on a quarterly basis commencing from the first quarter in which service is extended.

(Ord. 61-2007. Passed 5-14-07.)

729.05 COLLECTION OF DELINQUENT BILLS.

Every sewer service or rental charge which has become due and payable and has remained unpaid after August 1, of each year, together with a ten percent (10%) penalty thereon, shall be certified by the Finance Director to the County Auditor on or before the second Monday in September of each year, together with a pertinent description of the premises to which the sewer service or rental charge has been made. The amount so certified shall be placed by the County Auditor on the tax duplicate of Cuyahoga County to be collected as other taxes are collected. In addition to such collection procedure, any such unpaid amount may be collected through civil action brought in the name of the City in any court of competent jurisdiction.

(Ord. 61-2007. Passed 5-14-07.)

729.06 BYLAWS AND REGULATIONS.

The Mayor and/or the Director of Public Service and Properties shall make and enforce such bylaws and regulations as he or they deem necessary for the collection of sewer service or rental charges and for the safe, economical and efficient management and protection of the sewerage system and/or sewage pumping treatment and disposal works. Such bylaws and regulations, when published by posting, as required for ordinances after passage, shall have the same force and effect as ordinances of the City when not repugnant thereto or to the Constitution or laws of the State.

(Ord. 21-1972. Passed 5-8-72.)

729.07 USE OF MONEYS.

(a) Moneys received from the collection of sanitary sewer service or rental charges authorized by this chapter shall be deposited with the Director of Finance who shall keep a separate and distinct fund and account to be known as the Seven Hills Sanitary Sewer Department's Special Fund. When appropriated by Council, such funds shall be available for the payment of the cost and expense of the management, maintenance, operation, testing, cleaning, enlargement, replacement, reconstruction and repair of the sanitary sewer system and/or the construction and reconstruction of the sewage pumping treatment and/or disposal works pursuant to the statutes of the State providing for the distribution of funds derived from sewer rentals.

(b) Moneys received from the collection of storm sewer service or rental charges authorized by this chapter shall be deposited with the Director of Finance who shall keep a separate and distinct fund and account to be known as the Seven Hills Storm Sewer Department's Special Fund. When appropriated by Council, such funds shall be available for the payment of the cost and expense of the management, maintenance, operation, testing, cleaning, enlargement, replacement, reconstruction and repair of the storm sewer system pursuant to the statutes of the State providing for the distribution of funds received from sewer rentals.

(c) Moneys received from the collection of sanitary sewer service and/or rental charges and storm sewer service and/or rental charges shall not be used for new sewer construction or for remedying problems in unsewered areas of the

City.

(Initiated Ordinance. Passed by Voters 2-8-83.)

729.08 WAIVER OF SEWER RENTAL CHARGE.

The Building Commissioner is hereby authorized to hear applications brought by the owner of any land, lot or premises situated in the City, alleging that such land, lot or premises cannot suitably be built upon because of its physical condition. If the Commissioner determines that in his opinion such parcel cannot suitably be used to construct or install any home, building or structure, the Commissioner shall recommend to Council that the sewer service or rental charge as provided in Section 729.03 be waived. Upon receiving such recommendation of the Commissioner, Council may, by motion duly adopted and passed by not less than four of its members, waive such sewer service or rental charge to such parcel, until such time as Council determines that the parcel in question constitutes a buildable parcel.

(Ord. 18-1973. Passed 5-14-73.)

Sewers, Sanitations, Public Health & Water

Date of Meeting: July 2, 2012

Start Time: 5:35pm

End Time: 5:42pm

Committee Members in Attendance: Chairman Matt Trafis
Councilman Mike Barth

Committee Member not in Attendance: Councilman Tom Snitzky

Others in Attendance: Councilman Pete Draganic, Councilman Joe Tripi,
Councilwoman Caryl Lecznar, Engineer Make Papke, Service Director Stuart Lovece,
Tim Fraundorf

Engineer Papke gave updates on the following:

- 1) WestCreek Watershed Phase II & III
 - Construction to begin July 9, 2012
 - Residents on Skyview are being notified. Their mailboxes will be moved to a temporary location.
 - There will be temporary pavement installed to help the flow of traffic.
- 2) Hemlock Creek
 - CT is wrapping up the planning portion.
 - The Engineer is anticipating a report soon.
- 3) Hickory Lane
 - Survey has been completed.
 - Coordinating with Army Core of Engineers and First Energy.
- 4) Two catch basins are in need of repair
 - Justo Lane and Maple Hill. The pavement is being undermined.
 - Money being taken out of sewer fund.

The Chairman asked those in attendance if there were any additional items to be discussed in committee. Hearing none, Councilman Barth made a motion to adjourn and was seconded by Councilman Trafis. All members in attendance voted yea.



Councilman Matthew A. Trafis
Sewers, Sanitations, Public Health & Water

Sewers, Sanitations, Public Health & Water

Date of Meeting: May 22, 2012

Start Time: 5:34pm

End Time: 5:49pm

Committee Members in Attendance: Chairman Matt Trafis
Councilman Mike Barth
Councilman Tom Snitzky

Others in Attendance: Councilman Pete Draganic, Mayor Rich Dell' Aquila, Service Director Stuart Lovece, Deputy Finance Director Paul Ellis, Engineer Mark Papke, Law Director Rich Pignatiello, Recreation Director Jen Berger, Community Relations Director Lisa Draganic, Mayor's Secretary Chris Matthews, Firefighter Jeff Gaebeline, Ed Biley, Terry Krafcik, Tim Fraundorf

- Engineer Papke gave an update on WestCreek Watershed. Ohio EPA is supposed to approve the loan and schedule a preconstruction meeting in mid June and probably begin the project in July.
- Chairman Trafis asked if there is anything Council can do to get Nemet to Twilight included in the Hemlock Creek project. Mr. Papke is going to coordinate a letter being sent to the Mayor of Cleveland signed by Mayor Dell' Aquila and all of Council asking for reconsideration.
- West Creek Watershed stream clean up will probably be held in late fall.
- Hickory Lane was addressed and Mr. Lovece said that the Engineer is going to make a plan to work on fixing the problem and the Service Department will do the work. In addition a letter will be sent out to the property owners that this affects.

The Chairman asked those in attendance if there were any additional items to be discussed in committee. Hearing none, Councilman Barth made a motion to adjourn and was seconded by Councilman Snitzky. All members in attendance voted yea.



Councilman Matthew A. Trafis
Sewers, Sanitations, Public Health & Water

Sewers, Sanitations, Public Health & Water

Date of Meeting: April 3, 2012

Start Time: 5:37pm

End Time: 5:59pm

Committee Members in Attendance: Chairman Matt Trafis
Councilman Mike Barth
Councilman Tom Snitzky

Others in Attendance: Councilwoman Caryl Lecznar, Councilman Mike Barth, Councilman Pete Draganic, Councilman Joe Tripi, Engineer Mark Papke, Law Director Richard Pignatiello, Mayor Richard Dell' Aquila, Service Director Stuart Lovece, Jen Berger, Tim Fraundorf, Jim Worgull, Bill Wunderle, Ken Baka

- Chairman Trafis asked Engineer Papke for a list of sanitary sewers that have been cleaned and smoke tested. Mr. Papke provided the list of smoke tested streets. Service Director Lovece provided an update on streets that have been cleaned and areas that have not been completed. Mr. Lovece indicated that this is an ongoing project.
- Councilman Snitzky asked how many streets are left to complete. Mr. Papke indicated we are pretty close to completion for the 7 year cycle.
- Chairman Trafis asked Engineer Papke for an update on the progress of the West Creek Watershed project. Mr. Papke said the project is scheduled to start in May and we are waiting for the final loan to go through with the Ohio EPA. Once the agreement is signed there will be a pre-construction meeting and he anticipates the project will start in mid May beginning with Skyview Drive.
- Councilman Tripi asked about the sewage running through the Bayberry neighborhood and Mr. Papke explained how the sewage will run through.
- Chairman Trafis asked if all the residents who will be affected by this project has been contacted by the City and suggested to the Mayor that we conduct a separate meeting for residents as a question and answer session. Mayor Dell' Aquila said it was fine with him if Mr. Papke wanted to conduct a meeting. Mr. Papke did not commit to such meeting and said there are other ways the information has been provided.
- Councilman Snitzky asked about the Hemlock Creek Project. Mr. Papke listed the streets that are affected and reported that the City of Cleveland accepted the water main replacements for Seven Hills Blvd. from Starlight to Cherry, Oak Lane from Hillside to Alla. The Mary Lanes. Shady Lane from Seven Hills Blvd to the deadend. Mr. Papke thought we should ask for reconsideration from Nemet to Twilight.
- Mr. Papke indicated that Oak Lane will get a new road since the water main is under the street, provided that they are part of the project.
- Law Director Pignatiello gave an update on the Hickory Lane issue. To fix it we would have to build a retention basin and indicated we would not qualify for a

Sewers, Sanitations, Public Health & Water

Date of Meeting: February 7, 2012

Start Time: 5:34pm

End Time: 6:02pm

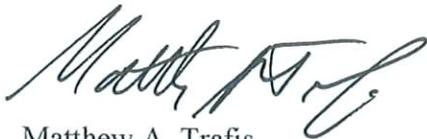
Committee Members in Attendance: Chairman Matt Trafis
Councilman Mike Barth

Committee Members not in Attendance: Councilman Tom Snitzky

Others in Attendance: Councilwoman Caryl Lecznar, Councilman Joe Tripi, Engineer Mark Papke, Law Director Richard Pignatiello, Finance Director Paul Ellis, Mayor Richard Dell'Aquila, Service Director Stuart Lovece, Tim Fraundorf

- Discussion regarding sanitary sewer cleaning schedule as mandated by the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District. Mr. Lovece and Mr. Papke provided details of past practices in conjunction with the County and how the City will meet the goal for 2012.
- Mr. Papke provided updates on West Creek Watershed. Bid opening scheduled for March 1, 2012.
- Mr. Papke requested Council to consider purchasing flow meters for flow monitoring. Projected cost is \$16,970. Discussion ensued.
- Hickory Lane project: Swift grant would fully fund the project with no match from the City. Max grant is \$250,000 and the deadline is March 31, 2012.
- Hemlock Creek Watershed sanitary sewer improvements: Looking for Sewer District to partner with the City on the storm water infrastructure. Although they are not 100% committed to the project they seemed very interested. Looking to apply for the water main replacement for the Hemlock Streets.
- Request for smoke / dye testing for 2012. Two year contract. Mr. Papke went to bid and URS was lowest bidder.
- Report from Cuyahoga County Board of Health: 3 new spots need investigation.

The Chairman asked those in attendance if there were any additional items to be discussed in committee. Hearing none, Chairman Trafis made a motion to adjourn and was seconded by Councilman Barth. All members in attendance voted yea.



Matthew A. Trafis
Sewers, Sanitations, Public Health & Water

12-6-11

5:47

Agenda

Peter John Braggett

Patrick James Isaac, Bill Conner

- ① Flow meter beds given to Wayne's office
- ② Phase II & Phase III easements almost complete
- ③ WDC asking for survey of trees because of Louisiana Dept
- ④ Archaeological study would be needed by Frenchman area.
- ⑤ X make + Bye, put forward to Wayne's office.
- ⑥ Hemlock project planning is almost finished.
- ⑦ Hickory Lane did survey in C.F.T. easement.

Adjourn 6:03

5:52.

1-4-11

Sewers

Peter Salas Dragun

Zsuzsa Trippin Papke Barth

Dellaquillo

(1) 1:30-11 Public meeting for Cherry Lane water line

(2) WPCLF submitted for phase II 4700
cost approx \$14.00 per ft.

(3) Plans for Decker & Deane's
East Meadowlane main line
repair.

(4) Update of Kenlock sewer project
waiting for sign contract.

Adjourn 6:04

6:20 P.M.

Deems 11-2-10

Petro Tobias Bath Delagulla Linn
Grappie

Guests Engineer Papke.

- ① 2/3 of catch basin repairs complete
- ② Matt Casey works on 11-16-10 for Forest Overlook.
- ③ Hemlock Creek engineering money is not coming out of general fund. Loan agreement with EPA. Also with Westcoast phase I & II project.
- ④ Swift grant for City Golf parking lot will have a meeting in December talk about storm drainage
- ⑤ Smoke & Dye test program almost finish for this year.
- ⑥ Storm Dept having problem with Auburn drainage Andymun 6:21

5:59 PM

Sept or Oct / 10
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Leaves

Pelvic Issues Treatment Issues

Birth

Issue

1 Amend a town water Receipt
Ordinance

2 Veterans Affairs may have
grant money for sewer help
in assessment + tie ins
for Broadview Rd. Work on a
sewer survey to see if
quality.

3 Catch Basin repair to moving
along, about 1/2 done.

4) High level study for
storm water management
\$4,000⁰⁰ estimates for study

Peter John Cooke

8-31-19

News 3:18 Adams 4:19

- ① EPA Phase II + III assessments
- ② Large sediment cleanup, until
banking is fully signed
- ③ U.S. Dept. of Justice loan funds see
as on list
- ④ CPWC trying to see if we
can apply for more money.
Our score 193.5 2005
- ⑤ Had E-Waste from EPA
lawyers.
- ⑥ Humboldt same project as
being done test.
- ⑦ Draft grant meeting to
start in spring
- ⑧ Got an estimate to clay rock
plant + have some dept.
get used to it
- ⑨ Broadview project - H. Robert
Assin

5.53 Items. 4-6-10

Peter Jones Fitzgibbon, Barth
Lester Bushlany, Barth
Diagnose

- ① Oak Lane ditches, discussed engineering to look into soils
- ② Hampton Haven to be done by students of Oak Lane Engineering + Law Dept to advise
- ③ Paid Bills, Says Instrument 4542th Cuyahoga Soil + water issues.
- ④ Drafting area is under review at E.H.H.
- ⑤ Broadview Phase II + III in Law Dept
- ⑥ GIS update NEORS happy with program
- ⑦ WPCS Hemlock Creek II + III submitted to OEPA

Adjourn 6:17

3-2-10

6:00 P.M.

Leyna.

Peter Duggan, John Duggan, John Duggan
Tippie Isaac, Beth

Parker Burt

- ① EPA Phase II+III Filled for grant extension we have been approved need 1 document.
- ② Hemlock Creek project C.T. Consultants met with Engineer willing to come down in cost to average cost.
- ③ Committee sponsored group on with Hemlock Project
- ④ Committee agreed to hire C.T. Consultants
- ⑤ Committee agreed for \$150⁰⁰ Environmental
- ⑥ Decanting area plans are complete.

Adjourn 6:24

6:07 P.M.

MON.
11/2/09

Agenda

Belu Zeman Lippie Delagulla Droggett

Guests Payke

- (1) RFP for prometry beams project
Hemlock Creek - Ward 3. was
sent out.
- (2) Decanting Area discussed still
working on design
- (3) Autumn Hills found water leak
- (4) Had time scheduled meeting
with Church Autumn Hills
- (5) Dalia catch basin looking into
repairs in Autumn Hills

Adjourn 6:26

6:01

October 6, 2009

Agenda

Peter Trappie, Susan Barrett

Paper: Auburn Hills Farm

- ① Presentation on Auburn Hills
 - ① Welington Basin
 - ② Catch Basin
 - ③ Church Street

Community questions on basins

② R.B.S. Committee for Kenilock

③ Assenton Area High Service garage
Discussion with other sectors

Acknowledgment 6:54

6:00 P.M.

6-8-99

Adjourn 6:29 P.M.

Sewers.

Peter Herman Tupper DeLuca
Jettelpage Barth

Guests Popke Schuman Tobias

- ① Amend Ordinance 53-2009
- ② Roundtable Meeting 5-11-99 7:00 AM
- ③ Working Sanitary sewer projects on record
3 Dept. Tank Conversions
- ④ Personal Funding for cross connections
on Crossroads for residents
- ⑤ Dept. Trained in CE Department
- ⑥ Flow Meters be installed next 6 weeks

Adjourn 6:29 P.M.

6:09

Sewers 5-5-09
Peter Kuppi Tschmar

Pepke Bickelmeijer

- ① Paid Bills @ Sanitary Flow Monitoring
② Clearing Trenches
Manholes 2+3 phase
Sanitary Sewer Project
- ③ Storm Water Management Rep came
to explain about new E.P.A.
Mandates
- ④ Rain Barrel Kits for sale
- ⑤ Clearout Legislation to improve
clear out tops
- ⑥ Funding for new construction discussed

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6:10

Levine
Patricia Barth Leason Truppi Zutterbach
Popke Morrow

- ① EPA changes MFS, Permit was discussed and plan to remove septic tanks
- ② Rain Based project was discussed.
- ③ Replac water main & daylight from Boardman 2-Hills Blvd.
- ④ FEMA Flood zone people were notified
- ⑤ Program Notify of program problems that were critical issues at it

Adjourn 6:42

By Bob Sandrick
bsandrick@sunnews.com

PARMA — The Cleveland Division of Water, over the next two months, will start upgrading meters in homes throughout its service area, which includes Parma.

The improvements are part of the water division's long-

awaited automated meter-reading system, which will allow remote readings of water meters.

It will take the water division until the end of 2013 to upgrade all of its meters, according to Jason Wood, deputy manager for the water division's customer-service turnaround project.

On Tuesday, water division officials discussed the project with Parma residents at the Donna Smallwood Activities Center on West Ridgewood Drive.

At the meeting, the water division set up stations where residents asked questions and received information about meters, water-conservation

measures, energy-efficient water bills and water-discount programs.

The automated meter-reading project — called the Clear Reads program — will eliminate the need for human meter readers.

Wood said the automated system will cut back on the

will mean more for customer:

At least part of the water division's estimate of estimating residents' month period

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Wood said the Clear Reads water division 72-foot-high Pleasant Valley State and Ri

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The pole collector" will receive water meter data collection signals to th

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Hemlock Creek project to affect 300 houses

By Ken Baka
kbaka@sunnews.com

SEVEN HILLS — Two years from now, about 300 houses will have to get rid of their septic tanks and pay an assessment to tie into a sewer system.

The amount households will be assessed has not been set.

The Hemlock Creek Sanitary Sewer Watershed Improvement Project will affect households on Twilight and Nemet drives, Hillside Road, Seven Hills Boulevard and Cherry, Shady, Oak, Mary, North Mary and South Mary lanes.

It is not the same as the septic-to-sewer West Creek

watershed project scheduled to begin this year and affecting about 60 houses in the Broadview-Skyline roads area.

The city recently received a loan for that project, which should result in a drop of about \$2,000 from each person's assessment, according to engineer Mark Papke, engineer.

Assessments had been estimated at \$14,800 each.

The Hemlock Creek project is expected to cost \$8.1 million. Papke said it is too early to say how much of that will have to be raised through assessments.

He said the city intends to seek as many loans and grants

as it can to reduce assessments for the Hemlock Creek project, which likely will be based on the properties' frontage adjacent to the roads.

The West Creek project, by contrast, is assessing households equally, not by frontage.

In the Hemlock Creek project, about 16,460 linear feet of sewer will be connected to pipes located near Forest Overlook Drive. These sewers will serve about 1,200 residents.

The city is pursuing the project as part of a decision in 2009 to obtain a federal National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit.

Officials are hopeful Cleveland will replace water lines

while the Hemlock Creek project is under way. Already approved are water lines for Mary, Seven Hills, Shady and Oak, which is a privately owned street, Papke said.

During the installation of sanitary sewers, the asphalt streets will get what engineers call "full-depth" repairs.

Households will have to pay separately to crush their septic system and tie into the new sewer. Septics currently drain into a tributary of Hemlock Creek.

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Friday, MAY 4
Noon to 4 p.m.

Art and music therapy workshops for instructors and students. CEUs pending. Registration required. Call 216-791-3800, ext 6830 for symposium registration.

Saturday, MAY 5
10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Exhibition of veterans' creative arts including paintings, music, and other artistic crafts. Call 216-701-5955 for information about exhibiting.

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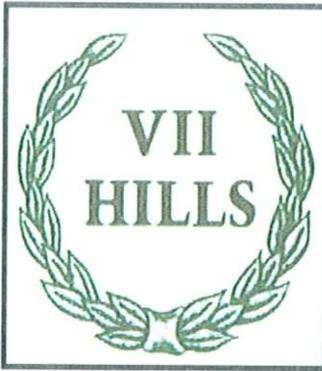
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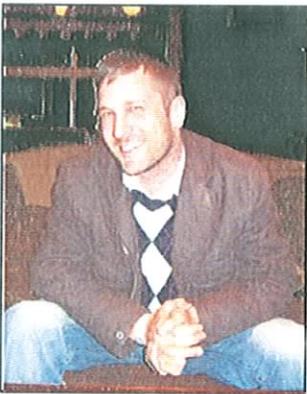


City Of Seven Hills

Community Newsletter

January—March 2010

Mayor David Bentkowski says tough decisions will be made to balance budget to stall the need for any property tax increase . . . Rising costs and tough economy create challenges



Mayor David Bentkowski and the City Council will be spending most of January creating a balanced budget for 2010

Dear Resident,

Over the last couple of years, we have wisely limited our spending to make sure things didn't get out of hand with this terrible economy. As a city, we have not laid off any people and your services have remained top notch.

Last year, mostly due to revenue shortfalls because of the economy, the city dipped into its reserves around \$700,000. Keep in mind, we have about \$4 million in the bank, but the point is, we don't want to keep relying on it.

So, for 2010, my pledge to you is that we are going to go through every single item in the budget and see how we can do things cheaper. We always go through the budget and watch

costs, but this year, there is going to be more of an emphasis on changing things and determining what we can live without. Keep in mind, most of our budget is salaries. Our police department costs over \$2 million a year. The fire department is nearly \$1,000,000. The service department is over \$1,000,000. Just like for your personal home budget, you can imagine how costs are going up. Think your gas bill is high? Imagine heating the Rec. Center and City Hall. Think your fuel costs went up? Imagine gassing a fleet of snowplows, police cars, and ambulances.

Every year, insurance costs go up. In this crazy world, even after we shopped around for months, we were considered lucky our premiums only went up 8%. Isn't that crazy? Just that increase could cost the city an additional \$75,000 a year.

Several years ago, our trash contract went up nearly \$300,000 A YEAR because of fuel costs/insurance costs, etc. Thank goodness everyone is recycling so much with our blue carts or it would have been even worse. Where do people think we are going to keep finding money to cover this?

I tell you all of this because you have to understand we don't have new money coming in - yet

these costs keep going up. Financially, we are in a lot better shape than most communities around but I am here to tell you that everything is on the table as far as planning for the future. I don't want to raise taxes and as a city, we haven't raised them in a long time. We are going to make prudent business decisions. For example, it costs us \$50,000 a year to keep the Calvin Rec. Center open. Perhaps it is time to close that and force everyone to use our main Rec. Center. Residents are used to calling City Hall and having a variety of secretaries at their disposal. Perhaps in some cases it will make sense to have some automated phone systems that put you in touch with the person you want. We are literally going to review every operation and see if we can do it cheaper. Perhaps it will save us money if we pick up our own trash instead of Waste Management. The list of proposed ideas I have come up with and will be reviewing with City Council is long. All you have to know is that any changes we make will be made to help us avoid having to come to you for more money.

Times are tough, people are hurting, and I ask for your support as I do what I do best - make those tough decisions that will protect your money.

Despite the tough economy, we are still moving forward with great projects. This year, we are repaving East Pleasant Valley Road and doing massive water-line projects on Cherry and Twilight. Also, in the next couple of years we are full-speed ahead on repaving Rockside Road, Hillside Road, Broadview Road, and our streetscape project.

These are all projects where we have secured grants and funding from some agency - and we only have to pay a small share. Keep in mind, paving on Pleasant Valley or Broadview costs millions, so even our paltry 10% share still will cost us hundreds of thousands on these projects. We can't say "no" to someone giving us 90% of the funding which is why somehow, we have to come up with the rest. When you see us doing projects like this or the new street signs, you have to remember that we are spending someone else's money while improving our city. Some people have trouble grasping that on one side I am telling you money is tight, yet you see us doing all this work. We have been incredibly successful moving the city forward while being very frugal with your money. Other cities are amazed by our efforts and residents should be proud that even in this economy, we are making Seven Hills better.

ENGINEERING

PROJECTS IN DESIGN PHASE

- ◇ EPA Mandated Phases II and III Sanitary Improvement Project (Portions of Broadview Rd and Skyview Dr)
- ◇ Cleveland Water Department—Replacement of waterlines on Starlight Dr and Cherry Ln
- ◇ Cuyahoga County Engineer—E. Pleasant Valley Road resurfacing
- ◇ Spray Park
- ◇ 2010 Blanket Service Contract for sewer and roadway repairs

RAIN BARREL REMINDER

Rain Barrel owners, please remember to winterize your barrels by emptying them, disconnecting them and using your winter plug in the diverter.

There are more Rain Barrels available for purchase.

If you have any questions, please contact the Engineering Office at 216-525-6226.

ENGINEERING ACTIVITIES

- ◇ GIS mapping project of City infrastructure
- ◇ Street tree inventory
- ◇ Service Department sewer upgrades

UPCOMING DESIGN PROJECTS

- ◇ Broadview Road—Paving
- ◇ Hemlock Creek Watershed Sanitary Sewer Project

DRAINAGE

With the fall season ending, please keep your ditches, swales, culverts, and inlet grates free of debris such that water may properly drain. This property maintenance will minimize standing water and flooding.

Stream Friendly Snow Removal

We are often aware of rainwater and runoff in the summer months. The puddles and mud make it hard to overlook. But stormwater pollution carries on into the winter months as well. In northeast Ohio, snow and ice removal is a fact of life, but the methods we use can have an effect on the health of our streams. Remember, when the ground is frozen, it acts as an impervious surface, and pollution is more likely to run into a nearby stream or storm drain. Below are some simple ideas for keeping your sidewalk and driveway safe and keeping stormwater runoff cleaner.

Manual snow removal: Even if you are going to salt, remove as much snow as possible first. Break out the shovel, snowblower, and garden hoe. Chemical deicers work best on a thin layer of snow or ice. If you are using a snowblower, be careful with the gas as you fill up the tank. The garden hoe can be used to scrape ice, but shouldn't be used to chip at the surface—it can chip the concrete.

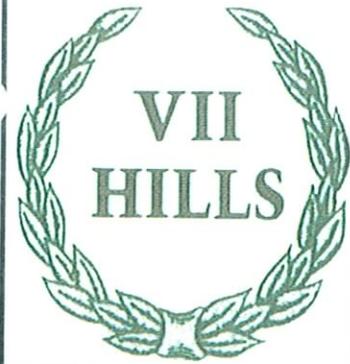
Try adding traction: Instead of getting down to bare surface, consider if there is enough traction in the snow. Small amounts of sand can be used to increase traction, but too much sand will cause problems in the stormwater system. Sand should not be used in areas that drain directly into the stormwater system.

More isn't better: Do you need access to every door of your house, or can you just de-ice the one you use everyday? Does the entire patio need to be bare, or do you just need a path across it to the driveway? The recommended application rate for rock salt is about a cup per square yard. Adding more won't speed up the melting. Calcium chloride works at one cup per three square yards. Combine deicers with scraping, especially in the late afternoon when things are at their warmest.

Skip the fertilizer treatment: In the past, people have been advised to use fertilizers or other urea-containing products to de-ice with the theory that it would end up fertilizing the lawn as well. Unfortunately the ground is frozen and the grass is not taking up nutrients, so most of that fertilizer runs off in the melt water. Overuse of fertilizer can also burn vegetation, especially conifers and evergreen broadleaf plants such as azalea and rhododendron the next time you remove snow.

Be wary of glycol: Many "pet-safe" products contain ethylene glycol or propylene glycol. Both are toxic to aquatic organisms, and ethylene glycol is also toxic to mammals. They both decrease the amount of oxygen in streams, and break down into other potentially unsafe chemicals.

For more conservation tips, contact the Cuyahoga Soil and Water Conservation District at 216-524-6580 or www.cuyahogawcd.org



City Of Seven Hills Community Newsletter

January 2013 - April 2013



Mayor Richard Dell'Aquila

The 2013 Budget

There is good news about the budget in the first year since you elected me Mayor. First, our Recreation Center operational changes have dramatically cut down losses there to around \$96,000 through November without significant service reductions. The year-end subsidy may even end up down near \$150,000. We continue the work to lease space and market the naming rights there. If completed, and all else stays unchanged, we could see the 2013 budget near break-even for the first time since the Rec. Center opened ten years ago.

The 2012 savings there is well over a quarter million dollars compared to the 2011 loss of around \$393,000 plus \$65,000 more requested by the former director for 2012. To achieve this, we rewrote the ordinances governing Rec. Center operations and restructured all jobs and procedures there, even creating a first-time ever inventory control system. Now that all the unemployment benefits have been paid to the former Rec. Center employees who were let go, and considering the other items we are working on, even more Rec. Center savings are possible in 2013.

Second, the general fund is healthier too, but more must be done. I began my first year insisting on appropriating a balanced budget and we are now ending 2012 with a balanced budget. By law, the beginning annual appropriation must be amended at year's end to reflect actual receipts and expenses. We just presented to Council a balanced 2012 amendment, including a potential gain for the general fund, as compared to the \$2.6 million deficit in the prior two years. The cell phone tower lease revenue sale we are proposing to Council will help us with the 2013 and later budgets.

Third, we only hold city events that pay for themselves or that earn a profit. Our largest annual event, Home Days, is better than ever and even more profitable. In 2010 and 2011, Home Days had small losses of -\$2,225.81 and

-\$1,046.15, respectively. Our 2012 Home Days earned a profit of \$2,997.22 and was as much fun as ever. We continue seeking a 2013 fireworks sponsor, which runs about \$5000.

Fourth, I have said repeatedly that revenue enhancement is as important as cutting expenses to meet our financial goals. So I have emphasized attracting new businesses and retaining those already here. In 2012, we competed successfully with several other cities to attract two large businesses. Sedgewick Claims and the new nursing home coming to Rockside and Pinnacle Park will add a few hundred new tax paying jobs to Seven Hills. Our Planning Commission and City Council were also very supportive of this. I am now proposing a "TIF" package to fund improvements at that intersection like new traffic signals and new pavement for that section of Pinnacle Park and Old Rockside.

We are also negotiating with other businesses considering locating here, and developing a new Master Plan to boost our "business friendliness". This emphasis on economic development is also why I believe, after discussing it with Council and our Finance Department, the income tax idea recently revived by a Councilmember is not ready and still needs more work.

Seven Hills cannot afford to shift the income tax burden to businesses and higher earning individuals. This would discourage business development and create an undesirable incentive for existing businesses to leave town. Seven Hills is still paying a heavy price for decades of scaring off business development with the old "ward clause". Just like that short-sighted measure, as it is presently written, this income tax proposal may be good politics but it is bad policy.

The Seven Deadly Sins

Although Council has been very cooperative in all this work, much of it was completed despite the contentious atmosphere there you have all no doubt heard and read about. It feels like we spend far too much time with these intramural disputes. We must eliminate the self-defeating internal bickering.

Attorney and lecturer Richard S. Koblentz has created a list of the "seven deadly sins" attorneys should avoid, and which I think applies equally to elected officials.

Here is his list:

1. *Deception*. Our stock in trade is our reputation and preserving the public trust. Once this reputation is lost, people will never fully trust our word again. This chips away at the credibility of public officials and of the government.

2. *Revenge*. "Don't get mad, get even" breeds hatred and mistrust by drawing others not involved into our disputes. Revenge wastes energy and makes those around us think they are next.

3. *Narcissism*. Public dealings are not always about us. Those who forget this are unable to share credit or take responsibility. Others will withdraw from them, leading to feelings of betrayal, fear, and inadequacy.

4. *Pessimism*. Pessimism paralyzes our ability to act and saps our energy. It creates inertia and results in lost opportunities.

5. *Poor Communication*. Effective communication creates a public sense of understanding of the efforts needed to address needs. The public will simply "tune out" ineffective, unreliable or excessive messages.

6. *Disloyalty*. We must be loyal to the public trust. We must work together to do what is right, even if it means saying "no" and not pandering to avoid disappointing a constituent.

7. *Aimlessness*. It is important to identify realistic goals and the means to achieve them, rather than simply drifting from issue to issue. Lack of organization can be crippling. We must have a plan and stick to it, but also adapt to changing circumstances.

A Call To Service

Our meetings are open to the public but they are only sparsely attended, and usually by only the same few people. You may like or dislike what is being done to turn Seven Hills around. In either event, you have an opportunity this year to become involved in the decision making. Whether by participating in a few meetings, volunteering your time, or even running for elective office, your city needs you. Contact my office at city hall to learn more about the opportunities in 2013 to get involved. If you want to receive email updates, please email my assistant, Chris Matthews, at: cmatthews@sevenhillsohio.org.

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

Mark Papke– City Engineer, Direct Line: 216-525-6226, Engineering@sevenhillsohio.org

Jeff Hickling– Engineering Technician, Engtech@sevenhillsohio.org

Business Hours: Monday - Friday 8:00 AM—4:30 PM

Hemlock Watershed Sanitary Sewer Improvements

This project involves providing sanitary sewer service for the remaining 302 properties in the City with septic tank systems. The project is required for the City to maintain compliance with the City's Ohio EPA NPDES permit. The project includes properties with septic tank systems along Cherry Lane, Nemet Drive, Twilight Drive, Seven Hills Boulevard, Mary Lanes, Shady Lanes, Hillside, and Oak Lane. The planning phase of this project was presented to Council and will be evaluated by the Ohio EPA. The project also includes the rehabilitation of storm sewer, pavement, and water main within portions of the project limits. Design is anticipated to begin Summer of 2013.

GIS Update

The Engineering Department has nearly completed the mapping of the City's sanitary and storm infrastructure. The Department will begin inventory of all City traffic signs for determining compliance with the minimum Federal retro-reflectivity requirements.



Residents Acting In Nature preservation

Steps To a Healthier Lawn:

Never apply fertilizers, herbicides or pesticides when rain is forecast. For example herbicides should not be applied if rain is expected with 6 hours of before or after application. Be sure to follow the product directions.

Trickle and drip irrigation systems can reduce water use by as much as 50 percent.

Reduce the amount of actively mowed lawn and create a meadow or rain garden in your yard.

Mow lawns to the proper height, 3" for most lawns with a sharp blade, and never cut more than one third of the existing grass height at one time. Cutting too low leaves the lawn vulnerable to stress and disease.

Use a mulching mower and leave clippings on the lawn.

Nitrogen and phosphorous in fertilizers help grass grow. But using too much, applying just before rain can cause it to run into our waterways, they spur oxygen-depleting algae blooms that kill fish and block sunlight from reaching underwater plant habitats.

Before fertilizing, test the soil to see if fertilizer is needed . Be sure you are using the right type and amount of fertilizer at the right time of year. Visit www.cuyahogawcd.org in Services under Soil Fertility Analysis or call Engineering Department at 216.525.6226 for more information.



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