

Dover City Council Special Minutes September 28, 2009

President Tim Tarulli called the meeting to order.

Roll Call: Bair, Gunnoe, Mueller, Maurer, Cappell, Parolini...Six (6) present.

President Tarulli turned the floor over to Service Director Dave Douglas, Consulting Engineer Don Dummermuth and Engineer Dan Dummermuth. Douglas explained that the EPA recently began mandating that small cities monitor and control runoffs from their city into streams and rivers. The City of Dover Storm Water Management Plan was finished in October 2007 and presented to the Ohio EPA. The EPA reviewed it and in June 2009 said it was a good plan and Dover should begin the process.

Don Dummermuth emphasized that this is just a plan. Once the plan is adopted, it will be used to pass future ordinances thus putting the plan in action. The plan commits and mandates council to go forward with storm water prevention. Dummermuth stated that Dan Dummermuth wrote most of the plan, following the EPA format. Dummermuth then went through each of the six sections of the plan.

Tarulli asked who will enforce the plan. Dummermuth explained that once an ordinance is passed using the plan, that information will be put into place. Dan Dummermuth stated that the EPA wants to penalize those who do not follow the plan but has not set a financial amount.

Cappell stated that he sees there being an enforcement problem.

Maurer asked if Dover qualified on both criteria for mandating the management plan. Don Dummermuth stated that prior to 2007 the city was not large enough based on population per square mile but it could be based on whole counties rather than individual cities. Maurer stated that he feels Dover may be limited on man power to enforce this plan. Don Dummermuth added that Dover does not have to implement the entire plan at once. The EPA would like to see improvements every year. Douglas added that we will have an ordinance to protect us and that the plan will be a learning tool with each department and all boards educated, such as the Planning Commission.

Tarulli asked Don and Dan Dummermuth if they had any suggestions as how to implement the plan. Dan Dummermuth stated that the city has 5 years to implement the plan and can use the Southeast District communities as examples.

Maurer stated that step one would be to recommend and accept the plan. He asked if the clock begins once council approves the plan. Dan Dummermuth stated that the clock began on June 6, 2009 when the EPA approved the plan and the first yearly report will need to be filed next June. Dummermuth added that the city can use situations that already exist in the first year plan, such as mapping storm sewers.

Cappell asked how big the Southeast District is. Don Dummermuth stated that there are 5 districts and the Southeast District is just over one quarter of the state.

Douglas added that storm water issues are the biggest issues within the city and we will now have more ability to control the situations. He added that we do not want to run developers out of town but this area needs to be regulated.

Tarulli asked Dan Dummermuth if we have the ability to collect information from other communities. Dummermuth said yes we can obtain information from the Southeast District as they have a model ordinance. Douglas added that the recommendations for ordinances will go through the Planning Commission before it reaches council.

Mueller added that it will be interesting to compare run off figures before and after a development is built.

Douglas noted that extra language will be needed for problem neighborhoods.

Law Director O'Meara asked Don and Dan Dummermuth if the run off is geared towards 2, 5 or 10 years. Don Dummermuth stated that he would have to look but thought 10 year. O'Meara asked if New Philadelphia was going through the same storm water management plan and was informed they are. O'Meara stated that developers should be held to similar standards as to not drive away developers.

Tarulli asked if there were any more questions.

AUDIENCE:

Terry Hewitt

ASSIGNMENTS:

An assignment from the Council as a Whole to recognize Joe Maybaugh for his years of dedicated service as the Treasurer of the City of Dover to HUMAN RESOURCES.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Service Director Douglas reported that discussion continues with the residents of Forrest Ridge Drive. Douglas asked Dummermuth to continue looking into other options although he feels that the best route will still be digging up back yards as previously discussed. A letter was received by Mrs. Ellwood asking for another study to be done. Douglas asked council if they felt that was necessary. After researching the situation for the past six years, Douglas stated that he does not recommend another study and the city will continue talking with the residents individually to come up with a plan to get moving on the problem.

LEGISLATION:

Motion by Maurer to accept the City of Dover Sewer Water Management Plan as presented. Seconded by Bair. Discussion. Motion carried. Accepted.

Motion by Maurer to adjourn. Seconded by Mueller. Discussion. Motion carried. Adjourned at 7:50 pm.

CLERK OF COUNCIL
Julie Leggett

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL
Timothy Tarulli