

PHS Minutes of Monday, June 4th, 2018

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Meeting called to order at 5:30 PM

Committee Members Present: Councilors MORGANELLI (chair), BABINSKI, ALLIE

Also present: Councilors Emmershay, Surprise, Beltrandi, Figy, Harris, Flaherty, City Solicitor Sue Phillips, DPW Director Dave Billips, Francis Cain, Heather Miller

Girl Scout Troop: Mr. Rikowski and daughters Isabella & Paulina Rikowski, Caitlyn, Leanna and Christina Goyette and parents Joy and Don Goyette.

Audio recording by the chair for purposes of minutes

1. Public Participation

a. Kristen Riggs brought a water quality study from Dr. Schaeffer to our attention and stressed the importance of testing at more than one place

2. Approval of Minutes: Councilor ALLIE motioned for the acceptance of minutes of 3-28 Approved 2-0 MORGANELLI, ALLIE. BABINSKI abstained due to her absence from that meeting.

3. 4/19/18 MOTION of Councilors MORGANELLI AND PAUL to review the need for a crosswalk or signage at Munger Hill Rd. and Harvest Moon Lane intersection.

a. Girl scout troop 129 presentation on why a cross walk and signage is needed

i. Poster and presentation.

ii. Part of the project includes raising money for signage and they are considering a solar lighted sign.

iii. Director Billips commended the girls for participating and liked the project

iv. MOTION of councilor BABINSKI for positive recommendation to refer to the Traffic Commission. Voted Yes, 3-0.

4. 5/17/18 Motion of Councilors MORGANELLI, EMMERSHY AND BABINSKI to review and update the public on the safety of the city's drinking water supply.

a. DPW updated us on last tests done on water from wells at Barnes Aquifer. The results were within local, state, and federal guidelines. Councilor Morganelli asked about the testing and how the well being off for awhile impacted it. DPW said it ran it for 4 hrs. Then tested and it was consistent with what was found before. Dir. Billips said our goal is non-detect via carbon filtration. He stated others that are using this technology have higher levels of PFAS type chemicals and are getting non-detect results. He cited one city that had gone 3 yrs and 3 mos. Before changing their carbon and they have higher

levels that us. "All evidence is that carbon works" Dir. Billips said. Councilor Babinski asked Heather S. about how we tested for 38 different PFAS chemicals. She agreed. She also cited Heather's email that mentioned how our system will be flexible. (able to be modified in the future if needed with ion exchange) Babinski also mentioned that CBM agreed that carbon filtration is the way to go and that they say we need to get it cleaned up and filter it with carbon. We are learning from other sites: She mentioned Colorado and Michigan. Councilor Emmershy asked questions related to the burn pit where levels are double than what has been tested. Dir. Billips mentioned that no further testing is needed right now as those chemicals likely won't move out of that area into the aquifer. The chair questioned that statement as it hasn't been capped or lined. Dir. Billips said the pit was not used in the last 30 yrs. Or so and the levels haven't gone up and have been consistent in our testing. He said if it were to migrate, it would have done it by now. Heather stated that we would run the system and be sure it's behaving correctly before we deliver water to residents. Councilor Babinski stated the importance of going after the source of the contamination, the soil and clean it up. She believes we need to filter the water and then clean up the source. Dir. Billips denied saying that the Tighe-Camady Reservoir would be first choice of a secondary source of water. He mentioned it would be over \$20 M with a bond for \$25M. Councilor Morganelli mentioned to Dir. Billips that he contradicted his comments he mentioned at the special council meeting on our water and that the video is online.

- b. The chair recognized Kristin Mello with information relative to our water safety. Councilor Babinski was opposed to her speaking. The chair recognized that this is information and answers to specific questions that were asked and answers were just received via email from Dr. Schaeffer. The chair asked if this was objectionable by a majority. Only councilor Babinski objected to my question to Ms. Mello of "Were you satisfied with the answers you got and if not, why?" She stated her question was what is 'breakthrough' and is it only the chemicals that are regulated. Councilor Flaherty asked about the answers that were given. The chair stated we just got this document and the answers are lengthy and that we were not reading them at this meeting. Dir. Billips said he hasn't found one community where Granular Activated Carbon (GAC) filtration

wasn't working. The chair asked about emails, notices, that have gone out about the water. The only correspondence was concerning the Granville Reservoir. Mrs. Heather Miller mentioned the process and how DEP would like notifications sent out etc. and how they want it done in the future. The Chair mentioned word on illegal dumping just east of the aquifer near Barnes. DPW does not know of any illegal dumping.

c. Motion to keep in committee voted yes, 2-1 (Councilor Babinski was opposed)

5. 5/17/18 MOTION of Councilor MORGANELLI to review the city's trash pick-up routes

a. Dir. Billips spoke about doing a new study needed as the routes haven't been looked at in years. Mr. Francis Cain spoke about citizen safety if containers were placed on one side of the street. The chair recognized that main roads were not the consideration. Committee would like to wait for a study before commenting.

b. The committee Voted to keep in committee and refer to DPW with a 3-0 vote

6. 5/17/18 MOTION of Councilor Allie to request a schedule of flushing of fire hydrants and to request pressure testing.

a. DPW mentioned flushing schedule was on hold due to drought. Mr. Cain commented that last flushing was in Sept. 2015. In 2016 there was a drought. A maintenance program is in place. We work with the fire department closely. On the 4 in. water mains which Dir. Billips mentioned are very old and that there were a few spots that were. Mr. Cain spoke about how the system is tested and maintained. Councilor Allie asked about how this process was done and what the standard is. Mrs. Miller and Mr. Cain spoke about the systems that are most in need of repair.

b. Motion of Councilor Allie and VOTED 3-0 to remove from committee without action.

7. Unfinished business/Announcements

a. Chair read an email submitted by Councilor Surprise about how notifications are given regarding the city's water safety including translations for other languages. Dir. Billips spoke about the notification process and state requirements an

b. 2/1/18 Review of ordinance Sec. 16-4, Snow and Ice Removal

8. City Council Vote on Water Filtration Project was announced

9. Meeting adjourned at 6:51pm

Respectfully Submitted: Nicholas J. Morganelli Jr. , PH&S Committee Chair

