

Minutes: 4/21/2023 Village of Richfield Public Works Committee

Chairman Waszak called the meeting to order at 10:01 am. In attendance were committee members Phillipbar, Hudak, and Waszak. Also in attendance was Councilman Norris, law director Chojnacki, Mayor Wheeler, and assistant service director Keserich.

Mr. Chojnacki reported that he had reviewed the contract between the Glencairn Corporation and Richfield Village and that there was language that would allow the Village to “abandon “ the sewer. Waszak stated that it was unlikely that Summit County, Cuyahoga County, or NEORSD would take over the system because effluent would still flow into the Village’s sewer system and there would not be a revenue stream to support the maintenance of the system. Additionally, the Village needed to address the problem of the exposed manhole within the stream bed.

Mr. Chojnacki stated that he reviewed the court documents pertinent to the separation of the Village of Richfield and Richfield Township. His conclusion was that the separation had no effect on the Village’s ownership of the Glencairn sanitary sewer.

Mr. Keserich reported that the system had been pressure tested and visually inspected and was sound.

Mr. Chojnacki reported that rates could be increased to recover costs to repair. Ms. Phillipbar mentioned that there were monies in the budget.

Mr. Hudak referenced that he was aware that there were residents of Glencairn Forest that would circulate petitions to annex to the Village. Mr. Chojnacki briefly explained procedures in the ORC Type I and Type II annexations. Ms. Phillipbar mentioned that if there were petitions filed for annexation that the Village would have to deal with it.

Mr. Hudak motioned to recommend to council that the Village solicit RFQs and RFPs from qualified design professionals for the design/build of the Glencairn stream bed restoration/re-alignment to protect the exposed infrastructure

located in the stream bed. Seconded by Phillipbar. Waszak, Hudak, and Phillipbar all voted yea.

Mr. Hudak moved for adjournment at 11:52.