

**Morningside Area Community Council Monthly Meeting  
June 6, 2018 Minutes  
VFW Banquet Hall, Morningside**

I. Introductions and Welcome. Called to order 7:03. Pledge of Allegiance. Introductions were made.

II. Secretary's report. Matt reported that May meeting minutes have been posted online for review. However he did not have time to prepare printed copies for review. He will plan to carry those drafts over to the next meeting.

III. Henry reported that the Checking balance is \$11,430.98 Savings balance is \$3,558.39.

IV. Bree and her husband Chris will be taking on the yard sale on June 23<sup>rd</sup> from 8 am to 12pm. 20 households are participating currently.

V. No officer was present to provide a Public Safety Report for Zone 5

A. The Zone 5 open house event is June 9th at the station 12 noon-5 pm.

VI. Elected Officials and Special Presenters

A. Mik Pappas presented his 100 days report for the Magisterial District Court. Outlining the concept of "procedural justice," and describing the unique role of the district justice in the state's judicial system. He described the state of the district court in the areas of administration, constabulary and judicial service, and scheduling. He clarified policy on eviction notice service preferences, payment determination hearings, and landlord-tenant disputes. He outlined his strategic plan for the district, specifically concerning bond and payment determination alternatives. He answered questions from the audience.

B. PWSA Interim Executive Director Robert Weimer presented on behalf of the authority. The primary focus was the progress that PWSA has made in the past year. The past shortcomings of the authority were outlined, and ascribed to a lack of administrative stability, a disinclination to make hard choices about rate increases and a resulting disinvestment in capital improvements and maintenance. PWSA outlined stormwater management initiatives.

Historically, the PWSA had a very bad relationship with the state DEP, regularly submitting incomplete and non-compliant compliance reports. Metering issues have been largely resolved. As of April 1<sup>st</sup>, the PWSA is under state PUC oversight and is therefore subject to extensive additional regulations and auditing. The biggest issues are to meet customer service thresholds, for example, the PUC is requiring ~6,000 meter replacements per year, versus the typical 300 done in the past. PWSA will be adding meters to city facilities and working to phase in payment by the city for water service.

PWSA reports daily on water quality to DEP, and they are meeting all thresholds. The Green first plan was outlined. The priority sewersheds were also discussed, including the one in which Morningside (A41) is located. PWSA is negotiating a stormwater Memorandum of Understanding with the city to take over all stormwater responsibilities.

\$20 million was spent in 2013, -14, and typically in past years, last year \$40 million was spent. Implementation of PUC oversight compliance will require additional staff and contractor assistance to complete required improvements. Under PUC oversight, all plans and goals of PWSA will public record and available online. A customer assistance program has been created. Councilwoman Deb Gross (a PWSA board member) spoke at more length on these programs. Sewer line replacement insurance was discussed, PWSA is expecting a proposal from an insurer to offer such a program, sometime early next year.

Dan Duffy, who is managing the lead service line replacement program presented on the progress and history of that initiative. The program is a DEP requirement, but PWSA was only permitted to spend public funds to replace the public service portion of the system, not the lead service laterals owned by the ratepayer. The state legislature amended that in this specific instance and PWSA undertook to specifically target areas of high under-six populations, and specifically high tested blood lead levels. He described the methods available to them to replace lead service lines, and the schedule and process for the ongoing work in the neighborhood. ACHD is requiring additional work on the house side of the system, adding a backflow preventer and expansion tank where they are not in place.

The floor was opened for questions.

- C. The Morningside Crossing representatives presented on the status of the project. It was reported that 130 applications have been received for the 40 spots and will be reviewed in the order they were received. The residential component is on track to complete construction by August, and the Senior Center portion in September.

Specific questions were raised relative to the construction, parking, and paving of Swan Way.

VII. Motion to suspend the remainder of regular business and adjourn by Matt D., seconded and passed unanimously at 9:05.