



City of Ashtabula

Ashtabula City Council

Public Works / Public Utilities / Cable / Schools Committee Meeting

Tuesday, September 24, 2024 at 8:30 AM

Council Chambers

4230 Lake Avenue

Minutes

Opening of Committee Meeting

Call to Order

The meeting of the Ashtabula City Council Public Works/ Public Utilities/ Cable/ Schools Committee was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Committee Chair Mills.

Roll Call

Members Present: Chair: Ward 4 Councilor Jodi Mills, Vice Chair: Ward 2 Councilor Terence Guerriero, Member: Council President John Roskovics

Absent: None

Officers Present: City Manager James Timonere, Clerk of Council Ashley Bell

Visitors: None

Sunshine Law Certification

A quorum was established as defined by the Ashtabula City Council Rules of Order. The meeting met the requirements of the Ohio Sunshine Laws Open Meetings Act.

Welcome and Acknowledgement of Visitors

City Manager's Report

City Manager Timonere provided the report. The City Manager suggested a 2 cent rate raise for weighed waste brought to the transfer station. Recently, an excessive amount of construction and demolition debris was brought to the transfer station. A trailer is used to crush the demolition debris, and then it is moved to the landfill. The process is costly. The transfer station is divided into sections. There is a section for construction debris and another for municipal waste. Curbside leaf bag pick up began this week in the harbor. Next week pick up will be in the wards.

Water Pollution Control Report

Superintendent Mark Verzella provided the report. An employee was promoted from a Maintenance Mechanic to Maintenance Foreman. A frame on a slug pump must be rebuilt. The Ohio Waste Water Monitoring Network is adding Respiratory Syncytial Virus to the list of diseases they track. Saturday, September 28 is household hazardous waste collection day. The department is distributing thermometers to people who are disposing of anything that has mercury. The Refractory for igniter housing was damaged and failing. We are working with a vendor to re-form and create a replacement refractory. The Department is meeting with the Army Corps of Engineers to discuss shoreline permitting of the outfall relocation on 9/24/24 and ODNR meeting is to be scheduled as well.

Water Pollution Control Update

Public Works Report

Superintendent Melnik provided the report. The Jett Vac is back in use. The department is currently working on Union Avenue finishing cleanup from the storm. The department is also completing catch basin repairs on various streets. Preparations are being made for snow plowing. The goals are to have every street plowed within 24 hours after the snow falls. Brobst Tree service is currently contracted to remove 25 trees around the city. The department is hiring laborers. Interviews are being conducted.

New Business**Next Meeting**

October 22, 2024

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:16 a.m. by Committee Chair Mills.