



## **City of Ashtabula**

Ashtabula City Council

Public Works / Public Utilities / Cable / Schools Committee Meeting

Tuesday, November 26, 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. Summer and fall activities are waning. The city departments are prepared for snow. The Public Works department did a mock run for salting and plowing. The main streets are plowed first, the secondary streets are plowed second. City officials are also obtaining approvals for the Outfall Projects. The estimated completion date is 2025.

##### **Water Pollution Control Report**

Superintendent Mark Verzella provided the report. The department sent their sewer camera head for repair. A small backup camera head was used during the interim period. The Osmosis System currently has a leak. The system is operable but leaking internally. Purchasing a new unit is between \$8,000 to \$10,000. The estimate for service of the system is \$1000. The Centrifuge Service is scheduled for December 16. An ordinance for the Maintenance Building overhead door at the Water Pollution Control Plant is on the agenda for the next council meeting. The department conducts a Discharge Monitoring Report Quality Assurance (DMRQA) which is a Federal study. This requires the purchase of a testing kit that is utilized by the department's in-house Chemist. The results are graded to ensure the city's Water Pollution Control Department may continue to conduct the in-house testing that is reported to the state. The department's contract with Waste Water Management expires in 2025. City officials are currently negotiating a new contract. A meeting will take place on November 27, 2024, to discuss CND, municipal waste, Leachate and yearly associated fees.

## **Public Works Report**

Public Service Superintendent Melnik provided the report. The department is currently completing patching, tree stumping, tree cutting, and landscaping. The department is also picking up leaf bags, catch-basin repairs, and sign work. Ten snow plows are available. Each shift has a foreman that is in charge. One person in the department is scheduled to retire in 2025. The Ferry Drive project is still ongoing. Currently, Storm Sewers are being installed. The city owns light poles on Main Avenue, along Collins Boulevard from 46th Street to Park Avenue, and from Park Avenue to Center Street. CEI is in charge of the lights and the city is in charge of the wiring. You may go to the city's website to report light outages.

The City Manager stated options are being explored to verify if trash and recycling may be picked up on the same day. The cost is \$15.50 per month for garbage pick up.

## **New Business**

### **Next Meeting**

**January 28, 2025**

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:24 a.m. by Committee Chair Mills.