

# YORKVILLE STORM WATER UTILITY COMMISSION

## MEETING MINTUES

MAY 12, 2011

Chairman Steve Nelson called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m. Present were Tom Lauber, Engineer Mark Eberle, Planning Commissioner Sherry Gruhn, John Vyvyan, and Town Supervisor Terry McMahon.

Minutes from the previous meeting of April 28, 2011 were approved on a motion by Terry McMahon, seconded by Tom Lauber and carried.

The purpose of tonight's meeting was to compose a letter to town property owners informing them of the upcoming informational meetings which will be held May 25, June 16 and the public hearing will be held on July 11.

We discussed the format which we want to follow for these meetings. We decided the meetings would start at 7:00 p.m. Steve will give an informal introduction to those in attendance, introducing the members of the committee and our Engineering personnel. Then we would have Mark E. and Mark M. continue on with the meeting. They would then give a short presentation 10-15 minutes explaining what has transpired in the last year and leading up to why we have formed this utility and how it is was formed to benefit ALL town property owners. Handouts would include: The Summary Report, copy of the budget and possibly an explanation of the ERU calculations, a copy of a sample user analysis. After this brief presentation, we will open the meeting for questions and hopefully we will be able to answer many if not all of them.

We anticipate questions being asked might include:

1. Why are you borrowing the entire amount of the project rather than completing the project as funds are available?
2. Because there is a Drainage District for the West Branch of the Root River, why is there no "district" for the East Branch.
3. Why not just the property owners on the East Branch pay for any of this work....why residents that have no water problems?
4. What prompted the organization of this utility?
5. We want to make sure we include something like – Yorkville is not the only Town to develop a storm water utility, Raymond and Mt. Pleasant have had storm water procedures in place for some time. Storm water will be around forever, and if we don't address some of the issues in the town soon, we may find ourselves in some real trouble with drainage.
6. Why were ERU's used instead of hard surface?
7. I don't have a water problem, why do I have to pay? Why town-wide?
8. Are tributaries to the two canals going to be included? Answer could be: Not at this time, but may be addressed sometime in the future.
9. When will the first user fee be assessed?

10. Why are you going to spend \$275,000?

11. If an individual asks—Why are you doing this at all? Answer could be “We can meet with you after the meeting to discuss”.

We discussed the possibility of putting an article in the Westine, but decided to wait until after the first informational meeting to see what type of response we get at the meeting.

We will have Judy put a copy of the ordinance and a copy of the letter on the town website prior to the meetings so we can advise anyone in attendance that if they want to see and read the ordinance, they are free to do so.

We briefly looked at the permit application, made one minor change (eliminate Railroad) under #1. We feel this is now ready.

We will hold a brief meeting on Monday, May 23 at 5:30 in the Town Board Room to go over any questions/concerns, and possibly a dry run for Steve and Mark & Mark prior to the meeting on the 25<sup>th</sup>.

No further business came before the meeting and meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m. Motion by Tom Lauber, seconded by John Vyvyan, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry Gruhn, Secretary