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Members of Council  
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**DATE:** January 15, 2016

**SUBJECT:** Report to Council, January 25, 2016

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### **ACTION ITEMS FROM THE CITY ENGINEER**

#### **ACTION ITEM #1 – Franklin Soil & Water Conservation District (FSWCD)- National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Compliance:**

Under the City's storm water NPDES permit, there are certain Ohio EPA requirements we must meet in order to be compliant with the Program. These requirements revolve around meeting the Permit's 6 Minimum Control Measures listed below:

- Control Measure 1: Public Outreach
- Control Measure 2: Public Involvement
- Control Measure 3: Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination (IDDE). (Handled in Item #4 below and paid out of Sanitary funds.)
- Control Measure 4: Erosion and Sedimentation Control
- Control Measure 5: Post Construction Runoff
- Control Measure 6: Good Housekeeping

In order to meet these measures and ultimately report the results to the Ohio EPA, we partner with FSWCD on assisting us to fulfill the requirements of the many aspects of our NPDES Program.

As we have done in the past, we are respectfully requesting legislation authorizing the Mayor to enter into a working agreement with FSWCD. FSWCD's proposal to assist in fulfilling the 2016 requirements is \$10,000. Funds have been appropriated in the 2016 appropriations. (Working Agreement and RCA attached.)

**ACTION ITEM #2 – Franklin Soil & Water Conservation District (FSWCD) – Illicit Discharge Detection Elimination (IDDE) Compliance:** As noted above, under the City's NPDES permit, there are certain Ohio EPA requirements we must meet in order to be compliant with the Program. One of the requirements is meeting Minimum Control Measure 3, Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination (IDDE). In order to meet this measure, we must continue to develop our Dry Weather Screening Outfall Reconnaissance Inventory of known outfall points.

We currently partner with FSWCD on many other aspects in our NPDES Program. As part of a past program requirement, they have located and mapped storm outfall points and have performed dry weather screening of some outfalls in 2010 in 2011. We need to continue collecting screening data in order to identify points of potential illicit discharges. We also need to continue to refine our storm water mapping by field verifying the system to fill in some gaps in the network.

We are respectfully requesting legislation authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with FSWCD to perform the tasks required by the above mentioned control measure. FSWCD's proposal to do this work is \$15,300. Funds have been appropriated in the 2016 appropriations. (IDDE Agreement and RCA attached.)

#### **ACTION ITEM FROM THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE**

**ACTION ITEM #1 – Suburban Steel – Dust Control:** In an effort to control dust from their gravel storage lots, Suburban Steel desires to apply a brine solution to the gravel lots (as outlined by the Ohio Department of Transportation). Brine is a saline by-product generated during oil and gas well drilling and production operations.

Prior to permitting this, the State of Ohio requires that the local authority hold a public hearing regarding the planned use of this material. Additionally, the local authority must pass legislation granting permission. Gahanna has passed legislation the since 2006 allowing Suburban Steel to use the brine solution for dust control.

We are hoping that a public hearing can take place at the Tuesday, February 16<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting (due to the President's Day holiday). If no opposition is raised in the meeting, we are respectfully requesting legislation allowing Suburban Steel to apply a brine solution for another year. (Brine Water Usage Plan and RCA attached.)

## UPDATES

**Gypsy Moth Spraying** – You may remember that last year there was a public meeting held at City Hall by the Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA) regarding spraying for gypsy moths. That spraying event that will take place again in Gahanna in 2016 and, once again, there will be a public meeting to explain what to expect during the spraying event.

The public meeting will take place at City Hall, from 6-8pm, Tuesday, February 9. The ODA will be doing a press release about the meeting approximately one week prior to the meeting date. I've also asked that they send us information ASAP so that we can publicize it.

The mayor and city council will be receiving a packet with a lot of info on the project. You can also go to our website for more information at [www.agri.ohio.gov](http://www.agri.ohio.gov) and click on "Programs" and then click on "Gypsy Moth".

**Hamilton Rd Central** – The first phase of waterline tie-ins has been completed. The contractor has begun tie-ins of the new service lines to the private residences, and will continue to work on these over the next couple of weeks, and hopes to be completed by the end of the month. These operations are being coordinated so as to provide minimal impacts to residents.

Pavement repairs have been completed and will continue throughout the construction zone to maintain an adequate pavement condition throughout the winter months.

Private Utility Companies continue the process of relocating power lines and installing new gas lines on Hamilton and Clark State Roads.

The mild late autumn weather has allowed the contractor to work on storm sewer installations thus far, and they are hopeful that this work can proceed throughout the winter months.