

**Norwalk Utility Advisory Commission – Regular Meeting**  
**August 20, 2018 6:00 pm**  
**Public Works Facility**

The regular meeting of the Utility Advisory Commission was called to order at 6:04 pm on Monday, August 20, 2018 by chair Newton Standridge. Members present at roll call: Newton Standridge, Ric Graves, Tim Kalvig, Dan Merriman, Amy Hock.

Staff present: Wayne Schwartz, Public Works Director; Joseph Ballard, Assistant Director Public Works; Deanna Schulz, Economic Development Assistant.

**Agenda**

*Motion by Merriman and seconded by Kalvig to approve Agenda as presented.  
Approved 5-0.*

**Minutes**

*A motion was made by Merriman and seconded by Graves to approve the minutes of the June 11, 2018 regular meeting as presented. Approved 5-0.*

**Welcome New Member, Amy Hock**

All welcomed new member, Amy Hock to the Commission and even though it is not a requirement, Hock was given an Oath of Office by the Chair.

**Rain Event 6-26-18 and Storm Water**

Schwartz reported that on June 26 Norwalk received 2.6" of rain in a very short period of time which equated to a 25 year rain event. This rain resulted in flooding on Cherry Street, Georgetown and a few other places in Norwalk. Overall the issues were pretty minor and we were pleased with how our system handled everything. The few issues that we did have we are currently working on resolutions.

Following that event, on June 28 Norwalk was hit by a wind storm. There was damage all over the city, but the worst damage was mostly seen from High Road and to the south. There was a lot of storm debris clean up from this storm.

Warren County was declared a disaster and will receive funds to help assist with some of the cleanup of these storms.

**Project Updates**

Western feeder main – The Booster Station Phase I is complete. Phase II is currently out to bid. Vanderpool will be the contractor for Phase III. Our highest peak so far this year occurred on August 2<sup>nd</sup>. Des Moines Water Works says this project will be complete prior to peak season next year.

The water main interconnector that went in across Highway 28 by Lakewood Drive went in well. McClure said we should gain 3-5 feet of water in the tower from this step alone. So far this year we have not issued the water conservation ordinance.

Capital City Fruit Regional Storm Water Detention Facility – Public Works is to begin working on this project shortly and will be going to City Council soon. The Development Agreement stated the City would install a regional storm water detention facility. Graves mentioned that Public Works should look at Warren County Conservation for money to help with this and Kathy Graves would be the contact person for this. Schwartz said they would reach out her.

Standridge asked how many lots have been approved and how many are up coming. Schwartz said he would find out from Luke Parris, Community Development Director. Once he has that information he will email it out to the Commission since there is not a meeting until October 8.

Graves mentioned that he feels that getting water line out to 50<sup>th</sup> for fire protection with the growth that we have is just as important as the water tower.

### **Open Forum**

Graves asked how we are doing with the erosion on the east side of Wright Road and up to Casey's and if some of the trees can be removed? The east side of the highway, and north of Elm have lost 10-12 ft. of backyard over the years. Schwartz responded that staff met with the DOT and that it is their responsibility, but the trees are the City's responsibility. Ballard did get some trees cleared out this season. Schwartz said the City has had discussions with the IDOT about adding a third lane and we may meet with the DOT Commission about that and also redoing the intersections along Highway 28.

Standridge wants to look at Wright Road as well. Schwartz suggested taking some trees out but would like to try and leave as many as they can for buffer.

Standridge asked that the Casey's area gets cleaned up as well. Ballard responded that they will get to that this fall. The church said they will help with that.

Graves asked what the status of the sump pump inspections were. Ballard said he would send an email and follow up on this.

Schwartz reported that Public Works has ordered a backup power generator for our booster station. It should arrive 13 weeks from last week. This will be located on Old Hwy 28. The cost of the generator was \$60,000.

*Standridge called the meeting to adjournment at 6:36 pm.*

Next Regular Meeting October 8, 2018.

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Newton Standridge, Chair

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Shelley Stravers,  
Administrative Coordinator