

FEMA advised on some area flooding issues

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LAKE COUNTY

Lake County Stormwater Management Department Director Tim Miller was asked about a meeting with FEMA concerning Barton Ditch and McKinley Creek in Painesville Township by Commissioner Dan Troy at the Aug. 11 meeting of the Lake County Board of Commissioners.

"Basically the meeting that was held was more of an informational thing. They were looking for areas of concern that the local officials may have had, and those were two areas that Painesville Township trustees were concerned about," Miller said.

McKinley Creek is by the Lake Erie Shores development and has caused some concerns.

There was significant work done on Barton Ditch about six years ago, but there were still issues which resulted in some parking lots flooding.

FEMA asked that the Lake County Engineer's Office and other communities make FEMA aware of similar problems. FEMA also wanted the communities aware of available programs to help with issues.

When called for a comment on the flooding issues, Painesville Township Administrator Mike Manary said, "The trustees have expressed their concerns to Tim Miller that McKinley Creek and Barton Ditch frequently flood during real heavy rain events."

Peppertree Condominiums has the problem with the parking lot flooding from Barton Ditch during heavy

rain events.

He said the yards in the Fiddler's Creek development by Blackbrook were getting flooded by McKinley Creek when there were heavy rains.

Resolutions passed Aug. 11:

ENGINEERS DEPARTMENT

• Authorizing change order No. 1 for the addition of LAK Vrooman Road Bridge and Roadway Improvements Part 1 PID 5669 with the Fahlin Company in the amount of \$68,401.25.

The original contract amount was \$24,751,369.76.

The additional funds were required since trees needed to be cut down prior to April 1 due to the northern long-eared bat being identified as a threatened species after the contract was awarded, and some other unforeseen conditions.

• Awarding a bid contract to Easton Leasing, Inc. in the amount of \$111,984 for the Metcalf Road Bridge Repair Project (OPWC Project No. DGS06) over unnamed stream in Waite Hill Village.

UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

- Increasing appropriations for LCDU Solid Waste District transfers out and transferring cash.

Troy said the transfer was to place about \$1.5 million into the "Closure Fund" for the Solid Waste Facility, bringing it to \$7.5 million.

"The reason for this is under Ohio law, when that landfill is complete there is a very expensive closure cost to make sure it is environmentally sound forever, and rather than wait till that time—we're estimating

maybe \$60 or \$70 million to

do this—we're putting away money now," Troy said.

- Increasing appropriations for State Routes 91 & 84 Elevated Tank Painting 357-W Contract projects and Bacon Road Water Treatment Plant & Raw Water Pump Station Roof Replacement 368-W contract project and transferring cash.

- Approving plans, specifications and estimates of cost in the amount of \$1,175,591 for Glyco II Foremain Replacement Project No. 364-S contract B and advertising for bids for same with a bid opening date of Sept. 2.

The existing force main was placed about 1975 and has had a number of breaks. The new main on River Street and Singer Avenue will run along the existing main.

OPWC funding for the project was \$349,000.

- Approving plans, specifications and estimates of cost in the amount of \$1.149 million for Fairport Nursery Road Waterline Replacement Project No. 358-W and advertising for bids for same with a bid opening date of Sept. 2.

The project is for a new 8-inch waterline from the freeway onramp to about 1,500 feet west of Hardy Road in Painesville Township, about 6,500 feet.

The current waterline is about 65 years old and considered in critical condition due to the number of breaks occurring.

- Amending the sanitary sewerage, solid waste, and water supply rules and regulations of the Lake County Department of Utilities.

Troy said the changes were minor.

OFFICE

- Authorizing advertising for sealed proposals for courtroom audio/visual systems for the Lake County Court of Common Pleas with a bid opening date of Sept. 16.

"We went down this route about five months ago, and we did end up throwing out all the bids because there were some anomalies with a couple of the bidders and we wanted to make sure we had a good, solid bid," said Jim Walsh, information technology director for Lake County Common Pleas Court.

The request for proposals includes equipment for the hearing impaired since the current equipment is old.

- Authorizing execution of an agreement between the Lake County Board of Commissioners and the Communications Workers of America, Local 4340, expiring March 31, 2018.

This is a three-year contract which provides for 2.5 percent increases each year.

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FINANCE DEPARTMENT

- Approving payment of bills as listed on the commissioners' approval journal in the amount of \$2,220,237.88.

- Approving purchase orders as listed on the commissioners' purchase order approval journal in the amount of \$1,177,232.49.

- Increasing appropriations for various non-general fund accounts.

- Transferring appropriations within various general and non-general fund accounts.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS UTILITIES

- Public Services Coordinator Matt Armand stated LCDU was putting out notices to all customers that it was preparing for its annual certification of delinquent accounts.

Any balances past due

by 90 or more days will be placed on the real estate property taxes along with a 15 percent administrative fee.

Customers had until Aug. 18 to get the bills paid and avoid the extra charge.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The commissioners adjourned to executive session to discuss personnel employment and legal potential litigation.

MEETINGS

- Meetings are held in the Commissioners' Chamber of the Lake County Administration Building, 105 Main St., Painesville. All meetings are open to the public. Requests to address the government board may be made at any board meeting or presented to the Commissioners' Office by calling (440) 350-2753.

The next regular meeting will be Thursday, Aug. 20 at 10 a.m.