

COMMISSIONERS PUBLIC HEARING – MONDAY, AUGUST 27, 2007

Sharon A. Ray called the meeting to order at 10:32 a.m. with Patricia G. Geissman and Stephen D. Hambley present.

The purpose of the public hearing was to discuss the *Sanitary Engineers' Rules and Regulations*. An attendance sheet is attached as Exhibit A.

Sanitary Engineer Jim Troike said the reason they got involved in this was because the rules and regulations had not been upgraded since 1979. The old regulations included stormwater regulations and the regulation on how storm sewers should be designed and that is something they don't even do anymore so that needed to be updated. He also felt the last set of rules and regulations were confusing and needed to be reorganized so they put similar issues into similar places. Also, the specifications they use now are totally different than what they used to accept so the new specifications have been incorporated.

Mr. Troike said the document was changed and then they circulated it so that the Permit Department, inspectors, maintenance people, etc. had a chance to see it and make comments on it. Afterward, they included some of the suggested changes. There will always be changes that need to take place based how rules and policies change so it will always be a work in progress.

There was no one from the general public at the hearing. Mr. Troike said there were probably no comments because this is not anything different from what they are now doing, and the draft had been sent to local plumbers explaining why they made the changes so there were no surprises.

Mr. Troike said he had presented a summary of the changes at the July 16, 2007 Commissioners Discussion Session. There are some good changes such as the backflow grease program that was a cooperative effort with the Health Department. That is something that is better for the sewers and there were Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) rules that needed to be incorporated into the document. Mr. Troike said the *Medina County Sanitary Engineers Rules and Regulations* is a very comprehensive document that every five years they should look at again and make adjustments. He will present a resolution at the next Commissioners' meeting and implementation will take place in mid-September.

On a motion by Mr. Hambley that was seconded by Mrs. Geissman, the public hearing was adjourned at 10:38 a.m.

All deliberations concerning official business and formal actions by this Board of Commissioners were conducted in an open public meeting this twenty-seventh day of August, 2007.

Respectfully submitted,	COMMISSIONERS	_____
		Sharon A. Ray
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_____		Patricia G. Geissman
Pam Vereb, Clerk	MEDINA COUNTY	_____
		Stephen D. Hambley