

Finance Committee Meeting  
Jan 23, 2023

Attendees: Theresa Bisbee, Monica Koudela, Patrick Mohorcic  
David Phares, Natalie Antosh, Bob Patton, Mike Vanni, Todd Shannon, Cheryl Benedict, Tim  
McLaughlin

**Meeting Minutes:**  
Called to Order 6:00pm

**Topic: Euclid Sewer Rate Increase 2023**

1. When was Willowick notified?
  - a. Cheryl reached out to Euclid Finance Director Mid Dec 2022 to get an update on sewer charges for 2023. She was not getting called back but on Jan 17<sup>th</sup>, the Asst Finance Director – sent over the ***Euclid Ordinance 109-2022 which was passed October 3, 2022, by Euclid City Council***, this ordinance shows the new sewer rates for 2023.
  - b. The increase for Willowick was approved by Euclid City Council 10/3/22
  - c. Euclid can increase the cost to the various cities without justification
2. Question if we have a cross check meter
  - a. Per City Engineer we do have a cross check meter – which allows Willowick to validate the billing.
3. Can we request a cost study?
  - a. Will follow up with law director
  - b. Cost Study could cost approx. \$50K. Would look to see if Wickliffe, Willoughby Hills and Willowick could split this cost
4. Questions
  - a. Bob Patton: Do we have any legal stance against Euclid or do we have the ability to push back and look to get a justification on the increase without notice.
    - i) Need to get opinion of law director
  - b. What is the current Language in our ordinance on increases?
    - i) Council can pass by motion up to 5%
    - ii) If increase is passed – would need to have all numbers back to Finance Director by Feb 26<sup>th</sup>
  - c. What has been in the rate increases from Euclid:
    - i) **2017 6.6%; 2018 9.3%; 2019 9.3%; 2020 10%; 2021/2022 0% 2023 25%**
5. Will have a follow up meeting to discuss next steps and options to put in front of Council
  - a. If needed will have an open session to bring the residents – will need a fact sheet with all the information – City Engineer will prepare as needed.
6. Adjourn – Motion by Monica 2<sup>nd</sup> by Patrick – all in favor 7:40pm

Respectfully submitted,



Theresa Bisbee, Chairman  
Finance Committee