



**COMMITTEE WORK SESSION
NOVEMBER 7, 2016**

Committee Members Present: Rick Rodgers
Dennis McGlone
Joe Kernan
Dennis Pierson
Paul Tousley
Scott Pelot
Charlotte Whipkey

Also Present: Mayor Mike Zita
Valerie Wax Carr
Ron Messner
Justin Markey
Dave White
Karla Richards

The Committee Work Session convened on Monday, November 7, 2016 at 7:00 PM, in the Council Chambers of the Safety Administration Building. The meeting was called to order by Charlotte Whipkey, President of Council. Following a salute to the flag and the Pledge of Allegiance, there was a moment of silent prayer.

General Topics of Discussion:

Feral Cats

Mr. McGlone turned this discussion over to Mr. Rodgers for the details. Mr. McGlone noted that we have a sample of legislation from Barberton and a letter from Mrs. Teresa Balogh, a Norton resident. Mr. Rodgers indicated that Mrs. Balogh had contacted him on this and he indicated that we may be patterning our legislation after Barberton's. Mr. Rodgers stated that apparently there is some grant money for the neutering process and we may be looking toward Summit County for some assistance. Ms. Whipkey stated she had received some complaints from residents that are totally against this proposal. Ms. Whipkey noted there was someone in the Barberton Herald views line recently that was complaining about the law in Barberton and that it's not being properly enforced and questioned how we are going to enforce this? We could still pursue the idea of a spay and neuter program and possibly even with a local rescue group. Ms. Whipkey stated she has not heard of anyone in favor of this. Mr. Tousley agreed with Ms. Whipkey and he is not in favor of telling any resident that they cannot leave food out.

Mr. Tousley commented on Section 1 in the Barberton sample legislation that states: “*However, food may be left out during daylight hours, provided that the feeding area must be removed and cleaned each day*”. Mr. Tousley questioned how is that going to fix the problem? Mr. Tousley stated that although it may be a nice attempt to fix the problem, however he felt this is just taking the liberties away from the residents. Mr. Rodgers suggested we table this and Mr. McGlone agreed. Mr. Markey stated that he had drafted some legislation last year and may have incorporated this issue and that Mrs. Richards would be able to pull this up at any point if Council wanted to revisit it in the future.

Amend Council Rule 505 Archiving of Recorded Meetings

Mr. Tousley discussed the change to Rule 505 and read the proposed changes as follows: “*All audio recordings shall be archived until the hard copy of the minutes have been approved and signed by the President of Council and the Clerk of Council. All video recordings shall be archived and maintained by the Clerk of Council until Council directs the Clerk to dispose of such video recordings in accordance with the public records disposal policies of the City*” Mr. Tousley asked what the current policies are? Mr. Markey stated that in order to destroy public records the City is required to follow the process by the Records Commission and the State of Ohio and you must submit a form with the State. Audio recordings are considered only temporary recordings and are not required to be maintained according to the policy. With the video recordings you are telling the Clerk of Council to keep them longer than the policy and you need to follow a procedure. He believes that Council would direct the Clerk by a motion or however. Mr. Tousley concurred we need to follow the Ohio Revised Code and Mr. Markey agreed and that it’s also the recommendation of the Ohio Historical Society. Ms. Whipkey asked what is the time frame and Mr. Markey explained that Council can set their own time limit; Council could direct the Clerk to keep them until they directed her to dispose of them. Mr. Pelot stated that Mrs. Richards could let Council know when she is getting close to the maximum capacity of storage limit. Mr. Tousley asked would that be a majority vote and Mr. Markey stated yes but it is up to Council on how they want to set that rule; it could be a majority or a super majority. Ms. Whipkey stated it was talked about keeping the video as long as five (5) years before and suggested six (6) months, and Mr. Rodgers suggested a compromise at one (1) year and Mr. Pelot suggested we put that specific time frame in the verbiage now for one year and be done with it. Ms. Whipkey stated we could always revisit it later after we see if there was any real interest in the stored meetings and could change it if warranted. Mr. Markey stated nothing prevents you from keeping any record longer. Mr. Pierson asked if the videos have any legal standing in the court of law? Mr. Markey replied the video is not considered the official minutes. Mr. Pierson asked if the video would have a legal standing if it contradicted the legal minutes? Mr. Markey stated that he would think any good attorney would admit that video into the record if there were any type of conflict. Mr. Pierson suggested we keep them by virtue of that reason for at least twenty-four (24) months and it’s not difficult to store them. Mr. Tousley moved to send the Section 505 of the Council Rules as amended with the twenty-four (24) month requirement to the next Council Agenda, seconded by Mr. McGlone.

Roll Call: Yeas: Tousley, McGlone, Rodgers
Nays: None

Motion passed 3-0.

Newpark Drive Storm Sewer Project

Mr. Pelot explained that this has been going on for some time with the flooding in the Barber Road and Newpark Drive area. We have readdressed the previous plans which are more cost effective. Mrs. Carr concurred and noted that Mr. White is also present for technical questions. We had applied for funding since 2010 and we have been successful to keep this on the books with the State. The loan has gone away completely however we have asked the State to allow us to re- apply for total \$125,000.00 and is a 50% match. The \$100,000.00 is for this check valve (see attached) and the \$25,000.00 is for the design cost that we have already paid and we will seek full reimbursement for from the State. Mr. Pelot asked once the water in Wolf Creek raises so high and starts to back flow the check valve will close, so what happens to all of the water that is already backed up? Mr. White stated that it's a progressive thing; it stops some of the water where everything would be flooded anyway and doesn't make much difference because everything is flooded at that point. This is also called a tide valve and is used in tidal areas where you have the ebb and flow. Essentially it will stop the back up because you still have water at a lower level slowly flowing out while up above you have water backing up where the valve is closed. It's basically where water is flowing in the other direction, and seems to be a strange thing that happens. This will have a major impact on the major flooding in this area. Some of the things we initially may have proposed may have actually made things worse. This method is very cost effective and it slows down the flooding process. Mr. Rodgers asked where this location of this check valve was and Mrs. Carr explained it is actually on the Comunale property. Mr. White stated this is at the discharging end with the forty-eight (48) inch pipe that flows thru the Comunale property. Mr. White stated this will discharge down to the old Summit County waste water treatment plant that Barberton recently took over near the bend in the creek. Mrs. Carr stated that plant has already been abandoned and hooked into the sewer which is why the costs have come down so much. Mr. Rodgers stated a few years back we had talked about doing something on the west side of Barber Road and asked if we still will be addressing this area? Mr. White stated that has been studied and will be more of a function of the Wolf Creek Watershed District, this is a massive project that needs to have a delicate balance and planning involved. Mrs. Carr stated the short answer is we will still be discussing this with the Conservancy and the Army Corp of Engineering. Mr. Rodgers asked if this is going to really help with the issues at Comunale and Mr. White stated yes and they are very excited and on board with this. Mrs. Carr stated that Comunale and Revlis have been very helpful and also Comunale has assisted with the collection of the data we needed. Ms. Whipkey asked about the check valve is on the inside of the pipe and Mr. White replied no; it's going to be on the outside of the pipe. Mr. Tousley asked what triggers the valve into action and Mr. White replied it is water pressure and the level of the water. Mr. Pelot asked about the maintenance or upkeep and Mr. White stated it's a relatively simple valve and just keeping it clear and making sure the bolts are tight. Mrs. Carr stated this will be our device and is under our storm water maintenance program. Ms. Whipkey talked about the study and asked if this will need to be redone on the west side after this is installed? Mrs. Carr stated she honestly does not know at this point and once we get into the Conservancy discussions this will be looked at.

Mr. Pelot asked once this has been in place how will we know this is working properly? Mr. White stated there are gauges at Fred Martin, upstream in Copley and several places, so we know these readings now and will be monitoring upstream and downstream in addition to the back flow around Comunale where we already know those conditions. We will see the valve function because there will be a change on the way the water backs up. Mr. Rodgers addressed the flooding at Wolf Creek and he has had calls about Simons Tree Service on St. Rt. 261 and they have a sign up advertising that they are taking asphalt grindings. Mr. Rodgers stated they are filling in this area with grindings that are one (1) foot above the adjoining properties level. Mr. White stated there are several businesses that we will be looking hard at for this by the Ohio Soil Water Conservation District and the Ohio EPA as both are already looking at investigations relating to this. Mr. Rodgers stated he doesn't want to attack these businesses but one resident is very concerned with this; he has complained and gotten no help and now he is moving away. Mrs. Carr reiterated those state agencies Mr. White indicated have already started investigations on several of those properties. Mr. White indicated that there are some that are worse than that business and one of them will be dealt with very harshly which has triggered an investigation with others. Mr. White stated that you will see some things happening over the next few months. Mr. Pierson asked if this area is a designated wetland? Mr. White stated there are several designated wetlands and flood plains that are being impacted by this activity and will be dealt with very soon. Ms. Whipkey stated that the Army Corp. did some study in this area back in 2012 or 2013 and did soil samples, and she was not sure how that process ended. Mr. Pelot asked Mrs. Carr what is needed from Council at this point and Mrs. Carr stated that this is more information at this point and that we are going out for bid currently. The legislation you will need to pass is for us to enter into a contract, and that perhaps Mr. Markey can prepare a preliminary piece of legislation together where we can fill in the blank as to the contractor once the bids come in. Mr. Rodgers clarified that you have already gone out for the bid and Mrs. Carr stated that we are currently advertising for the bids and they will be opened on November 29, 2016 and suggested we prepare the legislation. Ms. Whipkey clarified that Mrs. Carr indicated we had applied for a grant of \$125,000.00 and that we get 50% back and Mrs. Carr stated the 50% back is just on the construction costs which is \$100,000.00 and looking to get the full \$25,000.00. Mr. Tousley stated he understands this is in a rush for the grant funding and Mrs. Carr stated that the sooner we can get on this the better because the State has been very patient with us so far and if we can have the legislation prepared so we can have the bid pricing and the people know it's out there and hopefully we can pass this with emergency language. Mr. Tousley asked why did we wait so late in the year to approach this? Mrs. Carr stated that we were waiting for the studies to be done which we have been working on the entire year and we have just now reached that point. Mr. Pelot moved to send this to Council's next Committee Work Session agenda, seconded by Mr. Kernan. Mr. Rodgers asked if you needed legislation to go out for bid and Mrs. Carr replied no. You need legislation to approve the contract and you had already approved legislation for applying for the grant OPWC funding.

Roll Call: Yes: Pelot, Kernan, Tousley
 No: None

Motion passed 3-0.

Oppose S. B. #235-Regarding TIFF's

Mr. Kernan explained that this is Senate Bill #235 which the State is attempting to make the tax abatements on empty commercial property the same state wide and handled at the County level for the applications. In the past it has always been at done at the local level for authority. Mr. Markey previously there was a city or township ordinance that authorized an exemption which required negotiations with the taxing authorities. This would circumvent all of that process and is a perfunctory matter. They would file the form and if they qualify, the County Auditor would have to accept this and then that property would become exempt. Mr. Kernan stated it completely takes this out our hands and we have to deal with the tax dollars coming out of our community. Mr. Markey stated it's a lofty goal of having more job ready sites out there, but it's really a burden on the local government. Mr. Kernan stated that it's an every ten (10) year renewal and holds it at that level and then there is a reset in the next ten (10) years. Mr. Rodgers questioned the widening of Cleve-Mass Road and the residential homes along that path, would this ensure they would be exempt from the higher taxes? Mr. Markey stated this is meant for more virgin land and someone putting their own improvements on like developers putting improvements in. Mr. Rodgers asked are we shooting ourselves in the foot by not taking advantage of the lower tax now and Mr. Markey stated you could do that as a City. Mr. Markey went on to explain the problem was if it was the right development or improvement or not. Mr. Rodgers stated so then we are not opposing this because of the process, we are opposing it because it takes our control away. Mr. Kernan concurred that he has a problem with this because we are losing our local control. Ms. Whipkey asked who really benefits from this? Mr. Markey stated the State can say that they have progressive policies towards job creation and at times the schools and local governments cannot get along to get an exemption as they are the ones that benefit primarily from the property taxes. It's good to attract business with the climate, but it is not good for the local governments. Ms. Whipkey asked if it was the County accepting the business and Mr. Markey clarified it was the State as the State would set the rules and then it's a done deal. Mr. Tousley stated by opposing this we are giving our State reps our feedback. Mr. Markey noted that there are several form letters that we can prepare to send to the State Reps. Ms. Whipkey stated this behooves the City to get behind the OML and we need to show our opposition, it's our schools and city that would be going without the funds and we should be the ones able to offer the incentives and what type of business. Mr. Pierson asked if you have two (2) entities, as with Barberton, and properties to the west of us are seeking development who holds the trump card then? Mr. Markey stated it depends on where the development land lies if it straddles both areas. Mr. Markey stated, in relation to the JEDD, they could take the actions and do the sewer and water; however for the conditions of a CRA or TIFF exemptions the City of Norton still has the say if they want to allow this or not. If you have an agreement stating if you want to split the JEDD that is Councils decision whether or not you want to split that revenue. Mr. Rodgers asked if what Mr. Markey is saying means that Barberton could take sewers or water anywhere in Norton and Mr. Markey replied yes they can within the public right of way as it is a utility and any utility can do so. Mr. Pierson stated that is what was passed on the 22nd. Mrs. Carr stated that any public utility can access our public right away and there is a process they go thru.

Mrs. Carr stated any utility can bring into the right of way like Dominion or Time Warner, etc. Mr. Pierson stated a utility like power or gas for the public's welfare, but extending sewer lines, unless it is a nuisance, is not in the public's welfare. Mrs. Carr stated the difference is you are not being assessed for power lines with First Energy or Dominion; Barberton could not do it and assess for it without a petition to Norton and Norton agreeing to an assessment. Mr. Kernan stated that we need to pull this back to the base of the discussion on SB 235. Mr. Jack Gainer, 3920 Wadsworth Road, Norton, Ohio stated that in reference to the discussion on the who brought the bill forward, someone else or our State Reps.; it does not matter where they are from because they will all be voting on this so you just need to get in touch with all of the local reps and get them to get behind stopping this. Mr. Gainer stated that you need to send them the message that if this bill were to pass they should not be re-elected. You need to stop this in the tracts now and if that means the Mayor needs to address this personally, then so be it. Mr. Kernan stated our State Reps. are Mr. LaRose and Mrs. Marilyn Slaby. Mr. Kernan asked if there is a consensus from Council to have a letter of opposition drafted and there were no objections. Mr. Kernan moved to have Mr. Markey prepare a letter to the Bill sponsors and Mrs. Slaby and Mr. LaRose, seconded by Mr. Pelot.

Roll Call: Yes: Kernan, Pelot, McGlone
 No: None

Motion passed 3-0.

Note Renewal for P-25 Radio's

Ms. Whipkey stated is for the compatible radios we looked at last fall where we moved rather quickly to get the better pricing. This will be our first payment and Mr. Messner concurred. Ms. Whipkey stated after that we will have two more to be all paid with this and Mr. Messner concurred. Mr. Messner noted this is due by December 15, 2016 and the bank is already in process with the paperwork. Mr. Pelot asked what the interest rate was for the first note and Mr. Markey replied it was less than 5% and it was actually 1.35%. Mr. Markey stated that the reference of 5% was stated as ceiling in the resolution in the ORC and that it is not to exceed 5%. Mr. Messner stated that we will not know the exact rate until we close on the note. Mr. Markey stated we could get an indicative rate by next Monday. Mr. Tousley stated last year he thought we would be doing this note over several years so what was in the legislation last year? Mr. Messner replied last year we only did the note for one year, although he did have conversation with First Merit at that time who is now Huntington and would go for the one (1) year and see how it went. If we have the capability of paying off as much as we could, which is why we are paying \$89,000.00 now. Mr. Pierson asked if this radio system is county wide and Mr. Markey replied yes. Mr. Pierson suggested it would be better to combine the financing with all other communities and Mr. Markey stated this would not be a good idea because some communities paid cash some just leased them, it's not practical. Mr. Tousley stated he is not against this but felt we knew this due date back in January and he is not fond of the emergency language and rushing this thru. Mr. Messner stated that back in January he did not know what the cash flow would be in October or November. Mr. Tousley asked what about in July, August or September?

Mr. Messner replied we were still working the Silver Springs project and various other roads and we have already put \$1,300,000.00 in that area and it is hard to forecast for this a year in advance. Mr. Pierson asked doesn't the County give us anticipated revenues a year in advance? Mr. Messner replied no, we have only historical figures and they do give us the levy information based on estimates, but we still don't know our expenses, and I can only project revenue and expenses. Ms. Whipkey moved to add this to Councils next agenda, with emergency language and waiving the readings, seconded by Mr. Pelot.

Roll call: Yes: Whipkey, Pelot, Pierson
 No: None

Motion passed 3-0.

Health Care Renewal

Ms. Whipkey stated this is a yearly thing and asked if this is an increase this time? Mr. Messner stated yes it's an increase and that Medical Mutual usually will quote for one (1) year and this time they gave us a two (2) year window at 9% so basically its 4.5% for each year and this year they were more in advance in their timing than last year. Mrs. Carr reminded Council we had reopeners from the unions because of certain thresholds and we are at those thresholds. We have had our first meeting with our Health Care Committee which consists of representatives from each of the unions. This is our worst case scenario and there could be a change in the deductibles or elsewhere and we are hoping to improve these numbers. Mrs. Carr stressed that this rate is a worst case scenario. Mr. Pierson asked if Medical Mutual explained why there is an increase and if we have had bundles of large claims? Mrs. Carr replied that she was thrilled the 4.5% we are still at single digits when there are some communities facing 20% or more increases. Mrs. Carr stated she felt the increase is mostly due to the cost of health care and not so much large claims. Mr. Messner reminded everyone last year that we had an increase of 11%. Mrs. Carr noted we do have several younger employees that have switched from single to family plans as well. Mr. Pierson asked what is our employee's deductible amount and Mrs. Carr replied there is none if you stay within the network and is something we want to talk about. Mr. Rodgers asked if we offer any insurance for a retired employee and Mrs. Carr replied no, that is handled by the State pensions. Mr. McGlone noted that he just got notice that his premium just went up 60%. Mr. Messner stated that after the elections tomorrow we could be looking at something totally different. Ms. Whipkey moved to add this to Councils next agenda, with emergency language and waiving the readings, seconded by Mr. Pelot.

Roll call: Yes: Whipkey, Pelot, Pierson
 No: None

Motion passed 3-0.

Budget Transfers

Ms. Whipkey stated this housekeeping to bring our budget in a positive for the Service Department Fund and the bond and interest payments.

Mr. Messner stated that this is for all of the various notes we have with Barber Road, Berry-McGowan waterline, the new Fire Station. Mr. Messner stated we are basically negative in the Service Dept. Fund and Newpark Drive and we need to move cash over to meet the bond payments that are due. In June we only paid the interest on the bond which is around \$100,000.00 now. In December we will be paying the second half of the interest and the principal amount which totals over half a million dollars. Mr. Messner noted he needs this to be done in November. Ms. Whipkey moved to add this to Councils next agenda, with emergency language and waiving the readings, seconded by Mr. Pelot.

Roll call: Yes: Whipkey, Pelot, Pierson
 No: None

Motion passed 3-0.

Unfinished Business:

Mr. Tousley asked when the Natural Gas Aggregation was up, and Mrs. Carr stated she would look at this but she thought this rate just dropped this month. Mc. McGlone stated the program ends in November. Ms. Whipkey asked about the representative from Gardiner Energy Group stating they would also look at getting us better prices? Mrs. Carr stated that they are looking only at our city contracts first and if this is something that we can pass along to the residents as well we will work on that. Mr. Tousley asked about Mr. Markey's memo on October 6, 2016 regarding the loss of the EPA funding and his conversations with Mr. Dan Halderman, and requested Council be provided with a copy of that communication. Mr. Markey replied he would copy Council on the emails that were produced. Mrs. Carr stated the gas aggregation is currently at 3.35% thru October 2017. Mr. Rodgers stated he just got something from dominion that was lower than that and Mrs. Carr stated that our pricing is really more of a stop gap measure and there are surely better prices out there. The beauty with our program is that residents can leave at any time without a penalty. Mr. Rodgers went back to the discussion about utilities being extended to the right of ways and concurred that if Barberton wanted to run a sewer or water line to St. Rt. 261 and Medina Line Road, those areas the residents would not be assessed and Mr. Markey concurred this is correct. Mr. Markey stated that there are ORC sections that talk about extending utilities outside your municipal limits and the water is referenced in 717.01 (G) which authorizes cities and villages to fix their waterworks within and outside of its corporation limits. Mr. Rodgers asked if we ever got a traffic count on the speed trailer on St. Rt. 261 and Mrs. Carr stated yes and she thought all of Council was provided with this information. Mrs. Richards concurred and stated she would resend this out to all of Council. Mr. Rodgers asked if we have compared our data with the County because the traffic is getting worse there. Mrs. Carr indicated she would have Mr. White check on that.

New Business:

Mr. Tousley wanted to take a moment to personally thank and honor all of our Veterans for their service in honor of Veterans Day. Mr. Pierson asked about a recent mechanic's retirement in the Service Garage and he questioned the replacement plans?

Mrs. Carr stated that this was an unexpected retirement and we are evaluating this position, the work we are doing and whether or not we still need a full time person. Mrs. Carr stated that for now we are contracting out for various services. We may also hire a temporary part-time person Mr. Carr stated we have already been contracting out for services for certain needs. Mr. Pierson asked who are we contracting out to and Mrs. Carr stated it depends what it is and for example any diesel work has always been sent out to Elite Diesel which we will continue to do. We will be doing price comparisons for things like oil changes and tire rotations and we have an account with Fred Martin so we can do oil changes there. Mr. Pierson asked are we using Fred Martin for everything except diesel and Mrs. Carr replied no, not for everything as some of your employees are equipped to change things like wiper blades, light bulbs, etc. We do call for prices on various things. The last thing we want to do is jump in and hire a full time employee when maybe we can rework this more. Mr. Pierson asked if we have sent anything to Barberton's garage for work and Mrs. Carr replied no, but she has talked with Barberton and if you recall the schools and the cities have been talking about doing a joint garage program and this is currently under a feasibility study. We currently refuel at the bus garage and if that site goes away we need a new place to refuel. Barberton school and the city are looking at maybe doing some joint things as well. All four of us are actively talking about how we can be more efficient, the need for sharing services and having one single fueling station and sharing garage space. Mr. Pierson noted that we have been doing the Barberton school buses for some time and Mrs. Carr concurred that the Norton schools mechanics have done their work. Mrs. Carr stated the reality is those gas pumps at the school will eventually go away and we have been talking with the school and with ODOT about that. Mrs. Carr noted that ODOT does have a large facility located on St. Rt. 21 and we have discussed this as a potential option. Mr. Pierson asked what legal obligation do we have to that gas pump at the school? Mrs. Carr stated we contract with the school directly for the purchase of our fuel. Mr. Pierson clarified this is the schools responsibility of removing the pumps and complying with the EPA and Mrs. Carr concurred. Mr. Pierson asked about the standard of weight restrictions for the residential streets? Mrs. Carr replied that she would have to check the ordinances. We do have restrictions and you may recall the recent changes Council approved with Summit Road indicating the streets that are allowed for truck traffic and everything else would fall with the minimum. Mr. Pierson discussed the recent movement on Eastern Road and those heavy trucks are most likely are grossing 75,000-80,000 pounds plus. Mrs. Carr noted she and Mr. Pierson had discussions last week regarding this area due to Cleveland-Massillon and explained that overall the traffic is mostly running along smoothly with a few exceptions. We have been allowing the truck traffic for the school construction to go down Easton Road. At times on Cleveland-Massillon Road there are problems. Mrs. Carr noted that they do have a permit and they filed the necessary paperwork validating their insurance and bonding information and this is a temporary situation. Last week they were hauling gravel and this week that should change to asphalt and hopefully this will be moving along farther down the road after that. Mr. Pierson asked how long this insurance bond is effective and Mrs. Carr stated that she believed it may be 30 days. Mr. Pierson asked for clarification on whether it was the school or contractor that was responsible for damages to the road and Mrs. Carr clarified it was the contractor. Mr. Pierson stated in the future he wants to see Council move on stiffer weight restrictions put in place and have the Summit County Weights and Measures out with portable scales get involved in the enforcement.

Mr. Pierson stated he also wants to take a look at the cut thru areas. Mr. Pierson stated the County could just set up and enforcement inspection zone at the plaza and they can pull trucks over left and right and this is a big money maker and other communities do this. Mr. Pierson stated that other communities would not stand for that and Mrs. Carr coming from Cuyahoga Falls would not tolerate this, nor does Hudson, Silver Lake and others so why should we? Mrs. Carr stated they do have the same problem in the Falls and our Police Department did not have the time to enforce this issue. Mrs. Carr noted that this heavy truck issue and the feral cats is just not something that is at the top of our priorities as we have the many other more critical items needing our attention such as the drug overdose epidemic we have which Mayor Zita would like to discuss later on. Mr. Pierson stated the weight limits could be used for a revenue stream and for maintenance prevention. Mrs. Carr asked Mr. Pierson for examples of other communities enforcing the weight restrictions and he suggested she contact Shaker Heights for their enforcement issues.

Topics for the next Work Session:

Newpark Drive Storm Sewer Project

Public Comments: There were none. Mr. Kernan/Pelot moved to allow

Mr. Kernan moved to allow for Mr. Zenner to speak as he was not signed in, seconded by Mr. Pelot.

Roll Call: Yes: Kernan, Pelot, Rodgers, McGlone, Pierson, Tousley, Whipkey
 No: None

Motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Charlie Zenner, 3853 Valley Drive, Norton, Ohio asked about the pump station location and asked if this is moved back to where it was originally designed and Ms. Whipkey replied yes. Mr. Zenner asked if he heard correctly that this will cost \$300,000.00 to move it back and Mr. Rodgers stated this is closer to \$280,000.00. Mr. Zenner asked if the residents along this area are paying for any of this by assessment like he is being assessed? Ms. Whipkey replied no. Mr. Zenner asked so you mean to say that the City pays for all of that and Ms. Whipkey replied yes. Mr. Zenner stated that are about seven (7) properties plus Brookside Golf Course in that area and he asked if they will pay anything? Ms. Whipkey replied that anyone on the south side from Brookside Court up to Shellhart on the south side of Greenwich are not being assessed either. The people on the opposite side of Shellhart are either in the mandated area or opted to be included will be assessed; the rest would have to ante up later. Mr. Zenner questioned if they would only be paying \$2,000,00 to \$3,000.00 for connecting to the line and Ms. Whipkey stated they would be paying close to what you are paying. Ms. Whipkey pointed out it was likely they would not have the option of being assessed and would have to pay up front. Mr. Markey stated let's say the final assessment is \$11,200.00 those resident that tap in would have to pay the fees per benefit when they tie in and cannot be assessed on their taxes. Mr. Zenner stated so then they would not be getting sewers for free and Ms. Whipkey concurred.

The people in Nash Heights are not footing the bill for moving this pump station, nor are those residents getting sewer for free. Mr. Pierson stated that would be Barberton Council that sets the rate and not Norton. Mr. Markey concurred it would be Barberton Council that sets those rates because it is a Barberton sewer project. Mr. Pierson stated we are using the Fund 128 account to pay that \$300,000.00 which comes from the income tax credit roll back which every citizen working outside the community pays into; so you are all sharing that in this community. Mr. Zenner asked if we are putting sewers in on Cleveland-Massillon Road up to St. Rt. 21, and Greenwich Road up to I-76 then why did Oser and Shellhart get left out? Mr. Pierson stated that would be up to Barberton's discretion. Mrs. Carr stated that's not correct because if you recall when we brought the Cleveland-Massillon Road sewer plans to Council some on City Council were adamant that we do not invade any residential properties by extending sewer so on Shellhart we took the sewer line to the manhole, and she did not recall that Oser was ever a part of that discussion. Mrs. Carr stated if any of those residents are interested in sewer they can petition for it and we would be happy to extend it to them. Mr. Rodgers stated your assessment is not going to change no matter if the whole City gets sewers at this point. Mr. Rodgers stated that sewer line is not going up to St. Rt. 21 it's stopping at Golf Course Drive, unless it changed again, and the church is not in play nor any homes beyond Golf Course Drive Mr. Markey stated that what was negotiated is the transfer of land for exchange of the tap in fees. Mr. Zenner stated that it always seems that Norton reacts instead of acting on something or planning; we have to always wait for something to happen, and then we argue. Ms. Whipkey pointed out, it's the same difference, we took Little Boulevard out and it's a dead end street as well as Brookside. Mr. Zenner stated we should be doing water at the same time the sewers go in. Mr. Pierson stated that if you think that with Barberton involved and having the right to sewer the entire City that it won't happen? Mr. Pierson stated it was reported the surcharges would rebuild Barberton's infrastructure so it will happen and that every citizen will be affected at some point. Mr. Zenner stated that this whole City needs to have sewer and water and you have to have something that will bring people here.

Public Updates:

Mayor Zita discussed a Heroine Awareness Program on Tuesday, Nov 15, 2016 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM at Grace Church and is a community wide event. For more details you can visit www.Norton.GraceOhio.Org to reserve a seat if you plan to attend, there is no cost to attend. Mrs. Carr stated that we will be dedicating the new playground equipment at Frashure Park on Thursday November 17, 2016 at 4:30 and the next dedication will be for the equipment in Helmick Park later in the month. Mrs. Carr stated the equipment was obtained by CDBG Funding which includes the rubberized mulch. Mr. Messner stated he expects the installation of the new AV equipment starting tomorrow and will include a new lectern that will need approval by Council as to where to move this to. Mr. Messner stated that we will be doing a live test on Thursday. Mr. Messner stated he is close to the finalization of the 2017 Budget and that he wishes to meet with the Finance Committee and has not heard any complaints on this process. He understands that Ms. Whipkey and Mr. Pelot are available on the afternoon of November 18, 2016 but Mr. Pierson is not. If we cannot coordinate the dates he will provide the full books next week to everyone. Mr. Messner stated that if we get this in front of the Finance Committee for review that does not remove the rights of any other members to participate.

Mr. Tousley stated the Budget is the main thing we are in control over and he feels that full Council needs to be involved. Ms. Whipkey stated that Council still has the full involvement regardless; it's not like you cannot have involvement. Mr. Rodgers suggested the Finance Committee set the date and if the others want to attend they can do so as we have less than six (6) weeks to get it done. Mr. Rodgers asked how many more meetings do we have before break and Mrs. Richards replied there are five (5) more, but you could schedule during the week. Mr. Kernan agreed with the Finance Committee concept and for all of us to sit here for six (6) hours two (2) or three (3) times and go line by line thru the budget is not productive; anyone with a question can come to the meeting or ask at the next meeting. Mr. Pierson stated he deals with industries and sometimes they meet at night, but he would give his schedule for the next five (5) to seven (7) days to Mr. Messner and we should work out the details. Mr. Rodgers suggested we call one for next Monday at 6 PM and begin then. Mr. Messner stated next year we have no capital expenses and other than the three (3) departments everything is consequential. Ms. Whipkey noted the next Council meeting is Monday, November 14, 2016 with a Finance Committee Meeting at 6 pm.

Adjourn

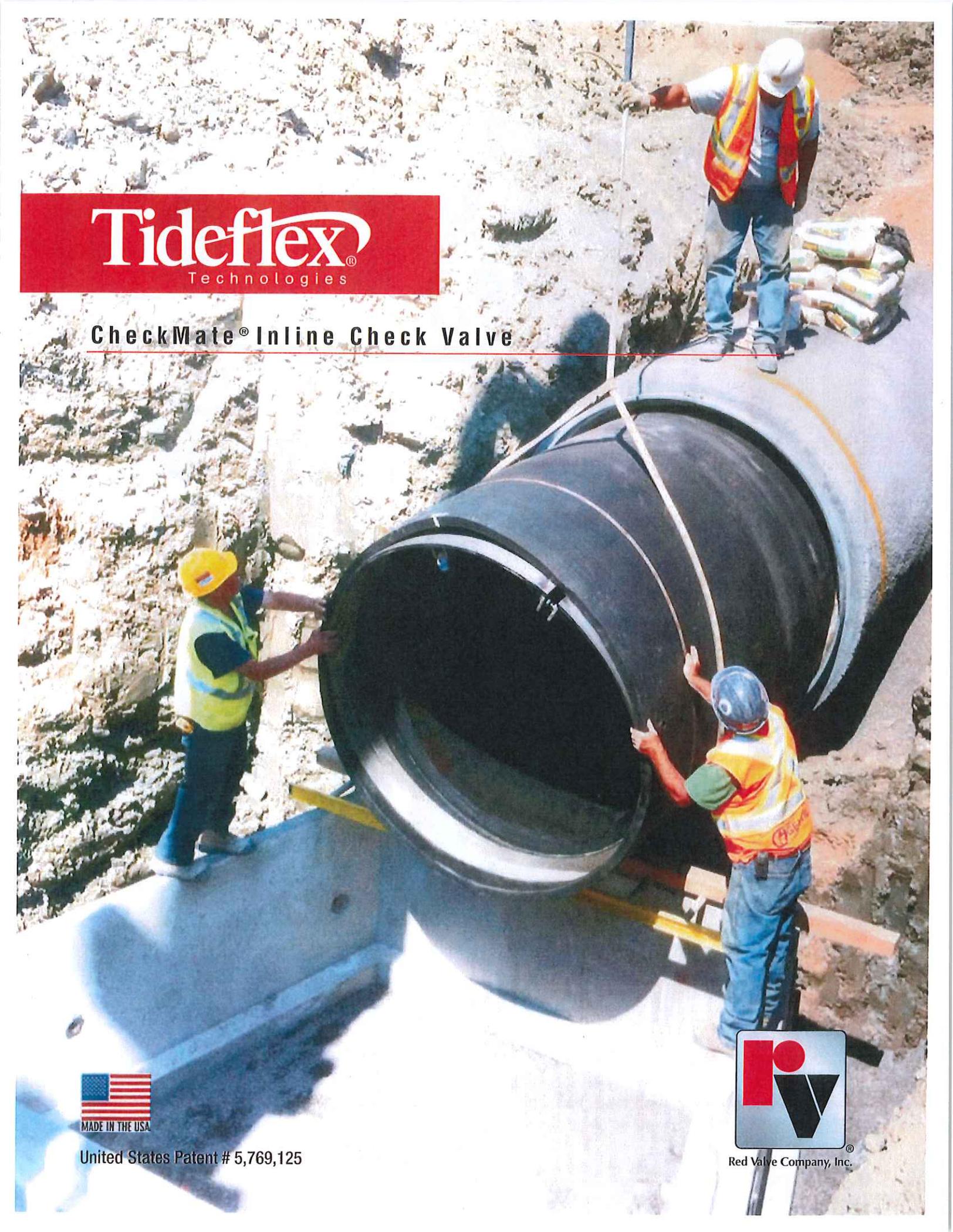
There being no other business to come before the Committee Work Session, the meeting was adjourned at 8:43 PM.

Charlotte Whipkey, President of Council

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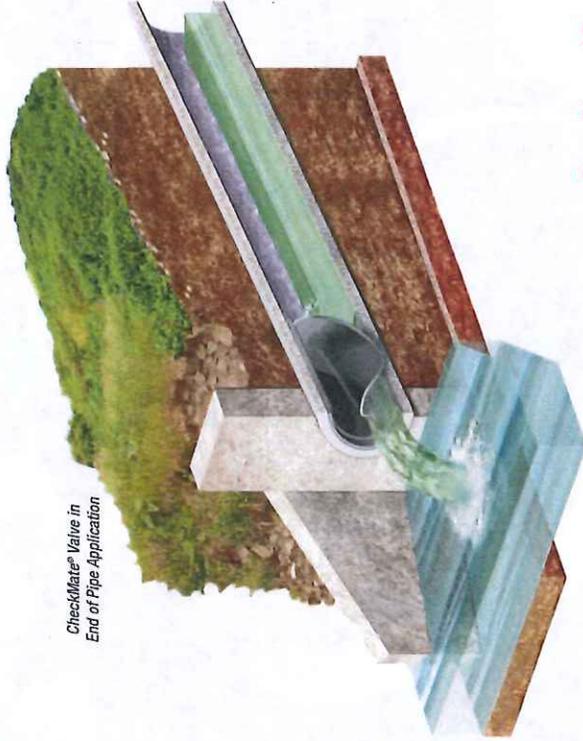
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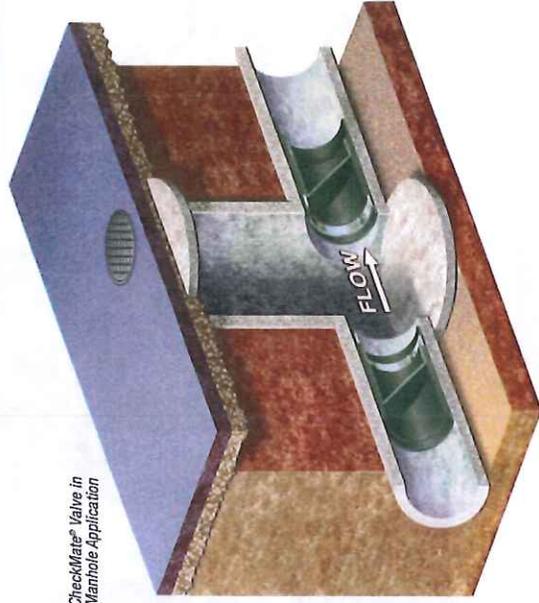
The CheckMate® In-line Check Valve is the valve of choice for both municipal and industrial applications - including stormwater, wastewater, highway run-off, CSO, SSO and flood control. CheckMate® Valves prevent unwanted backflow that can cause surcharging and flooding.

CheckMate® In-line Check Valves have become the specified solution for residential and commercial areas where complete, dependable backflow prevention is necessary. The CheckMate® is not simply a molded part. Rather it is hand-fabricated, utilizing various natural and synthetic elastomers and fabric ply reinforcement to create a unibody construction. There are no mechanical parts or fasteners to catch debris, corrode, or fail, making the CheckMate® maintenance-free. With seven elastomers to select from, the CheckMate® can be custom engineered to resist chemicals, grease and oils typically found in stormwater, wastewater and industrial applications.

The CheckMate® Valve boasts extremely low headloss, allowing for near 100% flow capacity. Its inherent design makes it the most user-friendly inline check valve on the market today. From the upstream or downstream end of the pipe, simply insert the valve into position and clamp it into place. Typically no modification to the pipe or structure is required to install the CheckMate®. Because the CheckMate® is recessed inside of the pipe, additional permitting is not required. The result is savings in both installation time and operational cost.



CheckMate® Valve in End of Pipe Application



CheckMate® Valve in Manhole Application

The valve can successfully withstand severe winter freezes, typhoons, hurricanes and flooding. The CheckMate® also minimizes damage to wetlands, beaches and residential areas, eliminates hydraulic surges to wastewater treatment plants and saves municipalities millions of dollars in maintenance and treatment costs.

Benefits and Features of CheckMate®:

- Extremely Low Headloss
- No Moving Mechanical Parts to Corrode, Catch Debris or Fail
- Heavy Duty Elastomer Unibody Construction
- Quick and Easy Installation
- Seals Around Debris
- Operates on Differential Pressure, Totally Passive
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- Self-draining, 1" of Cracking Pressure
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- Extensive Independent Hydraulic Testing



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CHECKMATE® VALVE
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48" CheckMate® installed in a storm sewer drain to stop backflow from flooding a residential area.



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48" CheckMate® Valve replacing a faulty flapgate in a CSO application.



The CheckMate® is also easily installed by hand.

Residential and Municipal Sewers

CheckMate® Inline Check Valves have become a frequently specified solution for residential and municipal areas where complete, dependable backflow prevention is necessary. The CheckMate® Valve's maintenance-free, passive operation provides years of trouble-free service.

CSO, SSO and Outfalls

CheckMate® Valves are used for interceptor, manhole and outfall pipelines because they maximize pipeline storage and capacity while preventing water from backflowing into a sewage treatment plant. The CheckMate® Valve's innovative inline design allows it to be easily installed without modifications to structures.

Stormwater, MS4, Highway Run-off and Site Drainage

CheckMate® Inline Check Valves are the valve of choice for both municipalities and commercial property owners to prevent costly flood damage and to maximize system storage. The CheckMate®'s low cracking pressure and headloss provide rapid drainage.

Flow Equalization Basins, Pump Stations and Effluent Discharge

CheckMate® Valves provide backflow prevention in between basins and also protect pumps and capital equipment. The CheckMate®'s low headloss characteristics maximize flow efficiency.

Odor Control

CheckMate® Inline Check Valves prevent sewer systems' offending odors from escaping, while still allowing water to discharge when needed. The CheckMate® Valve is designed to eliminate the backflow of unwanted methane and hydrogen sulfide gases that typically result in complaints about odor from the general public.

Levees, Marinas and Wetlands

In low lying areas where headloss is at a premium, CheckMate® Valves efficiently drain with the added benefit of providing absolute backflow prevention.



The CheckMate®'s rugged unibody construction prevents backflow.



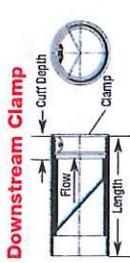
48" CheckMate® installed at the Freedom Tower for stormwater drainage.



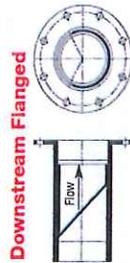
The CheckMate® provides odor control.



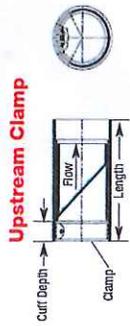
Independent Hydraulic Testing
CheckMate® Inline Check Valves are independently tested to determine their hydraulic characteristics in both free and submerged discharge applications. Red Valve's published hydraulic data is validated through this independent testing.



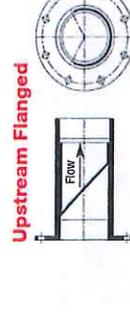
Downstream Clamp



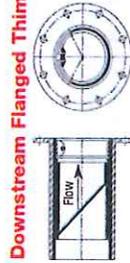
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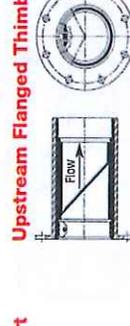
Upstream Clamp



Upstream Flanged



Downstream Flanged Thimble Insert



Upstream Flanged Thimble Insert



Elliptical Pipe CheckMate®



Arch Pipe CheckMate®



Rectangular Pipe CheckMate®



Upstream Flanged CheckMate®



CheckMate® Thimble Insert

Elliptical, Arch and Rectangular Pipes
Elliptical, arch and rectangular pipes for drainage and flood prevention projects have become popular, particularly in high water table areas with shallow surface gradients. CheckMate® In-line Check Valves are the perfect solution for backflow prevention in elliptical, arch and rectangular pipes.

Rubber Flanged
Rubber Flanged CheckMate® Valves can be manufactured with an integral rubber upstream or downstream flange. The flanged CheckMate® gets inserted into the host pipe then can be bolted to a mating flange or anchored to a concrete headwall. The flange can be circular with standard drilling; or circular, square or rectangular with custom flange drilling. The valve is supplied with retaining rings for mounting.

Thimble Inserts
A CheckMate® Thimble Insert is a CheckMate® Valve that is factory-installed, clamped, and pinned into flanged or plain end pipe. The thimble insert assembly can either be inserted into the I.D. of the host pipe, or can be mounted to a mating flange or concrete headwall and extend beyond the pipe. Plain end thimble inserts are inserted into the host pipe and non-shrink grout is placed between the thimble insert O.D. and host pipe I.D. to form the seal.

CheckMate® can be made for any pipe I.D.
Built to fit in sizes from 3" to 78".

Flange shape and bolt pattern can be customized.
Flangeless thimble inserts are available.

NOMINAL PIPE SIZE I.D.	OVERALL LENGTH		NUMBER OF CLAMPS	CHECKMATE® VALVE		BACK PRESSURE RATING**		WEIGHT	
	Inches	Millimeters		Inches	Millimeters	Feet	Meters	lbs	Kg
3	75	190	1	1.5	38	5	1.5	1.5	0.7
4	100	254	1	1.5	38	5	1.5	1.5	0.7
5	125	318	1	1.5	38	5	1.5	1.5	0.7
6	150	381	1	2.0	51	5	1.5	1.5	0.7
7	175	444	1	2.0	51	5	1.5	1.5	0.7
8	200	508	1	2.0	51	5	1.5	1.5	0.7
9	225	571	1	2.0	51	5	1.5	1.5	0.7
10	250	635	1	2.0	51	5	1.5	1.5	0.7
12	300	762	1	2.0	51	5	1.5	1.5	0.7
14	350	889	1	2.0	51	5	1.5	1.5	0.7
16	400	1016	1	2.0	51	5	1.5	1.5	0.7
18	450	1143	1	2.0	51	5	1.5	1.5	0.7
20	500	1270	1	2.0	51	5	1.5	1.5	0.7
24	600	1524	2	2.0	51	5	1.5	1.5	0.7
30	750	1905	2	2.0	51	5	1.5	1.5	0.7
36	900	2286	2	2.0	51	5	1.5	1.5	0.7
42	1050	2667	2	2.0	51	5	1.5	1.5	0.7
48	1200	3048	2	2.0	51	5	1.5	1.5	0.7
54	1350	3429	2	2.0	51	5	1.5	1.5	0.7
60	1500	3810	2	2.0	51	5	1.5	1.5	0.7
72	1800	4572	3	2.0	51	5	1.5	1.5	0.7
78	1950	4953	3	2.0	51	5	1.5	1.5	0.7

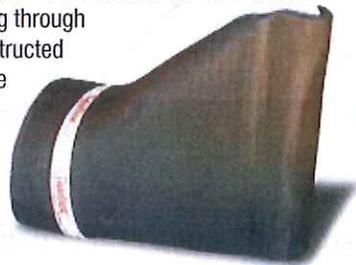
**Shorter lengths available.
**Back pressure measured from pipe invert.
Higher back pressure ratings available. Consult factory.

The best choice for the toughest applications.

In addition to the Checkmate® Inline Check Valve, Tideflex® Technologies offers a complete line of check valves.

TF-1 CHECK VALVES

The Tideflex® TF-1 Curved Bill Check Valve is designed with enhanced sealing to improve headloss. The improved TF-1 design allows the valve to handle long-term water weight while maintaining structural integrity. The spine is at a greater vertical angle, making it able to withstand the cantilever effect when water is flowing through the valve. The TF-1 is constructed of rubber, making it immune to rust, corrosion and weathering.



SERIES 35-1 CHECK VALVES

The flat-bottom Series 35-1 features an integral rubber flange, allowing them to be mounted to flanged outfall pipes or directly to headwalls where the pipe is flush. The flange size drilling conforms to ANSI B16.10, Class 150#, or can be constructed with DIN, 2632 and other standards. The Series 35-1 Check Valve is furnished complete with steel or stainless steel backup rings for installation.



SERIES 39 CHECK VALVES

The Tideflex® Series 39 Inline Check Valve features a fabric-reinforced elastomer check sleeve housed in a cast iron body with ANSI 125/150 flanges, allowing for easy installation into any piping system. The valve's operation is silent, non-slamming and maintenance free. Sliding, rotating, swinging and plunging parts are completely eliminated. The body is equipped with flush ports and a clean-out port and can be epoxy coated.



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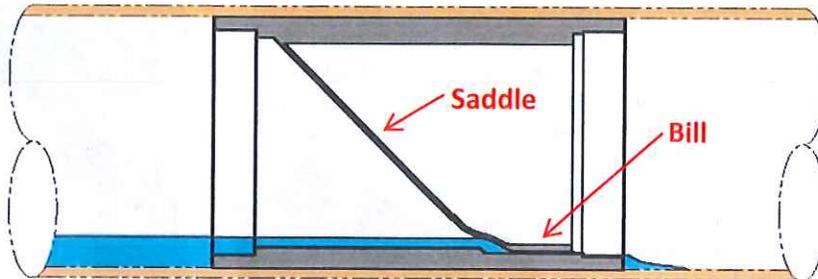
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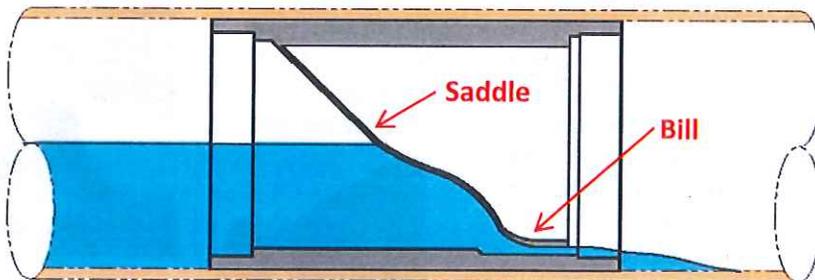
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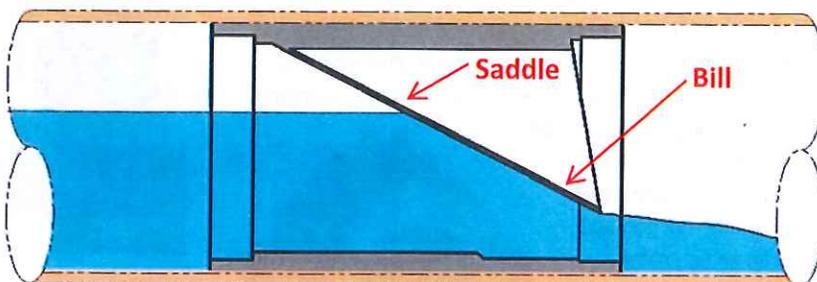
CheckMate Valve Snap Pressure



At low upstream head, there is little deflection in the saddle and bill but the Checkmate is still able to flow and drain.



As upstream head continues to increase, there is more deflection in the saddle, but the bill has not yet "snapped" open to a concave shape.



When the upstream head reaches 50%-75% of pipe diameter (for example 9" head in a 12" valve), the bill "snaps" open into a concave shape and there will be substantially more flow with the same amount of head. The valve will progressively open with increase in head and flow.

Series 35-1

- ▶ Eccentric flat bottom design
- ▶ Integral, all-rubber flange
- ▶ Lightweight, all-elastomer design
- ▶ Shorter length in sizes 42" and larger

Materials of Construction

Neoprene, Hypalon[®], Buna-N, EPDM, Viton[®].

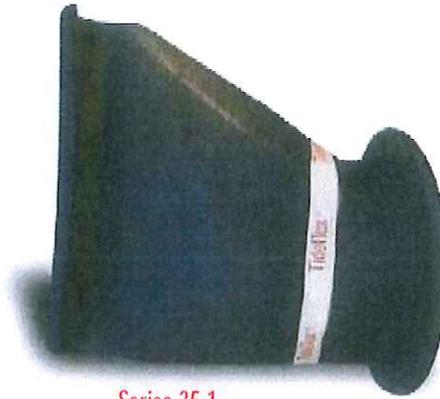
Backup Rings

Galvanized steel or stainless steel.

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The flange size drilling conforms to ANSI B 16.10, Class 150#, or can be constructed with DIN, 2632 and other standards. The Series 35 Check Valve is furnished complete with steel or stainless steel backup rings for installation.

The Series 35-1 is often a direct replacement for flanged flapgates. Hinge pins rust and corrode if not routinely lubricated, causing the flapper to hang open and allow backflow. Small debris that collects in the seating area of the valve will also keep the flapper open. Tideflex[®] Series 35-1 valves 18" and larger are constructed with a curved bill as standard.

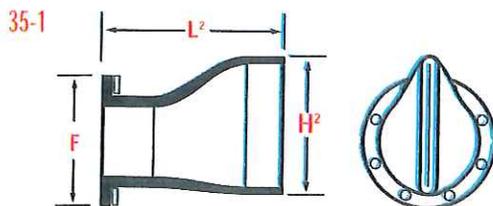


Series 35-1

Flange Size (ANSI)	Flange O.D. (F)	SERIES 35-1	
		Length (L')	Bill Height (H')
4	9	10	8
5	10	10	8
6	11	16	12
8	13 1/2	18	16
10	16	23	19
12	19	28	23
14	21	30	27
16	23 1/2	35	30
18	25	40	34
20	27 1/2	48	37
24	32	52	44
30	38 3/4	62	55
32	41 3/4	66	59
36	46	72	70
42	53	69	73
48	59 1/2	75	81
54	66 1/4	79	90
60	73	82	94
72	86 1/2	95	120

Dimensions are subject to change due to customized construction

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