

Cuyahoga Falls City Council
Minutes of the Public Affairs Committee Meeting
July 28, 2008

Members: Kathy Hummel, Chair
Vince Rubino
Ken Barnhart

Mrs. Hummel called the meeting to order at 6:46 p.m. All members were present.

Legislation Considered

Temp. Res. A-90

Discussion:

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A resolution expressing opposition to the application of the Alside Division of Associated Materials, Inc. to cease aquifer testing at 3773 State Road, and declaring an emergency.

Mrs. Hummel stated she was contacted by a resident who lives near the Alside property that the EPA was receiving public comment in opposition to the ceasing of testing by Alside of the aquifer. She stated that the report from the U.S. EPA is available at the library and lists everything that has occurred with regard to that site. The latest is a letter from John Nordine, who is with the Ohio EPA's Region 5 in Chicago, to David Campbell. It was issued as a result of Alside's request to cease its aquifer testing. Mrs. Hummel then read the letter along with excerpts from the Administrative Order of Consent. Mrs. Hummel stated she believed these documents show that the EPA feels so strongly about contamination that they made deed restrictions on the property so it can never be used for residential purposes. Mrs. Hummel indicated the resident who had called her stated there were barrels and barrels of chemicals that were buried and never cleaned up. She was concerned that if the testing ceases, the City may eventually end up on the hook for the clean up as was the case on some properties in the Front St. area. She would hate to see the City spend state and federal dollars to clean up this site and feels it is incumbent on this Council to request that the testing continue.

All Council members asked to have their names added as sponsors to the legislation.

Committee recommended bringing out Temp. Ord. No. A-90

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.