

Important Update about the Proposed Substation in Glenwillow

I want to take this time to update you on our activities relative to the proposed FirstEnergy Substation for Glenwillow. As of this writing, FirstEnergy has not submitted the application to the Ohio Power Siting Board (OPSB). This is the next step in the process. Once the application is submitted, the OPSB will arrange for public hearings, accept public input and make a final determination about the project.

In the meantime, Council and I put together a list of concerns and items to negotiate with FirstEnergy in order to maintain the quality of life we enjoy here in Glenwillow. We understand that we have very little say or control over a project of this magnitude, thus we have taken the position that we should negotiate items that will minimize the impact to our community and residents.

We have presented our concerns to FirstEnergy representatives and outlined several items that we would like to see assuming this project moves forward. The FirstEnergy representatives met with members of Council and our staff this week. At this point, the company's position is:

1. We were told at the meeting, by FirstEnergy representative Mia Moore, that the substation will not be placed in a residential area. The project will be located in an area currently zoned for industrial use. However, they cannot tell us which specific site. They will list a primary and secondary location in the application soon to be filed with the OPSB. This is important because at one point, they wanted to use a location in the Residential District. Council and I VEHEMENTLY objected to this.
2. Landscape designs will be part of the project. We have requested that the project be screened by landscaping along the perimeter of the site. The company said they are looking at mounding and trees, but not sure how large the trees will be and could not commit to anything specific.
3. We have asked FirstEnergy for additional information about potential changes to the existing electric corridor and they have not provided any details to us. We specifically requested details about changes in the number and the types of poles, and any additional locations of expansion of the right-of-way.
4. Initially, FirstEnergy stated the proposed substation project would cost approximately \$37 million. They have revised their estimate to \$13 Million. We have asked company officials for an explanation of the devaluation in the project. The actual value or cost of the project impacts the amount of public utility taxes the company will pay annually.
5. Most of the other items that we had requested such as donations to improvements to our community, energy efficient programs for residents and businesses; and capital improvements to our municipal services were denied. However, we are repositioning

some additional items and will present them again to the company in the very near future.

After the application is filed with the OPSB, the Village will do a thorough review of the details and we will update you as to the specifics of the project. Our next steps will be determined on the particular contents in the application.

As I stated previously, Council and I will continue to update you on a regular basis. All pertinent information will be also located on our website. The OPSB also maintains electronic files of all information, applications and supportive documents on their website and I encourage you to go to their website and review the items. The OPSB website is: www.puco.ohio.gov/ Scroll down the home page to the Links section and click on the Ohio Power Siting Board.

I encourage you to give me or any Council member a call to discuss this project. We value your input.

Sincerely,

Mark A. Cegelka, Mayor