

Cuyahoga Falls City Council
Minutes of the Public & Industrial Improvements Committee

April 2, 2018

Members: Jerry James, Chair
Paul Colavecchio
Jeff Iula

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

The minutes of the March 5, 2018 Public & Industrial Improvements Committee meeting were approved as written.

Legislation Discussed:

Temp. Ord. A-33

Discussion:

Temp. Ord. A-33

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract or contracts, according to law, for the annual resurfacing and/or repair of various streets as described in Exhibit 'A' attached hereto, in the City of Cuyahoga Falls, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Anthony Zumbo, Service Director, stated that this is the City's annual ordinance for repaving. Council has a list of the streets being repaved. They are utilizing a combination of methods to repair the streets, including having the Street Department pave a few of them. They plan to begin on April 29th and open bids on May 15th. Thanks to the support of the Administration and City Council, this year's total paving budget remains at \$2 million. Some of it goes to the Street Department, so the budget sheet shows their portion at \$1,780,000. He passed out an asphalt index. Oil prices have steadily gone up and are currently at the highest level since 2016. This is going to have an effect on the paving program, but they won't know what that is until they open the bids. They have opened bids for asphalt purchase contracts, and the price per ton has gone up this year, so that is why they are anticipating that this will also go up. The list of streets being repaved was prepared by the Engineering Department and in consultation with the Street Department based on the rating of streets. The ratings were based on several criteria, including pavement conditions and roadway type, or, more particularly, the level of traffic they carry. They are hoping for competitive prices and bucking the trend of the oil prices and get a good bid.

Mr. Zumbo stated that some of the highlights for the paving program are paving Oakwood Drive from Lincoln Street to Sixth Street as a continuation of the paving on Oakwood Drive done last year. They are looking at some different techniques to extend the life of the pavement. They are going to use the polymer-modified binder that they tried last year, which essentially increases the asphalt and concrete content to the pavement. They are also going to try putting some fiberglass binders into the asphalt mix and that, again, will give the pavement more strength. They are bidding those as alternates. For North Haven Boulevard and 21st Street, they are going to use a paving mat, which is the same material they used on Portage Trail a few years ago. It seemed to

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work out pretty successfully. They are going to try a chip and seal on a couple of the roads as an economic alternative to paving.

Mr. Craig Marko, Engineering Department, stated that the fiber addition works pretty well. There is a 15-percent increase in cost for the asphalt, but there is a 50-percent use of time. For a 15-percent increase in cost, they can get a 50-percent increase in life in the asphalt, so that's something they are going to try to do.

Mr. Chuck Novak, Street Superintendent, stated that, as far as the portion that the Street Department gets, they typically have a list of areas of various sizes. They handle all the other street imperfections, from minor surface problems to complete dig-outs, so they are compiling their list to do. They receive all that information from the residents and from Council members and City employees. They probably do about 60 different areas, and they think they can do that again this year. They are going to be very busy this year with the winter the City had. Most of what the Street Department will be doing is the smaller-based repair and full-depth repairs and patching potholes. There are four streets on the list where the contractor will mill for them, and the rest of their time will be with the dig-outs and the smaller street problems.

Mr. James asked if there is going to be any kind of excess asphalt left over so that they might be able to add a few streets. Mr. Miller and he share Tiff Street. It is not in good shape, and it's not on the list. Mr. James asked if he anticipated any excess asphalt. Mr. Novak answered that that is hard to answer. It kind of goes back and forth with Engineering. Usually by midsummer, they would know the answer to that on how things are going. Mayor Walters stated that the one-half of Tiff Street close to Bailey Road is bad and the other half is totally fine. It's delaminated in portions. Dirt patching will fill that nicely, because it tapers out and it's pretty durable, as well. They are going to do that on Tiff Street. The part that goes down by Third Street is in good shape.

Mr. Colavecchio stated that there is a chip and seal for Sandhill Drive from Sourek Trail. There is no mention of Sourek Trail. From driving it, he knows there's a particular portion of Sourek Trail which hourglasses, and the road is crumbling and there is a big ditch on either side. Considering that there is going to be some increased traffic from construction and then some houses being built, he asked if there is something that could be done to shore up that road. Mr. Novak asked if that hourglassing is off of Smith Road. Mr. Colavecchio stated that if you took a left from West Bath onto Sand Hill Drive; then left onto Sourek Trail, it's probably about a half mile down the road. Mr. Novak stated that they will have to take a look at that. With the possible construction coming up and accessing that road in both directions, they are going to have to look at anything that's wrong up there. If anything needs done, they will do it.

Mr. Iula stated that he went over all the streets last week. When he was the committee chairman, he graded them. Basically, the City did a pretty good job. He only found one street he thought was only a D. There are three of them that are an F. He thought that most of them were really pretty good. He asked if there is extra asphalt, do they have a few more on the list. The last two

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years, they have been able to save a little bit, but, this year, oil is a little higher. Hopefully, they can have a couple more done.

Mrs. Pyke asked if the base on North Haven Boulevard that is bad, and will that be addressed. Mr. Zumbo stated that they are not repairing the base with this program. Their intent in using that mat is to bridge over top of that to stop the selective cracking from coming up. They had a similar problem on Portage Trail and were successful using this material on that street. They are hopeful that it will carry over, and they will experience that on North Haven Boulevard and 21st Street. Mrs. Pyke asked if that base is concrete. Mr. Zumbo stated that he believes it's concrete pavement. They did some cores out there before putting the list together this year, and the base actually came out looking pretty good. Mrs. Pyke asked the last time North Haven Boulevard was resurfaced. Mr. Zumbo answered it was in 2009. Mrs. Pyke stated that she has no doubt it is bad. She doesn't want to throw good money away if it's the base that needs repaired. She knows it would be a very large amount of money if they reconstructed that street. She asked for a list of the grading of the streets. Mr. Zumbo stated that he will send it to all of Council.

Ms. Nichols-Rhodes stated that she wants everyone to know that in the grading system, every street or settlement of street is rated on 10 different criteria like potholes, crumbling and traffic; then a composite score of all those 10 sums is created. The highest ones on the list are the first ones that are considered for this list: Since they all drive on more than their own street, she thinks that's a fair way for all of the residents to, hopefully, have their best experience with repaving.

Mr. Reilly stated that he would like to echo the sentiments already stated that if there's any leftover money, on behalf of residents over on Seattle, Magnolia and Shannon, he has received numerous calls from those residents. He just wants to have it on record. Mr. Iona stated that this is a list for the asphalt streets. Some streets in his ward are concrete. There's a separate concrete budget. He asked if Council could receive a breakdown of what is allocated in the budget and what streets might be in line for that. Mr. Zumbo stated that with the concrete program, they plan to do Pleasant Meadow, from Wyoga Lake Road to where they stopped last year, and Smokerise, from Towpath to as far as the money will take them. The paver actually gets good at the cul-de-sac, so they are not sure where they are going to stop. Mr. Iona stated that he has gotten more phone calls the past three weeks than he has gotten in the last three years. The general comment from the public is if there is money to create new positions, the money should go for roads. The biggest problem is the roads and the maintenance of roads. They drive on all the roads, but something they need to look at is appropriations for roads and not possibly additional appropriations for something we do not need. Mr. James stated that if anyone in the audience who would like to look at the list of the streets, he has them right there, so, after the meeting, they can come up and take a look at them.

Mr. Colavecchio moved to bring out Temp. Ord. A-33 with a favorable recommendation, second by Mr. Iula. Motion passed (3-0).

The meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.