

Cuyahoga Falls City Council
Minutes of the Public & Industrial Improvements Committee Meeting
January 20, 2009

Members: Debbie Ritzinger, Chair
Mark Ihasz
Terry Mader

Mrs. Ritzinger called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m. All members were present.

Legislation Considered:

Temp. Res. B-7
Temp. Ord. B-8

Discussion:

Temp. Res. B-7

A resolution creating for the year 2009 a sidewalk and drive approach repair or replacement district containing such streets, alleys, or public roadways within the corporate limits of the City of Cuyahoga Falls, declaring the necessity of repairing or replacing the sidewalks and drive approaches abutting on such streets, alleys or public roadways within said corporate limits and providing the method for levying special assessments, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Demasi stated this was the annual resolution to create the sidewalk and drive repair district for 2009. This year, they will be including drive approaches that can be assessed to homeowners at a later date. Mr. Walters asked what the process would be for adding a sidewalk where none exists. He used Nutwood at Charles St. as an example. Mr. Demasi stated the residents would petition the City to put in a sidewalk and then those residents would pay for it. It would not be a 50/50 split since it is not a repair.

The Committee recommended bringing out Temp. Ord. No. B-7.

Temp. Ord. B-8

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract or contracts, according to law, for the replacement or adjustment of concrete sidewalks, drive approaches and curbs at various locations in the City of Cuyahoga Falls, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Demasi stated this was the annual ordinance that allows the City to enter into contracts for repairing an replacing sidewalks and drive approaches. Bids will be opened on March 17. They are currently accepting requests for locations. He is hopeful that the press will advertise to get residents to contact the City with locations. Mrs. Pyke asked why some of the handicap ramps that had been done not too long ago were being re-done. Mr. Demasi stated when the new ADA law was passed, it applied to any type of structure. Through the process of the courts, it was decided that roads were included which requires the corners to be brought up to standards but only when work is being done. When the City repaves a road, they have to upgrade the ramps regardless of how young they are.

The Committee recommended bringing out Temp. Ord. No. B-8.

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.