

Cuyahoga Falls City Council
Minutes of the Public Improvements Committee Meeting
October 18, 2010

Members: Don Walters, Chair
Mark Ihasz
Terry Mader

Mr. Walters called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. All members were present.

The minutes from the October 4, 2010 Committee meetings were approved as submitted.

Legislation Discussed

Temp. Res. A-126

Discussion

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A resolution declaring the necessity of and intention to appropriate certain interests in real property necessary for the improvement of Chart Road between Keyser Parkway and Northampton Road, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Demasi stated there were two types of easements needed—general purpose and utility. Required widths are normally 8 to 10 feet but it could be as much as 70 feet in some places. Both types are needed for widening the roadway. West of Sandlewood, the road will be lowered 3.7 to 4 feet. The consultants have been working with the property owners, who were first notified on March 26. They currently have 16 out of 29 easements signed, and are close with another four to five. They are asking for this appropriation resolution so the project can move forward. Mr. Walters stated the City did appraisals. He asked how it would progress with the people who have not agreed. Mr. Demasi stated they have met with everyone 2 to 3 to 5 times. It will be an ongoing process. The next step will be the ordinance. The negotiation with property owners continues. They will never stop discussing and negotiating the project. Mr. Walters stated the passage of this resolution will help motivate talks. He added that the City would only be out the appraised value if this goes to court. Mr. Demasi stated it would go back to fair market value. Mr. Mader stated he is glad this project is moving forward because of the safety issues. There are still some hurdles but hopefully deals can be worked out to everyone's satisfaction.

Mr. Mader moved to approve bringing A-126 out of Committee with a favorable recommendation, second by Mr. Ihasz. Motion passed, voice vote (3-0).

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.