

**Cuyahoga Falls City Council  
Minutes of the Public Affairs Committee**

**November 7, 2016**

**Members:** Vic Pallotta, Chair  
Adam Miller  
Jerry James

Mr. Pallotta called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. All members were present.

The minutes from the September 19, 2016 and October 17, 2016 meetings were approved as written.

**Legislation Discussed:**

Temp. Ord. A-85

**Discussion:**

**Temp. Ord. A-85**

An ordinance authorizing the Mayor and/or Parks and Recreation Board to enter into a contract or contracts to purchase property located on 223 East Bath Road (Parcel No. 3506483), and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Pallotta stated that this ordinance concerns the the property on East Bath Road with the large red barn located on it. Mr. Ed Stewart, Parks and Recreation Superintendent, was present to speak about the latest developments in the grant money.

Mr. Stewart stated that there have been no changes since they talked about it about four or five weeks ago. They received the \$99,000 grant, and so their portion is \$46,000 when all is said and done. The one big development with the project is that Mr. Fred Guerra, Planning Director, received notice last Monday that they have been awarded a \$625,000 grant from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources for the project. They are hoping that goes through Phase I of the project, which is the Mudbrook section. Mr. Pallotta asked how large the parcel is. Mr. Stewart stated that it's 1.51 acres, which starts a few feet on the one side on the uphill side of the barn. Most the property is on the lower side of the property going down Bath Road. They are going to take the trail through there and hopefully can create a trailhead in there, as well. Mr. Pallotta asked if there was going to be parking on that side of the street near the barn. Mr. Stewart stated that they hope to be able to get a few spots there. The original plan for the last 10 or 12 years has been to put parking on the other end, off or Wyoga Lake Road where the old Gun Club was, because they have a couple of acres there. The total plan they are looking at for this project is from the Gun Club property, off Pleasant Meadow, and it will cross Bath Road into the new allotment that's being built now, follow the lake and go to State Road, just short of the of the car wash. Mr. Pallotta asked if it would maybe eventually continue down to the Towpath. Mr. Stewart stated that the Summit County Trail and Greenway plan has them connecting this all the way to the Hike and Bike Trail, in Stow, and then the Towpath. It may take many years, but hopefully, this will happen at some point. There are a lot of the easements that have already been taken care of all the way to

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the Towpath. George Potts was diligently working on that when he was there. Mr. Pallotta asked if the house that sits in back, north of the barn is any part of that property. Mr. Stewart stated that it does not. It has an aerial photograph with this piece of property indicated in red. Mr. Pallotta asked if the stone drive located on the property was part of the property. Mr. Stewart stated that drive was sort of a community drive. They have to figure out a way to access in there, or possibly try to purchase a little bit more property on that side in the future.

Mr. Miller moved to bring out Temp. Ord. A-85 with a favorable recommendation, second by Mr. James. Motion passed (3-0).

Mayor Walter stated that they have three billing cycles that have gone out since the last seen Council meeting. Cycle 25 went out to the 26<sup>th</sup>. That was comprised of 4,213 bills, including paper and e-bills. Cycle 1 went out on the 1st, totaling 3,609 bills. Cycle 5 was a Saturday, so that was sent on Friday, the 4th, and consisted of 2,948 bills. The audit is complete. The draft is being compiled. Once that is finalized, they plan on presenting that to Council, as well, with an overview chronology of everything they have been through in the past, where they're at at now and moving forward into the future. That will be forthcoming this month. Mr. Pallotta asked if there have been any phone calls from any of the constituents in anybody's ward. Mayor Walters stated that, to clarify, a lot of the phone calls we would normally get, the move-ins, move-outs, and they need a final read. Those are the normal. Processing those with new software is substantially different than it used to be, so they are working on being more efficient with all those. Those are the calls that Council would usually not receive. If Council does receive any calls on questions about anyone's bill, either now or through the summer, pass them on to them and they get those looked at right away.

Mr. Pallotta stated that there is a Mr. Drumm present at tonight's meeting who would like to speak with Mr. Hoffman, Mr. Balthis, Mr. Miller and Mrs. Pyke afterwards. They could stay after the meeting for a few minutes, he would appreciate that.

Mrs. Pyke stated that she would like to state that Council was asked to consider a nomination to the Civil Service Commission tonight. They will do that next Monday, November 14, 2106.

The meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.