

**Cuyahoga Falls City Council**  
**Minutes of the Public Improvements Committee Meeting**  
**March 15, 2010**

**Members:** Don Walters, Chair  
Mark Ihasz  
Terry Mader

Mr. Walters called the meeting to order at 6:43 p.m. All members were present.

The minutes from the February 1, 2010 and the February 16, 2010 Committee meetings were approved as submitted.

**Legislation to be Discussed:**

Temp. Ord. A-41

Temp. Ord. A-42

**Discussion**

**Temp. Ord. A-41**

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 in the City of Cuyahoga Falls and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Demasi stated this is the annual legislation for repair and resurfacing. Bids will be opened on April 20, 2010. Exhibit A is the street list but not an exhibit to the ordinance. Mr. Walters asked about the rating system used. Mr. Demasi stated ratings are done each year with the Street Department. Evaluation is based upon a ten point system.

Mrs. Pyke received an assessment of all streets and had some questions. She asked if 5<sup>th</sup> Street is where the sewer system was repaired. Mr. Demasi confirmed this. Mrs. Pyke asked about 20<sup>th</sup> Street. Mr. Demasi confirmed that it would be done half-off half-on. Bristol Lane just needs patched. Mrs. Pyke stated that Highpoint Lane is breaking apart and asked if the sides will be firmed up. Mr. Demasi said not if it is just resurfaced. Mrs. Pyke did not see why Norma Street was on the list. Mr. Demasi said that it was done in 1993. He confirmed that Broad Blvd. would be done east and west.

Mr. Ihasz asked if the City was doing any rebuilds and if there are any that should be done. Mr. Demasi said no. Mr. Demasi confirmed that Roosevelt and Portage Trail are to be resurfaced. He added that streets should last for 15-20 years. Mr. Walters asked if there were alternate methods such a grinding and putting the material back down. Mrs. Carr indicated that they have talked with a paving technical group. They can do a demo.

Mrs. Colavecchio asked if 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> Streets would be done. Mr. Demasi stated possibly at some point next year. Mrs. Colavecchio asked if anything had been done with Norma St. in the past four to five years. Mr. Demasi replied that Norma Street was done in 1993. Some repairs may have been done since then. In response to a question from Mrs. Pyke, Mr. Demasi said that Tallmadge and Newberry would be eligible for federal funding. In response to her question about apparent water damage at 11<sup>th</sup> St. and Portage Trail, Mr. Demasi and Mrs. Carr indicated that they were not aware of a related water main break.

Mr. Walters explained that the Public Improvements Committee would hold Temp. Ord. A -41 in order to give City Council an opportunity to review the composite list of streets and scoring. He stated that it would be brought out for a vote after a committee meeting next week.

***Committee recommended holding Temp. Ord. -41.***

**Temp. Ord. A-42**

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract or contracts, according to law, for the design and engineering of State Road and Portage Trail relative to the construction of Portage Crossing, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Walters opened the discussion by asking about the design and engineering for the improvements of State Rd. and Portage Trail. Mr. Demasi stated this should get going as soon as possible. Mrs. Truby explained that a traffic impact study would be obtained by the developer in order to identify potential impact on existing traffic. Responding to a question from Mrs. Pyke, Mrs. Truby added that she would get the name of the consulting firm for City Council. The projected completion date is April 16<sup>th</sup>.

Mrs. Hummel referred to the budget of \$195,000.00 for the cost of survey and design consulting that will come from Capital Projects. She stated that was a tough one. She voted for the development but is not in favor of narrowing Portage Trail. Mrs. Hummel stated that the City does not yet have an agreement with the School Board and questioned whether the City should go to the next step without knowing if the School Board is going to agree. Mrs. Truby stated that timeliness is crucial. Mrs. Hummel stated another concern was that street paving needs a lot of attention. She said that \$1.05 million is not what was spent in the past. Mr. Brodzinski stated that the City spent \$991,000 last year and is spending more this year than last. The City will also use \$975,000 in federal money.

Mr. Walters stated that the consulting costs were relative to Portage Crossing and would not be needed if not for the development. Mr. Walters pointed out that the title of Temp. Ord. A-42 refers the Director of Public Service, but line 17 refers to Director of Development.

Mrs. Klinger agreed with Mrs. Hummel and stated that the community does not want the lanes reduced. Mr. Demasi stated that the design might not narrow Portage Trail. It depends on the conclusions of the study. Mayor Robert stated that this was a catch 22 and assumes there will be some push back. He stated that work sessions might be needed to help everyone get a full and thorough understanding. Stark would not do anything detrimental. He added that they are not going in with a conceived notion. They do not know what will work best.

Mrs. Pyke asked about the cost of the traffic study. Mr. Demasi estimated \$30,000 - \$40,000. Mrs. Pyke stated she is not hearing that the public wants on-street parking. Mrs. Truby indicated that the City is going to make improvements and would not do something that would cause public outrage. Mrs. Pyke said that she wished the City had the traffic study first. Mrs. Truby responded that it is in the right order.

Mr. Barnhart stated that we do not know where this is going and that everyone should keep an open mind and let the pieces fall into place. He does not agree with the statement that people do not want this. Mrs. Klinger stated that discussions were limited regarding whether Portage Trail should be narrowed and that people will send letters.

***Committee recommended bringing out Temp. Ord. A-42.***

Meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.