

Cuyahoga Falls City Council
Minutes of the Public & Industrial Improvements Committee Meeting
March 16, 2009

Members: Debbie Ritzinger, Chair
Mark Ihasz
Terry Mader

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

The minutes from the February 17, 2009 committee meeting were approved as submitted.

Legislation Considered

Temp. Ord. B-22

Discussion:

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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. Demasi stated this is the annual ordinance to allow the City to resurface streets. Bids will be opened on April 7. This year, the City secured federal funding. The only other entities that were successful in getting federal funding were Twinsburg, Summit County and Portage County. Mrs. Carr added she sent information to Mrs. Pyke and Mrs. Hummel as they requested at the previous meeting. Mrs. Ritzinger asked whether Tallmadge Road, which had only a portion paved, would be done. Mr. Demasi stated that Tallmadge Road was paved by the Street Department. He added that his department continues to evaluate roads to see what is holding up. Tallmadge Road was not bad enough to make this year's list. Mrs. Ritzinger stated she was glad to see the Pothole Hotline was back. Mrs. Carr stated while it may not seem like it, they have filled thousands of holes. They still have three shifts working so holes are being filled at all hours. Mrs. Pyke questioned the entry of Second Street from Front Street to Hillcrest. She wondered why it didn't extend farther as that is one of the worst areas. Mr. Demasi stated they convinced ODOT to allow the City to do Second Street all the way to the south corporation line. It just didn't make sense not to do that. Mrs. Pyke asked when the numbers were calculated. Mr. Demasi indicated they change every day. They are evaluated continuously so this list is as of that particular day. Mrs. Pyke asked about the catch basins on Tallmadge. Mr. Demasi stated they have two left to do. Mrs. Pyke asked about the potholes getting onto the Expressway. Mr. Demasi indicated that repaving the expressway will begin on March 30 and it will include the ramps.

Mr. Walters asked about Graham Road. Mr. Demasi indicated that Graham to Bath Road is a reconstruction with Stow. They will also be widening Wyoga Lake Road and put in a right-turn-only lane to turn into the new CVS. The property owner provided Stow with additional right-of-way. Mr. Walters asked how likely it was that Victor would make the reconstruction list. Mr. Demasi stated it depended on the prices. He hoped it would get done.

Mrs. Hummel thanked Administration for getting her the information on square yardage. She stated that the three streets at the top of the list added up to 51% of the money. She questioned that the remaining

money was mostly to do two neighborhoods. Mr. Demasi stated that Woodhaven was done 12 to 14 years ago and is due. They are trying to be proactive in the hopes of avoiding a street getting like Victor. The same with Camden Rue. Mrs. Hummel stated that the budget sheet shows we are spending \$2.7 million on the streets but are expecting to get back \$1.5 million from AMATs for the four streets so the City is really only spending about the same as it spent last year. She would like to see on the bids what price their pricing is so it can be determined if there are any projects the City can take off or add.

Mrs. Pyke commented on 20th Street between Grant and Chestnut scoring a 9.2. Mr. Demasi indicated that was 405 pavement. They are limited as to what they can do there. Mr. Walters stated that on Tift Street, which is already narrow, a lot of times trucks get too close to the edge causing the roadway to crumble and make the road even more narrow. He asked when does that become a safety issue. Mr. Demasi stated if he goes by what has been done in the past, the homeowners on that street would be assessed for reconstruction, but added that safety is a big factor. Mr. Walters asked when a ditch would be deemed to be too deep. Mr. Demasi stated they design them to be two feet or less. He felt it would be a concern once they started getting greater than two feet. Mr. Arrington commented that Mr. Demasi gave an engineering answer. The legal answer is there is no specific set depth for which a city can be held liable. Mr. Walters felt that someday, the City will get to a point and determine that the street definitely needs to be reconstructed. Mr. Arrington stated that Council always has the right to reconstruct a street and to assess it without the property owners' cooperation. As long as 75% or more of the members of Council approve it, the project moves forward.

Committee recommended bringing out Temp. Ord. B-22 for approval.

The meeting adjourned at 7:09 p.m.