

Cuyahoga Falls City Council
Minutes of the Public & Industrial Improvements Committee Meeting
June 1, 2009

Members: Debbie Ritzinger, Chair
Mark Ihasz
Terry Mader

Mrs. Ritzinger called the meeting to order at 6:18 p.m. All members were present.

The minutes from the May 4, 2009 committee meeting were approved as submitted.

Legislation Discussed:

Temp. Res. B-50
Temp. Res. B-51

Discussion:

Temp. Res. B-50

A resolution pledging cooperation by the City of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, in the matter of the improvements of water lines on Taft Avenue, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Demasi stated this allows the City to prepare an Issue 1 application for the Ohio Public Works Commission submission. This is for the replacement of 1,500 feet of water line in an area where several main breaks have occurred over the past two years. The design was done over the winter months so they are now ready to move forward with construction. Since the Water Department has reported they've not had many breaks over the past few months, it was decided this would be an opportunity to apply for Issue 1 so the State would pay for half. The total cost of the project is \$270,000. The application is due by June 30 and the City should know its rating by October. If awarded, the money would be available in July, 2010. This would be for all of Taft.

Committee recommended bringing out Temp. Res. B-50.

Temp. Res. B-51

A resolution pledging cooperation by the City of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, in the matter of the improvements to the intersection of Smith Road and Riverview Road, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Demasi stated this is another Issue 1 application. The City of Akron is the lead agency on this and they've asked the City to cooperate with them on their application. They will be constructing a modern roundabout. The City would be contributing \$50,000 towards the project. The balance would come from Akron and a grant from the Ohio Department of Public Safety. The total project estimate is \$1 million. Construction is estimated at \$800,000 plus right-of-way and engineering costs. The same deadline dates as B-50 apply here. Mrs. Pyke asked if this was where the hill came down and wondered how the railroad tracks would impact the project. Mr. Demasi stated there would be plenty of room between the tracks and the roundabout. Mrs. Hummel asked if Akron initiated the project. Mr. Demasi stated that the County Engineer approached Akron. Mrs. Hummel asked if there were frequent accidents or high traffic issues which prompted the project. Mr. Demasi stated there accident and death rates are high. The roundabout would keep traffic moving and would help eliminate any "T-bone" accidents, which are frequent at this intersection and one of the worst types of accident.

Committee recommended bringing out Temp. Res. B-51.

Meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.