

**Cuyahoga Falls City Council**  
**Minutes of the Public & Industrial Improvements Committee Meeting**  
**June 18, 2012**

**Members:** Jerry James, Chair  
Diana Colavecchio  
Terry Mader

Mr. James called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m. All members were present.

The minutes from the May 7, 2012 Committee meeting were approved as submitted.

**Legislation Discussed**

Temp. Ord. A-64

**Discussion**

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An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract or contracts, according to law, for construction of certain public improvements in State Road, Portage Trail, and Lillis Drive, making an appropriation therefor, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Demasi stated that after two years of design, bids were opened last week for the State Road and Portage Trail improvements and will include lighting, landscaping, pedestrian crosswalks and signalization. The City received a \$1,133,067 grant from the Ohio Public Works Commission for improvements to offset the \$3,000,000 cost. This makes the cost to the City being \$1,866,333. It is a condition of OPWC that construction must begin no later than July 1, 2012. Four bids were received and work would begin as soon as possible. They need to sit with the contractor to get a schedule but construction should last about eight months. The contractor is Cargo Asphalt. Mr. James stated this project goes along with the Portage Crossing project. Mrs. Pyke asked about the improvements to Lillis. Mr. Demasi stated it would be repaved and a new signal placed at Graham and Lillis.

Rosaleen Brady, 2721 Norma Street, asked about the curbs and lane changes between Norma and Lillis, and also asked for confirmation that construction will begin July 1. Mr. Demasi stated that for purposes of the grant, an executed contract is considered to be the beginning of construction. They will get a specific schedule from the contractor and construction will begin as soon as possible thereafter. Mrs. Brady asked if there would be detours while work is being done on Portage Trail. Mr. Demasi stated that traffic will always be maintained one lane each direction on Portage Trail. Some local residents who are familiar with the area may cut through the neighborhoods. Mrs. Brady asked if the Administration felt that residential value of the homes on Norma and Lillis would go up or down with the project. Mrs. Truby stated that was a fair question. She felt when someone is adding \$58 million to an area, property values will probably go up, not down.

Jim Lettofsky, 2850 Second Street, stated he hoped that the City would be inspecting the current water and sewer lines to see if they needed to be replaced while the road is dug up.

Mrs. Colavecchio moved to bring out A-64 with a favorable recommendation, second by Mr. Mader. Motion passed (3-0).

Meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.