

Cuyahoga Falls City Council
Minutes of the Public & Industrial Improvements Committee

June 5, 2017

Members: Jeff Iula, Chair
Adam Miller
Mary Nichols-Rhodes

Mr. Iula called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. All members were present.

The minutes from the March 20, 2017, Public Improvements Committee meeting were approved as written.

Legislation Discussed:

Temp. Ord. B-39
Temp. Ord. B-40

Discussion:

Temp. Ord. B-39

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to execute a modification of Contract No. 7463 with Perrin Asphalt Company for the annual resurfacing and/or repair of various streets, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Iula stated that the City is going to be able to do about nine more streets this year, because they were a little under budget. Mr. Tony Demasi, City Engineer, stated that because of the lower oil prices, they lowered their estimate of per-unit pricing for this year's program by 10 percent. Even doing that, the low bid was still 20 percent under their estimate. That represents over \$300,000 of savings. They want to use those savings to go ahead and pave the additional streets listed in the exhibit: Main Street between Howe Avenue and the South Corp; 25th Street from Broad Boulevard to the south end; Third Street between Oakwood Drive and Bailey; Sackett Avenue between 26th Street and the Corp line; Broad Boulevard, from Newberry Street to the railroad tracks; 6th Street from Portage Trail to Sackett Avenue and Oakwood Drive between Roosevelt Avenue and Lincoln Avenue. They also want to grind a road for the Street Department on Gaylord Road between Hudson Drive and Owaisa Road.

Mr. Miller asked if they anticipate additional streets being added to this list. Mr. Demasi stated that they are not going to bid any more, so he doesn't see, at this time, adding any additional streets. Mrs. Pyke asked if the City had a \$300,000 savings by being 20 percent under their estimate or are these new streets adding up to \$300,000. Mr. Demasi stated that the new streets come up to \$600,000, as the ordinance mentioned in Section 1. To pay for those, they are using the \$300,000 from the bidding, plus an additional \$300,000 from the Capital Improvement Program. Mrs. Pyke asked what Capital Improvements they removed from the list. Mr. Demasi stated that they did not remove any Capital Improvements. Those are ones that they are completing and they're coming in under budget. Mrs. Pyke asked what was wrong with Main Street from Howe Avenue to Corp line that it was put it on the list. Mr. Demasi stated that it has

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ruts and longitudinal cracks. Mrs. Pyke asked if there was any reason that they couldn't do any grinding at the intersection of Howe Avenue and Main Street. Mr. Demasi stated that that will be done as part of the \$10 million ODOT project which is going to happen in late next year and 2019, but that project won't extend down Main Street any more than just the turn, so they want to go ahead and pave Main Street now. Mrs. Pyke asked if it wouldn't be better to do that intersection than south of that intersection to the Corp line because of the condition of that intersection. Mr. Demasi stated that that intersection would probably take the entire \$600,000 to do. The City's Street Department is being tasked to go out fill those holes as best as they can and have been doing a pretty good job. They're going to continue to do that until ODOT comes through and totally rebuilds the intersection. Mrs. Pyke stated that that intersection is the one she has the most complaints about. Mr. Demasi stated that is why it's scheduled to get totally replaced by ODOT in the next year.

Mr. Colavecchio asked Mr. Demasi how long he has been the City Engineer. Mr. Demasi stated that he has been Engineer since 2005. Mr. Colavecchio asked if the City has resurfaced more roads this year than all those previous years. Mr. Demasi stated that this year will be, by far, the highest lane miles since 2005. Last year, they did 9 lane miles. This year will probably be double that amount. Mr. Colavecchio stated that, many times, he thought it totally inappropriate that these questions couldn't be addressed to Mr. Demasi before the meetings instead of grandstanding at Council meetings and trying to make political points. Mr. Colavecchio suggested Council members ask Mr. Demasi questions before these meetings, so everyone doesn't have to listen to questions that could be answered before they get on Council floor just so statements can be made for the newspaper. Mrs. Pyke responded that as long as she is sitting on Council and has requests from members of her ward to ask specific questions on Council, she will continue to ask those questions on the Council floor. At no time does she think that she's sitting here wasting her time, and she is sorry Mr. Colavecchio thinks that asking a question is wasting his time. Mr. Colavecchio responded that he is sorry, too.

Mr. Miller moved to bring out Temp. Ord. B-39 with a favorable recommendation, second by Ms. Nichols-Rhodes. Motion passed (3-0).

Temp. Ord. B-40

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract or contracts, according to law, for the repair and/or reconstruction of concrete pavement on Towpath Boulevard in the City, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Iula stated that this ordinance is also in the budget. Last year, the City spent \$188,000 on this and, this year, they're spending a little less than half of that, about \$88,000. Mr. Demasi stated that Towpath Village is a residential subdivision off Akron-Peninsula Road in Northampton Township. This year, they would like to replace concrete payment on Towpath Boulevard. That's the main road going into the subdivision between Deepwood Drive and Smokerise Drive. That concrete was installed in 1974, so it's 43 years old. The existing concrete is six inches, and they

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are going to put in eight inches of concrete with a subbase and under drains, which the existing design doesn't have. They look forward to getting approval so they can start this project.

Mr. Iula asked if they will have to block off any of the street and will residents be able to get to their homes without any problems. Mr. Demasi stated that they are not going to close Towpath completely, because residents on Smokerise Drive will be completely blocked out since it is a one-way in, one-way out. They will do half at a time in the road. Mr. Iula asked how long this project will take. Mr. Demasi stated that they haven't met with the contractor yet to get a schedule. That would happen after it is approved. He assumes this project will last no more than six weeks. Mr. Iona stated that he is excited that they are doing more on Towpath Village. Every spring, he gets at least two to four phone calls. It's a concrete area back there. Sometimes, residents are looking to have their streets named on the list of streets, but the list of streets relates to asphalt streets and is a separate budget than concrete. The residents in that subdivision will be pleased to have their street repaired.

Ms. Nichols-Rhodes moved to bring out Temp. Ord. B-40 with a favorable recommendation, second by Mr. Miller. Motion passed (3-0).

The meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m.