

Cuyahoga Falls City Council
Minutes of the Public Improvements Committee Meeting
January 22, 2008

Members: Debbie Ritzinger, Chair
Mark Ihasz
Terry Mader

Mrs. Ritzinger called the meeting to order at 6:28 p.m. All members were present.

The minutes from the November 5, 2007, November 19, 2007 and January 7, 2008 committee meetings were approved as submitted.

Legislation Considered

Temp. Res. A-5
Temp. Ord. A-6
Temp. Ord. A-7

Discussion:

Temp. Res. A-5

A resolution creating for the year 2008 a sidewalk and drive approach repair or replacement district containing such streets, alleys, or public roadways within the corporate limits of the City of Cuyahoga Falls, declaring the necessity of repairing or replacing the sidewalks and drive approaches abutting on such streets, alleys or public roadways within said corporate limits and providing the method for levying special assessments, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Demasi stated this was the annual resolution allowing the City to proceed with creating a district for the City's sidewalk and drive approach replacements. This is the third year of the program. They will create a list from calls and requests they receive for sidewalk repair and will add them to the program. They don't have much of a list right now but once they put an article in the paper, the calls will start coming in. Also, if they see an area in need of repair, they will speak to the homeowner directly. Mrs. Pyke asked how the drive apron program was going. Mr. Demasi indicated it was going very well. Mr. Walters asked about situations where the resident feels one of the City trees is causing the heaping of a sidewalk and feels the City should be responsible for the cost of repair. Mr. Demasi stated they look into those but most of the time it is still the resident's responsibility. They often find it's caused more by down spouts than tree roots but if it were to be caused by a City tree, the City would foot the bill.

Committee recommended bringing out Temp. Res. No. A-5.

Temp. Ord. A-6

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract or contracts, according to law, for the replacement or adjustment of concrete sidewalks, drive approaches and curbs at various locations in the City of Cuyahoga Falls, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Demasi stated this is the ordinance that allowed the City to go to bid, which they will do in February. They expect to start construction around May.

Committee recommended bringing out Temp. Ord. No. A-6.

Temp. Ord. A-7

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Finance to pay Kenmore Construction, Inc., for emergency repairs to sanitary and storm sewer lines on State Road, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Christopher stated in November, they detected a blockage in the sanitary sewer on State Road between Highbridge and Grant. When they checked, they discovered the sewer had collapsed. Due to the depth of the sewer and the traffic on State Road, they felt it would be best to use the money they had set aside in the miscellaneous sewer repair fund and have Kenmore Construction come in and do the repair. It was also discovered at the time of the repair that the storm sewer was also collapsed. The repairs were made to 8' sections of both the sanitary and storm sewers.

Committee recommended bringing out Temp. Ord. No. A-7.

The meeting adjourned at 6:31 p.m.