

Cuyahoga Falls City Council
Minutes of the Public Improvements Committee Meeting
August 20, 2007

Members: Jerry James, Chair
Debbie Ritzinger
Terry Mader

Mr. James called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m. Mr. Mader was absent.

Legislation Considered

Temp. Ord. B-111

Discussion:

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An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract and/or contracts according to law to participate in the repair of the railroad crossing at Broad Blvd. and declaring an emergency.

Mrs. Carr stated they have finalized the contract with CSX to upgrade the Broad Blvd. crossing using concrete. They viewed a crossing in Strongsville that was a few years old and it still looked like new. Other municipalities who went to concrete at their crossings have not had to do replacements or repairs as often as those with asphalt. CSX is paying for the labor and installation and the City is paying for materials. The entire project is estimated at \$266,146. The total cost for the City is \$169,121 which breaks down into \$8,000 already spent on the design and \$161,121 for the materials. Tonight's legislation addresses only the \$161,121. CSX has a large project starting in October and they wanted to get the Broad Blvd. crossing completed before that project begins, otherwise the crossing would not get done until next year.

Mr. James stated this is a long time coming. He asked about the Bailey Road crossing. Mrs. Carr stated those negotiations with CSX are about six months behind those regarding Broad Blvd. She added that the Railroad Master recognizes the concern at Bailey as well, and is helping from behind the scenes to get CSX to address that crossing.

Mrs. Ritzinger asked if Broad Blvd. would be closed to traffic. Mrs. Carr stated they did not have a schedule as yet but indicated the project will not take long. Mr. Demasi added that it would be done with precast sections that are brought in and set down but moving the ties takes some time.

Mr. Gorbach asked whether the City was paying for the ties also or just the concrete. Mrs. Carr stated it was for the concrete only and added they did not expect any additional charges.

Mr. Demasi indicated that the Broad Blvd. crossing would be similar to the crossing at Hudson and Front Street, which was done with rubber. The precast cement sections would be bolted to the railroad ties.

Mr. James asked if there were any temporary fixes planned for Bailey Road. Mrs. Carr stated they would most likely shave the hill down a little which will help. She will try to get something from CSX on what can be done.

The Committee recommended bringing out Temp. Ord. B-111 for approval.

The meeting adjourned at 6:13 p.m.