

ISSUE 1 MINUTES

April 7, 2009

The Issue 1 Committee meeting was held on April 7, 2009, at North Royalton City Hall, 13834 Ridge Road. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Present: Committee: Chairman Vince Gentile, Larry Antoskiewicz, Dan Kasaris; Council: Don Willey; Mike Farrell; Administration: Mayor Robert Stefanik, City Engineer Mark Schmitzer, Economic Development Director Tom Jordan; Other Attendees: Pat Jones.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Mr. Antoskiewicz, seconded by Mr. Kasaris to **approve the February 3, 2009 minutes**. Yeas: 3. Nays: 0. **Motion carried.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. **Bennett Road Project, Route 82, Valley Parkway, Turnpike Run-off Study**

Mr. Schmitzer discussed the Sprague Road project, east of State Road. He and Mr. Kamps have been discussing how this project coincides with the Broadview Heights/Parma sewer. Mr. Kamps is going to approach Parma and Broadview Heights on milling and overlaying that portion of Sprague Road to Broadview Road, and splitting the cost between Broadview Heights, Parma and North Royalton with Parma paying 50% and the other two communities paying 25% each. Mr. Schmitzer said preliminary milling numbers have come in at \$150,000 for the whole project. Mayor Stefanik said he spoke to Mr. Kamps late in the day and Mr. Kamps said the cost is going to be more than originally thought. Mr. Schmitzer said the reason the cost was split as noted above is because he was not sure what kind of partnership they would receive from the other communities on repairing this road.

Mr. Antoskiewicz asked if work on this section of the road is going to be similar to the work that was done on other sections of the road where the street had to be milled, and a lot of man hours were put into the project. Mr. Schmitzer said this project is similar, but the city's man hours will not go into this project. He said this work will be contracted out. Mr. Schmitzer said by contracting this work out we can save our man hours in lieu of possibly not getting any buy-in from Broadview Heights or Parma on this project.

Mr. Gentile gave some history on this project. He said that we had some dialogue on this project with the Mayor of Parma and the County Engineer back in 2004 and at that time Pleasant Valley Road was being worked on and the County Engineer stated that he needed Sprague Road fully open until Pleasant Valley Road was finished. At the same time the Mayor of Parma expressed his potential pending sanitary sewer find. Mr. Gentile said that what they came back and proposed was a rejuvenation process which consisted of surface repair which was designed to last approximately 2 years. Mr. Schmitzer said that Sprague Road probably needs a complete replacement, and feels we should go after Issue 1 funds. He said the county is looking at a first leg and a second leg for Sprague Road. He said the first leg is planned for 2011 and the second leg is planned for 2013. The first leg of the project will go from Pearl Road to Webster Road then the second leg will extend from Webster Road to York Road. Mayor Stefanik said that we are currently talking to Parma about this project. He said that Mr. Kamps is getting an estimate so that we do not have to do any of this work in house. He said that it would take the city's price from \$40,000 to possibly \$80,000-\$90,000 which is our 25%. He said we are still getting numbers and deciding if we should apply for Issue 1 money for this project. He also said if they decide to do the sewers in that area, and we let them tie into our system, the Service Department will not let them do that until we receive assurance from them that we do not get I & I from their system.

Mr. Antoskiewicz asked if we are going to wait on requesting Issue 1 funding for this project until we get a commitment from Parma and Broadview Heights. Mr. Schmitzer said we could go on our own. Mr. Antoskiewicz said he does not want to pay for Parma and he does not want to pay for Broadview Heights. Mayor Stefanik said there are two issues here, the first one is doing this project this year with Parma and Broadview Heights and paying up front or trying for Issue 1 funding. Mayor Stefanik said he does not think this is a good project for Issue 1.

Mr. Antoskiewicz asked if we will be able to file for Issue 1 funding without commitment from Parma or Broadview Heights. Mr. Gentile said we do need a host city. Mayor Stefanik said we are currently talking to the Mayor of both cities and currently Mr. Kamps is in discussions with the Service Director in both cities. He said Parma took the lead on the last project and feels they will probably take the lead again. Mr. Willey asked if it is unlikely that we will file for Issue 1 for this project. Mayor Stefanik said he does not feel we should do a project with Issue 1 funds when it may be torn up later to perform sewer work. Mr. Gentile said if it turns into major road construction, it would be a good time to do sewer work as well in conjunction with the road work. Mr. Schmitzer said this may be what Parma is holding out for.

Mayor Stefanik would like to bring this issue back to the Streets Committee meeting next month to find out where we are with the project.

Mr. Gentile said that Mr. Klaiber was convinced that based on the need of the road and on the multiple communities, this would be a good opportunity for this project to qualify for Issue 1 or Issue 2 funding, but said he would not push for that now because of the Pleasant Valley Road bypass.

Mr. Schmitzer said he will continue to work with Mr. Klaiber to determine what projects may be pushed up front to make way for other projects.

Mr. Schmitzer discussed the Valley Parkway project. He said he has not heard anything additional from Mayor Stefanik or Mr. Jordan. Mr. Jordan said the stormwater projects under stimulus have not been awarded. He said the projects that will be awarded involve a lot of acquisitions and he said they are unlikely to be funded by stimulus. The other projects that were submitted are more likely to be funded by stimulus. Mr. Jordan said that as far as the retention work that is related to the outcome of the flood survey from the turnpike, we are still waiting for word regarding stimulus.

Mr. Schmitzer asked if Bennett Road is a project that he is looking into as well. Mr. Jordan said that there were three applications for road projects. The three applications were for Bennett Road, Valley Parkway Trail Extension, and Route 82. He said none of these projects were awarded directly by the State of Ohio. However, on the Bennett Road project, we were encouraged to apply for the NOACA funds or Issue 1 or Issue 2 funds. It was also suggested that we file a Resolution indicating that City Council is aware of this and we are filing for these funds. Mr. Gentile said that we can do this Resolution at the April 21, 2009 Council meeting. Mr. Jordan said NOACA requires this particular piece of legislation and that is why he is requesting it for Route 82 and will also be requesting it for Bennett Road at the April 21, 2009 Council meeting.

Mr. Antoskiewicz asked if the NOACA funds will be issued this year. Mr. Jordan said that NOACA received a bulk amount of money from the State of Ohio that is to be used for projects that have already gone through their process and are referred to as Tier I projects. Some of these projects have been on the books for up to 5 years. He said some of these projects are finished, or partially finished, or have found funding, or the city will not have a matching grant and these projects fall off of the list, and in these cases we may discover that there is extra money available. He said possibly there will be extra money for a second round of awards through that process. Mr. Jordan said that the only way NOACA will fund anything is to take it through their planning process. Mr. Antoskiewicz asked if NOACA has a deadline for projects that have already been awarded. Mr. Jordan said they have a June cutoff date for submissions. He also said that Mayor Stefanik will issue a cover letter with the Resolution attached indicating the progress on Route 82 and ask that this project be placed on a long range improvement plan then this will go through the Advisory Committee and passed by the Board followed by several other necessary processes. Mayor Stefanik said that Betty Sutton's office is on top of this. Mr. Jordan said that over the weekend Betty Sutton's office submitted the draft legislation for the federal appropriation in the amount of \$5,000,000 for the Route 82 widening in North Royalton. They hope this will eventually be passed in August or September of this year after it goes into Conference Committee with the Senate. He also said that Mr. Klaiber's office is doing traffic modeling which will be completed at the end of the month. This will determine which stretches of the road should be 3, 4 or 5 lanes and will help us with cost estimating. Mr. Jordan said what this will all converge on is if we get the appropriations from the feds added to

the \$1.6 million and the \$400,000 required matching that we had before which would take us to \$7,000,000. The first leg will cost \$11,000,000 and we will try to fill the gap between the \$7,000,000 we may have and the cost of \$11,000,000 in order to complete the first leg of this project. He also said we must have the appropriation passed, we have to get this back on the Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan and we have to work on cost estimating after we get the traffic modeling.

Mr. Jordan said that Broadview Heights and other communities are now stating that they would like their section of Route 82 widened as well.

Mr. Willey asked where the \$5,000,000 figure came from. Mr. Jordan said that it is arbitrary on their part. They just felt that \$5,000,000 is a number they might be able to get through the committee. Mr. Jordan said that a typical appropriation is less than \$2,000,000. Mr. Willey asked if in light of the economy, this will change the complexion of the traditional appropriations. Mr. Jordan said this is the traditional Annual Appropriations Bill. Mr. Jordan said that the good thing about the federal appropriation is that if we do not come up with the money in 2009 for this project, we do not lose this money; it will stay there until we are able to come up with the money. Mr. Antoskiewicz asked if it will hurt our chances of receiving the \$5,000,000 since we have not used the \$1.6 million we received in 2004. Mr. Jordan said with the amount of money we have spent on intersections in North Royalton, he feels the \$1.6 million becomes somewhat insignificant.

Mr. Antoskiewicz asked if our chances of receiving Issue 1 money for the Bennett Road project will increase since we applied last year. Mr. Schmitzer said that he will be working with Mr. Klaiber's office on this. He said that the Health and Safety portion was only one part of Issue 1, but on the Bennett Road project when compared to other projects relatively ranked, we scored 52 out of 65 in that area. Mr. Antoskiewicz asked where we failed when applying for these funds. Mr. Schmitzer said we failed in the access to funds portion. Mr. Jordan said this could be a more competitive year when applying for Issue 1 funds. He questioned whether we need to add 40 percent to make ourselves more competitive. Mr. Schmitzer said some of the projects we are competing against make Bennett Road seem minimal. Mr. Klaiber's office is willing to pre-score us to see where we are currently. Mr. Schmitzer said we need to be at 199 this year. Last year we were at 145. Mr. Schmitzer said we may have to be a little more creative in how we are providing our funding and he will work with Mr. Klaiber to see what those options are. Mayor Stefanik said some cities are hurting financially this year and may not have matching funds available like we do.

Mr. Gentile asked where we are on the Turnpike run-off study. Mr. Schmitzer said we are currently on the waiting list. Mr. Kasaris asked if there have been any discussions with the Metroparks or the Turnpike Commission. Mr. Jordan said that they have not had any discussions with either of them since he last met with them. He said the Turnpike Commission may offer a limited amount of money, and said he feels the Metroparks will take the land, but does not feel they will offer any money. Mr. Antoskiewicz asked if the Metroparks would buy the land and maintain it as their own. Mr. Jordan said that we would need more money to take the next step in engineering. He said we cannot foot the bill by ourselves for the next step to do the engineering which would define the borders for what we need to acquire. This step would define the cost of the acquisition and construction then another split on that phase. Mr. Farrell asked who we need to get lined up in order to get funding. Mr. Jordan said the only thing we can do is try to get other sources of funds to help with this project. Mr. Gentile said this sounds like a Regional Stormwater project.

Mr. Jordan said that if the city was a participant in the Economic Development Water Sharing Agreement with the City of Cleveland, we would receive another 5 points for Issue 1 funding. Mr. Jordan will do a breakdown of this project for Council to take a look at.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mr. Antoskiewicz and seconded by Mr. Kasaris to **adjourn the meeting**. Yeas: 3. Nays: 0. **Motion carried**. Meeting adjourned at 7:09 p.m.