

**ISSUE 1 COMMITTEE MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 4, 2007**

The Issue 1 Committee meeting was held on September 4, 2007, at North Royalton City Hall, 13834 Ridge Road. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Committee: Chair Vincent Gentile, Bob Stefanik, Larry Antoskiewicz; Council: Denise Bobulsky, Lisa Uffman-Kirsch; Administration: City Engineer Clark Merdes, Other Attendees: Nick Cinquepalmi, Joanne Dumound

Moved by Mr. Antoskiewicz, seconded by Mr. Stefanik to approve the minutes from July 3, 2007. 3 yeas/0 nays. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Discussion of 2007 projects

West 130th and Royalton Road intersection. Mr. Merdes said that the Cuyahoga County Engineer's Office, the City of North Royalton, and the City of Strongsville are looking to submit an application to the Issue 1 Committee for funding the improvement of the West 130th and Royalton Road intersection. Essentially Royalton Road will have two through lanes and a left turn lane, Strongsville's Royalton Road has an additional dedicated right turn lane with the two through lanes and left turn lane. West 130th Street will have a dedicated left turn lane in both directions with a through lane. This would allow Edgerton Road to function as it is now with full service. There is an allowance for south bound West 130th to move around cars waiting to make the turn onto Edgerton Road. Edgerton Road will not be signalized. It will remain as it is now with a stop sign. The consideration to signalize that area was thought to make the traffic flow worse. This improvement is hoped to solve the current congestion problem and increase safety.

Mr. Gentile asked if it receives funding when would construction begin and Mr. Merdes said a contract could be let out July 2008 with an optimistic beginning in late fall, but it would most likely be the beginning of the 2009 construction season. It is anticipated that it will take one construction season.

Mr. Gentile asked if it is going to be a concrete project and Mr. Merdes said that this is a planned asphalt project. Mr. Gentile said it does not make sense to have it an asphalt project. Mr. Merdes said that the County is the lead on this and making the surface decision for what they feel is needed. The projected total cost is \$3 million. Our cost would be approximately \$375,000-\$400,000.

Mrs. Uffman-Kirsch asked if it would be logical to have a dedicated turn lane onto Edgerton Road. Mr. Merdes explained that due to line of sight issues it must be a through lane. Mrs. Uffman-Kirsch thought it might be a safety issue this way. Mr. Merdes said that the consultant used about 9 examples and determined this would be the acceptable choice.

Mr. Gentile feels that at least Route 82 should have concrete installation. Asphalt rippling can be seen from the trucks stopping at the intersection now. Mr. Merdes said the project is to use the base that is there and expand upon that. Curbs, storm sewers and sidewalks are to be part of the project at this time.

Mr. Merdes said that this proposed Ordinance 07-99 is on the agenda for Council action tonight.

Mr. Gentile moved to recommend approval to Council of proposed Ordinance 07-99, seconded by Mr. Stefanik. 3 yeas/0 nays. Motion carried.

Pump replacement at the A & B treatment facilities. Mr. Merdes explained that Mr. Johnson said the pumps he was hoping to obtain will not work and this project is not worth going after at this point. Mr. Merdes said if something that will work is found it may receive funding at a future time.

Ridge Road and Royalwood Road Intersection project. Mr. Merdes said that he felt the Ridge Road and Royalwood Road project would be a good project to submit for funding. Mr. Gentile asked if the Council members present would be in favor of submitting this project and they were in favor of it. Mr. Merdes said it is essentially a \$2 million project

and it would require \$600,000 for this. Mr. Merdes will ask the Finance Director if a Certificate of Availability of Funds would be available. If funds are available he asked the committee if they would be interested in spending the extra \$200,000 to increase the chance of getting the project approved. Mr. Gentile asked for what funding year this would be and Mr. Merdes said the projects are usually recommended by the District at the end of the year. Contracts could not be awarded until July of the following year. Mr. Merdes said that the engineering could start as early as January if we knew we would go forward. It would probably a 2009 construction year with some money being spent in 2008. Mr. Gentile said he is in favor of proceeding with the project. Mr. Antoskiewicz asked if the 10% additional (\$200,000) would increase our scoring chance. Mr. Merdes felt that it would increase the chances from 50-50 to perhaps at least 75% chance for funding.

Mrs. Fegan joined the meeting at this time and said that project funding would be a matter of budget decisions at the planning stages. Mr. Gentile asked if all the money is required to be from the same budget year for 2008 or would part come from 2009. Mrs. Fegan said when we sign the agreement she needs to sign that we have the funds or are in the process of collecting.

Mr. Merdes asked Mrs. Fegan about the money availability for both Royalton Road/West 130th Street Intersection and Ridge Road and Royalwood Road Intersection projects. She felt it would be possible to try to fund both projects if they were awarded.

Mr. Willey said that we are working with a traffic problem and putting \$600,000 of our own money toward the project would make that much less to go to other road projects. He thinks it is a traffic problem and not a road improvement. Mrs. Fegan said that it is a committee decision.

Mr. Merdes said that the award is not guaranteed and depends on other projects submitted. Mr. Willey said if it was awarded we did not have to accept it and Mr. Merdes said that is correct.

Mr. Stefanik moved to proceed with the Ridge Road and Royalwood Road Intersection project, seconded by Mr. Gentile. 3 yeas/0 nays. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Gentile seconded by Mr. Stefanik to adjourn the meeting. 3 yeas/0 nays. Meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.