

STREETS COMMITTEE MINUTES

June 5, 2008

The Streets Committee meeting was held on June 5, 2008, at North Royalton City Hall, 13834 Ridge Road. The meeting was called to order at 6:34 p.m.

Present: Chair John Nickell, Larry Antoskiewicz, Vince Gentile; Council: Gary Petrusky, Don Willey, Administration: Mayor Robert Stefanik; Other Attendees: Joanne DuMound.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Mr. Gentile, seconded by Mr. Antoskiewicz to **approve the minutes of May 1, 2008.** Yeas: 3. Nays: 0. **Motion carried.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Recycling program-rubbish co-mingling

Residents are not fully participating in the recycling program and the fuel costs are high. There was discussion regarding how to make the program more efficient and encourage more participation. Instead of using two recycling trucks perhaps one truck could be used. Mayor Stefanik said that Mr. Kamps is looking into this.

2. Road work 2008

Mr. Nickell asked for a list of what is going on with the streets so Council members can discuss this with residents when they call. Mayor Stefanik said Mr. Kamps will provide a list. Mr. Nickell said Mr. Kamps is working on what will be done on Sprague Road with Parma.

3. Wallings Road rehabilitation

No report.

4. Edgerton Road reconstruction

Mr. Antoskiewicz said that the second phase of the project on Edgerton Road has begun and they are working on items needed from the first phase.

5. Proposed Ordinance 07-73 dedication of Mahican Way, Shawnee Circle, and Chippewa Path in Indian Trails Subdivision

The 12-month rule regarding legislation was waived at the Council meeting June 3, 2008. There is work being done.

6. Salt brine

No report.

7. North Royalton N-STEP (Neighborhood Sidewalk Travel Expansion Program)

Mr. Nickell said he is going to continue to encourage sidewalks in areas of the city. Perhaps this could be done in small sections as in the area of the library.

Mr. Willey and Mr. Gentile said they are opposed to this approach. Sidewalks are an assessment project and it is not fair to those who have already paid or will be required to pay.

Mr. Nickell said that with the gas prices as they are now more people will want to walk and sidewalks are needed. He is not comfortable with assessing at this point.

The Mayor said that Mr. Jordan continues to look for funding sources.

Mr. Willey said that there was a pedestrian study with regard to building the Town Center and sidewalks were to go in that area as part of the developing of the area.

Mr. Nickell said that only 700 feet of sidewalk is needed to connect some sidewalks in the area of Tilby Road and Cedar Estates that will go to the Regos shopping center area. Discussion continued as roads are being installed that sidewalks be installed too whether it be as an assessment or as part of a funded project. Fairness to property owners was discussed regarding some who pay and some who will not if funding is available. Mr. Nickell said that he feels that sidewalks are necessary and he wants to keep this issue going. He said that because the city is growing it has a certain obligation to provide safety in travel.

Perhaps partial assessments could be considered, or other funding can be found and any major road project must include sidewalks.

Mr. Antoskiewicz said you have to look at who this would help. It should be looked to help the majority of the city not just a small portion. Mr. Nickell said that he sees people get off the bus to go to the industrial park and they do not have sidewalks to walk upon to our premier industrial park off York Road. That should have been included in the improvement project. Mr. Nickell said you have to start somewhere. It was also mentioned that there should also have been consideration for a bus route within the industrial park.

Mr. Gentile feels that we cannot use city money because it will set a precedent for the future and those who had to pay in the past will come asking for money back. Mr. Nickell said that was in the past and he does not share this opinion nor do the residents who have contacted him about installing more sidewalks. Mr. Willey said that the sidewalks that went in on Ridge Road from Wallings Road down on both sides of the street through the center of town and down Bennett Road were installed with the agreement that the city would plow them and this is the only place in town that sidewalks are plowed.

Mr. Antoskiewicz said that the people who want sidewalks already have them and that the people who do not have sidewalks now do not want them. If the people want them then they can be installed. Support should be built from the people who do not currently have sidewalks.

Mr. Willey said if we fund sidewalks that his ward should have the sidewalks first since it has the older section of the city and also the people from the Sherwood Development who would walk to church should have sidewalks to the church. Mr. Nickell said this is why we would have targeted enforcement.

Mr. Antoskiewicz said as far as he is concerned we do not have extra funds until every road and water problem is repaired. He is not against sidewalks only against assessing people.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Engine brake (Jake brake) on the Ohio Turnpike near Ridge Road

Mayor Stefanik received a letter dated May 29, 2008, from Traffic Engineer Kerry Ferrier with the Ohio Turnpike Commission stating that a sign will be posted in the vicinity of the westbound Ridge Road Bridge indicating engine brake (Jake brake) is not permitted.

2. Bennett Road Bridge over the East Branch of the Rocky River

Mayor Stefanik said that there will be a pre-construction conference on June 17, 2008, in the Cuyahoga County Engineer's office regarding the Bennett Road Bridge over the East Branch of the Rocky River.

3. Major road projects

Mayor Stefanik said that the bill is a little over \$4 million for the major road projects that are just finishing. We can look at projects after Issue 1 projects are awarded. (See attached)

4. Turnpike Commission noise study

Mayor Stefanik said the Turnpike Commission is requesting proposals for a sound study. Information should be available at the end of the year and it is anticipated that the six-month study regarding noise abatement will begin the first of next year with action taken after that.

5. Hinckley Road work area of Ridge and Boston Roads

Mayor Stefanik said that there was a meeting with the Hinckley Trustees. The problem over the payment for repairs to Boston Road between Ridge Road and Valleyaire Golf Course was resolved.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mr. Gentile, seconded by Mr. Antoskiewicz to **adjourn the meeting**. Yeas: 3. Nays: 0. **Motion carried**. Meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

-----Original Message-----

From: Mark Schmitzer [mailto:MSchmitzer@RLBA.com]
Sent: Tuesday, June 03, 2008 1:03 PM
To: 'Karen Fegan'
Cc: 'Mayor Bob Stefanik'
Subject: RE: Info for Bond Issuance

Karen -

Here is the summary of the projects included in the \$5 million bond (regarding their status and final costs):

Drake Road

Project is completed w/ no remaining punch list items. Final project cost = \$570,591.60 (adjusted contract amount per Clark Merdes)

Oakridge Drive

Project is completed w/ no remaining punch list items. Final project cost = \$211,678.60 (per change orders)

Wallings Road

Project is completed w/ a few minor punch list items (pavement markings, hydroseed applied and asphalt patch seal). Contractor is aware and should be completed within the next few weeks. All payments have been made except the \$5,000 retainer we are holding. Final project cost = \$1,072,694.25 (includes retainer amount).

Edgerton Road

Project is in construction. Phase 1 is completed, with punch list items being addressed. Phase 2 is in construction. Current project cost = \$2,128,031.25 (including \$14,247.02 change order approved by Clark Merdes). Paid to date amount = \$1,228,937.22. Project is estimated to be completed by mid August 2008.

State Road & Wallings Road

Project is completed w/ a few punch list items (pavement repair at Drug Mart, rock hounding at NE corner, seeding in miscellaneous areas, curb repair/replacement on State and Wallings). Contractor is aware and should be completed within the next few weeks. All payments have been made except the \$50,841.86 retainer we are holding. Final project cost = \$1,271,046.44 (including retainer and change orders).

I hope that this is what you need. Please contact me with any questions. Thanks!