

# City of Bay Village

Council Minutes, Committee Session  
Dwight A. Clark, President of Council, presiding  
Council Chambers.

February 21, 2023  
7:10 p.m.

President of Council Clark called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

Present: Dwight A. Clark, President of Council  
David L. Tadych, Vice President of Council, Councilman, Ward 1.  
Lydia DeGeorge, Councilwoman, Ward 2  
Michael Greco, Councilman, Ward 3  
Peter J. Winzig, Councilman, Ward 4  
Thomas J. Kelly, Council-at-large.

Excused: Sara Byrnes Maier, Council-at-large, excused.

Also Present: Law Director Barbour, Finance Director Mahoney, Police Chief Gillespie, City Engineer Don Bierut, Human Resource Director Demaline, Recreation Director Enovitch, Director of Public Service and Properties Liskovec, Building Director Tuck-Macalla, Clerk of Council Kemper.

## **AUDIENCE**

Richard Fink, Samantha Illius.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Mayor Koomar**

Reappointment of Debra Jesionowski to the Tree Commission for a three-year term expiring March 3, 2026.

The Mayor commented that Debra Jesionowski has been a very active member of the Tree Commission, attending many Planning Commission meetings as a representative of the Tree Commission, and has shown a great deal of interest in the planting of trees. The administration is pleased that she is willing to continue to serve.

Mayor Koomar was informed by resident Nancy Brown that earlier this month fundraising has begun for the renovations of the Bay Village Kennel. The Mayor noted that he thinks they had hoped to start earlier, but experienced some delays. A window for the kennel was donated by Mark Chernisky of Chernisky Designs here in Bay Village.

The Mayor's assistant, Katie DeSan, along with Kathryn Kerber, Project Manager, is working to schedule a shredding day for the community in April.

## **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

2023 Sewer Rental Rate- second reading of Ordinance No. 22-142 at Special Meeting of Council this evening.

**Mr. Clark** thanked everyone for the long and spirited discussions on a very difficult task. The City is being asked to fund a number of large projects, including the funding of the Storm Water Equalization Tank in order to meet the mandate of the Environmental Protection Agency. A timeline has been provided by a Chagrin Valley Engineering, and this has been discussed in the Finance Committee meeting held this evening. The prevailing thoughts are to consider a flat fee increase per quarter with a built-in escalator.

Mr. Clark called on Finance Committee Chairman Tadych for a review of the Finance Committee meeting held earlier this evening.

**Mr. Tadych** stated that the Finance Committee discussed everything on their minds that could be done in regard to sewer rental rates. There is the proposal for an increase of \$40 per quarter with a 6% escalator, as well as the proposal of a \$30 per quarter increase with a 6% escalator. Both of those proposals would be reviewed again in two years, and possibly renovated at that point. He noted that he does not want to put his own personal feelings on that, that is what it was and that is probably where it is going to go, one of those two. We really thought long and hard, everybody had an opinion, everybody voiced their opinion, we heard from some of the audience members and Council members, so that is where it is. We are going to put it on second reading tonight. I would just as soon put it on as it is written. I don't know what anybody else feels.

**Mr. Kelly** stated that he knows there is some discussion of amending by reading and while we could do so at this time, we could still do the amendment on third reading.

Mr. Clark stated that Council can do an amendment at any point in time.

Mr. Kelly noted that he is putting that out for the sake of the record.

Mr. Clark stated that is fair. I think we made it pretty clear as to where we stand. I think that the latest report that Finance Director Mahoney and Service Director Liskovec gave us a little more clarity as to where these projects are revolving because they have come fast and furious. There is a certain faction of Council that sits at \$40 a quarter increase. There are some that sit at \$30, and there are some, by conjecture, that want to go actual usage. That will ultimately shake itself out when we come to a vote. We'll talk about that when we get to our regular meeting, but we will want to move the ordinance to second reading with the hope that we can finalize the vote on March 13, which is a Monday.

**FINANCE AND CLAIMS COMMITTEE -D. Tadych, P. Winzig, T. Kelly, D. Clark.**

Financial Reports of the City of Bay Village for the month of January 2023.

**Mr. Tadych** stated that this evening he will acknowledge receipt of the January Financial Reports of the City of Bay Village prepared by Finance Director Mahoney. Just like 2022, the municipal income tax receipts are up by 8%. Of course, it is one month out of twelve. We will know where February is very soon, and that might give a better indication of how this is going to go. Tax receipts look very favorable and it is too early to look at the other numbers on the January report.

**ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY, & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE- T. Kelly, D. Tadych, S. Byrnes Maier.**

**Mr. Kelly** had no report this evening.

**PLANNING, ZONING, PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE -P. Winzig, L. DeGeorge, M. Greco.**

Request of St. Raphael Parish to install two signs in a “V” position on the church front lawn advertising the parish fish fry from February 22 to April 1, 2023.

**Mr. Winzig** stated that he has one request from St. Raphael Parish to put signage out in front of the church between February 22 and April 1, 2023 for their annual Lenten fish fry. That request will be brought forward at the Regular Meeting of Council this evening.

**Mr. Winzig** will schedule a Planning, Zoning, Public Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting prior to the next Regular Meeting of Council on Monday, March 6, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. The agenda for the meeting will be discussion about home business and looking at the current ordinance to see if there is an opportunity to update and include any clarity for the residents. Parts of the ordinance were written in the 1950's and parts of it were written in the 1960's. We just want to make sure it is up to date and helpful for enforcement so that the residents understand the guidelines and the City has the opportunity to help those who may step outside those boundaries.

Mr. Clark noted that the original ordinance was written in 1954.

**PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS/STREETS/SEWERS/DRAINAGE COMMITTEE  
L. DeGeorge, T. Kelly, P. Winzig.**

Review of bids and award for furnishing of aggregates for 2023 Roads Maintenance Program.

Review of bids and award of contract for furnishing of asphalt for 2023 Roads Maintenance Program.

Review of bids and award of contract for furnishing of concrete for 2023 Roads Maintenance Program.

**Ms. DeGeorge** reported that she will present four ordinances this evening, all of which pertain to the road maintenance program. This is an annual program and the costs, like everything else, has gone up on materials. Ms. DeGeorge called upon Director of Public Service and Properties Liskovec for his comments.

**Director Liskovec** stated that these bids are for the City's annual Service Department operations, and as Ms. DeGeorge noted, there are significant price increases from last year.

**RECREATION AND PARK IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE –S. Byrnes Maier, M. Greco, D. Tadych.**

**Ms. Maier** is excused from attendance this evening.

**SERVICES, UTILITIES & EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE –M. Greco, S. Maier, L. DeGeorge.**

Approval to purchase (1) Crafco SS125DC Diesel Melter utilizing ODOT Bid: 153-23 for the Department of Public Service.

**Mr. Greco** will present legislation this evening at the Regular Meeting of Council for the purchase of one Crafco SS125DC Diesel Melter utilizing the Ohio Department Transportation Bid No. 153-23 for the Department of Public Service. Mr. Greco called upon Director of Public Service and Properties Liskovec for further comments.

**Director Liskovec** stated that the Diesel Melter is a tow-behind crack seal unit that is used for all local streets. Main roads, and heavily traveled roads are contracted out requiring cost-prohibitive specialized equipment. The unit to be approved for purchase this evening is a replacement unit that will be used for side streets. The unit being replaced is 15 years old with just over 5000 hours. The old unit will be auctioned off through Govdeals.com.

**AUDIENCE**

**Richard Fink**, Wolf Road, Bay Village, stated that he has two questions related to the Norfolk Southern rail disaster in East Palestine, Ohio. The train picked up its crew in Toledo and went through Cleveland. Did it come through the westshore communities, or did it go down to Berea; do we know?

**Mayor Koomar** responded, stating that Fire Chief Lyons has a family commitment this evening so he is not here. He has been fielding those questions. My understanding is that it did not. They try and route trains with hazardous chemicals away from the most populated areas, so there is a lot that goes south of us, no difference as when you get off the turnpike, or I-90 there will be a sign for no hazardous chemicals. Having said that, there are no guarantees in life. It is my

understanding from him that it did not go through Bay Village. Another question we have gotten frequently is the local COG Hazmat Unit trains in the National Incident Command System, which is a protocol on larger scale disasters so that federal, state, and local authorities can work together and using that protocol to address an issue. Long before this East Palestine disaster, at the end of the year, in December, we planned a large-scale drill at a chemical plant in Lakewood in early May for all the Hazmat Units to practice.

Mr. Fink stated that was the follow-up question because when Hurricane Sandy came through we didn't have a Disaster Preparedness Plan. The City worked very hard on that and I was wondering if anybody has gone back and looked at that to see if it needed a refresher or update.

Mayor Koomar stated that about two years ago they went through, right before Chief Spaetzel retired, Chief Lyons went through and updated it. It is actually on our radar again this year. It has been a little while. They did a lot of work on that. It is really more of the training. I am pleased that we have a new Hazmat Director. He is a Captain with the Fairview Park Fire Department and the area Chiefs have led him to organize these disaster drills. He has been very proactive in grant funding and looking at the equipment we have in Swift Water Hazmat and the suits and things like that. I think we were doing a good job, but he is doing a really good job. I am very pleased with that, and again he has been very proactive on the grant side to get some of this equipment for us. We are doing everything we can to be prepared. We do have that drill scheduled for the first part of May.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS**

**Mr. Clark** announced that the next Regular Meeting of Council will be Monday, March 6, 2023.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further discussion this evening, the meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

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Dwight A. Clark, President of Council

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Joan T. Kemper, Clerk of Council