

City of Bay Village

Council Minutes, Regular Meeting
Council Chambers; augmented by Zoom.
David L. Tadych, Vice President of Council, presiding

March 6, 2023
7:50 p.m.

Vice President of Council Tadych called the meeting to order at 7:50 p.m. with roll call and the Pledge of Allegiance led by Thomas J. Kelly, Councilman-at-large.

Present: DeGeorge, Greco, Kelly, Maier, Tadych, Winzig, Mayor Koomar.

Excused: Dwight A. Clark President of Council

Also Present: Law Director Barbour, Finance Director Mahoney, Police Chief Gillespie, Fire Chief Lyons, Recreation Director Enovitch, Director of Public Service and Properties Liskovec, Building Director Tuck-Macalla, Clerk of Council Kemper.

AUDIENCE

Denny Wendell, Laura Sherman (Sustainable Energy Services), Dan Rettig, Pat Dokler, David Reinker.

Mr. Tadych announced the passing of former City of Bay Village Mayor Edward Chapman, who served as Mayor from May 16, 1988 to December 31, 1993, and called for a moment of silence.

Motion by Winzig, to dispense with the reading and approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held February 21, 2023, as prepared and distributed.

Motion carried 6-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Koomar stated that the administration is doing a feasibility study on the fire station and at this point they are targeting April 17, 2023 as the date for a presentation by the architects to Council. Part of the process has included looking at what other cities have done, and in so doing have learned that their estimates have been lower than the actual costs. A feasibility study has been done in order to determine the price for the project and will include that in the report planned for the April 17 meeting of Council.

Mr. Winzig asked if there was survey work and information gathering accomplished to this point that can be shared with Council at the April 17 presentation. This would include the results of trips to other locations and what was learned from those visits. Mr. Winzig stated that knowing the direction that was given the architect would be helpful when seeing their presentation.

Mayor Koomar responded that an overview can be planned for the first meeting in April. All the tours he has taken of other stations did not include notes, but the station in Granville, Ohio did

reveal specific attributes that they would consider bringing to the Bay Village fire station. Surveys by each fire department shift and the Chief would provide input at the first meeting in April. From the Mayor's standpoint the goal has always been to do renovation, thinking that would be less expensive than a new build. From a budget perspective they wanted to make sure the components for the decontamination areas are included in an efficient and logical way. After the surveys, the architects met with the shift personnel for direct feedback. The Fire Station Committee includes a Fire Lieutenant, Fire Captain, Fire Chief Lyons, Building Director Tuck-Macalla, and Project Manager Mark Spaetzel.

Fire Chief Lyons stated that they tried to learn best practices as they toured the fire stations. The surveys that were done among personnel and synthesized with the architects' findings as to what sorts of things are required and necessary in a modern fire station are very helpful.

Mayor Koomar noted that the land for the existing fire station was purchased from the Metroparks in the amount of \$28,000 for construction of a fire station. The Mayor has met with Metroparks CEO Brian Zimmerman and will honor their request to appear before the Parks Commissioners to review plans for renovations.

REPORTS

Director of Law Barbour had no report this evening.

Finance Director Mahoney had no report this evening.

Director of Public Service and Properties Liskovec reported that they are finalizing their analysis of the recently opened 2023 Pavement and Repair program bids, and bids will be opened this week for pavement repairs, which are spot repairs on roadways. Ohio Department of Transportation District No. 12 will nominate Ashton Lane Bridge for their Excellence in Highways Design, and the collaboration between ODOT and the local community.

Recreation Director Enovitch reported that passes for the Family Aquatic Center are now available. Mr. Enovitch suggested an early purchase of swimming pool passes to prepare for summer enjoyment at the pool.

Fire Chief Lyons, in light of the recent train derailment in East Palestine, Ohio, and even more recently the train crash elsewhere in Ohio, would like to assure the public that the Bay Village Fire Department is prepared to respond to such emergencies. The HAZMAT team trains regularly for these types of events. Railway training scheduled for later this year has been moved up to March. All members of the department are certified in emergency railroad response. The Chief noted that railroads are federally governed entities, but the Bay Village Fire Department and HAZMAT team is fully prepared to respond. The federally designed national system, National Incident Management System (NIMS), works that all emergency response system from federal, state and county levels all speak the same language in responding to incidents as small as two car vehicle accidents to something as large as what happened in East Palestine, Ohio. Having all the agencies respond, cooperate and work seamlessly together does require training, practice and collaboration.

Police Chief Gillespie reported an astronomical event that will be occurring on April 8, 2024 in and around this area. This is a once-in-a-life time solar event, the Solar Eclipse, that will be going across the county from Texas, through Ohio, and northeast. Bay Village and Avon Lake are in the path of totality, which means we are at the epicenter of viewing for this event. The next time this will occur in Bay Village will be in year 2444. Avon Lake is preparing for a vast influx of people, and the Metroparks are making this a major event at Edgewater and Huntington Beach, with overnight camping permitted in the Metroparks the night before and the night of the eclipse. Police Lieutenant Palmer has been in contact with the Metroparks to begin planning.

The Mayor stated that the City of Bay Village does not have any plans to allow camping in Cahoon Memorial Park.

Mr. Tadych described an eclipse he attended in Sparta, Tennessee, noting that people and cars were everywhere. It was remarkable.

Ms. Maier also described her experience in the south, noting that the amount of people and cars that came through the roads caused extreme travel delays and shortages of restroom supplies along the routes.

Chief Gillespie stated that should 30,000 or more people descend on Bay Village for a day would cause tremendous problems for safety forces. They will work with the Mayor, directors and outside agencies and will try to do the best for the City. It is also a great opportunity to showcase the City.

The eclipse will last for four minutes on Monday, April 8, 2024. Schools will make the necessary adjustments.

Building Director Tuck-Macalla had no report this evening.

Human Resource Director Demaline was excused this evening.

AUDIENCE

There were no comments from the on-line or in-person audience this evening.

COMMUNICATIONS

There were no communications this evening.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Ordinance 22-142 amending Codified Ordinance 921.02 regarding sewer rental rates, and declaring an emergency. Remain on second reading as amended by reading on Feb. 21, 2023.

After calling for comments regarding Ordinance 22-142 and hearing none, Mr. Tadych referred

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to Law Director Barbour who announced that Ordinance 22-142 will remain on second reading.

ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY, & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE- Kelly, Tadych, Maier.

Mr. Kelly had no report this evening.

FINANCE AND CLAIMS COMMITTEE -Tadych, Winzig, Kelly, Clark.

Mr. Tadych had no report this evening.

PLANNING, ZONING, PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE -Winzig, DeGeorge, Greco.

Mr. Winzig reported the request of St. Raphael Parish to install an 18 inch by 5-foot double sided vertical banner within a 1-inch x1-inch painted white aluminum frame, set 21 inches into the ground with the top of the frame to be 6 feet, 10 inches and 2 inches wide, grommited and tied within the frame, to be placed 10 to 12 feet back from the Dover Center sidewalk and 10 to 12 feet north of the main church driveway, following approval until July 4, 2023, advertising The Gabriel Project of St. Raphael's Parish.

Ms. Pat Dokler, 38856 Edwin Avenue, North Ridgeville, Ohio, a St. Raphael parishioner and coordinator for the Gabriel Project of St. Raphael Parish, stated that the person who requested the sign installation did not have all of the information, and she thought it best to attend tonight's meeting and clarify the request. They are interested in putting the banner in three different places, the first being the one noted in the stated request. They are requesting to move the banner every three months to different locations on the property for maximum exposure to those driving by, i.e., the parish office and where the fish fry sign is now.

Mr. Barbour explained to Ms. Dokler that the request was understood to be just until July 4 for installation of the sign. He asked the total amount of time the parish would like the sign to be installed.

Ms. Dokler stated that they are hoping that the sign will be up indefinitely. It is a moveable sign and has a telephone number for potential participants in the outreach program.

Ms. Maier suggested that this request may need to run through the channels for permanent signage. Ms. Maier thanked Ms. Dokler for attending the meeting this evening to clarify the request.

Mr. Tadych suggested holding action on the request of St. Raphael Parish this evening and placing the matter on the agenda for the March 13, 2023 Special Meeting of Council.

Mr. Barbour stated that most of these signs are approved for thirty to sixty days, adjusting to May 4, 2023.

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Ms. Maier stated that her preference would be to hold for the March 13, 2023 agenda awaiting further information. Ms. Dokler was so advised, and will be contacted either by the Law Director or Building Director for further discussion and review of the request.

**PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS/STREETS/SEWERS/DRAINAGE COMMITTEE -
DeGeorge, Kelly, Winzig.**

Ms. DeGeorge had no report this evening.

RECREATION AND PARK IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE –Maier, Greco, Tadych.

Ms. Maier introduced and read Ordinance 23-25, by title only, authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with SlideRenu Aqua Shield Products LLC, for the repainting of Bay Village Family Aquatic Center features and declaring an emergency, and moved for adoption.

There being no further discussion, Mr. Tadych called for a vote on the motion for adoption of Ordinance No. 23-25.

Roll Call on Suspension of the Charter Rules:

Yeas-Greco, Kelly, Maier, Tadych, Winzig, DeGeorge.

Nays- None.

Roll Call on Suspension of the Council Rules:

Yeas –Greco, Kelly, Maier, Tadych, Winzig, DeGeorge.

Nays –None.

Roll Call on Inclusion of the Emergency Clause:

Yeas –Greco, Kelly, Maier, Tadych, Winzig, DeGeorge.

Nays – None.

Roll Call on Adoption:

Yeas– Greco, Kelly, Maier, Tadych, Winzig, DeGeorge.

Nays –None.

Mr. Barbour announced adoption of Ordinance No. 23-25, an emergency measure, by a vote of 6-0.

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

Motion by Greco to confirm the reappointment by Mayor Koomar of Kevin Krol to the Architectural Board of Review for a three-year term expiring March 6, 2026.

Motion carried 6-0.

Mr. Greco introduced and read, by title only, Resolution No. 23-26 authorizing an agreement with Rush Truck Centers for the purchase of One (1) 2024 International HV507 SFA Chassis Cab, and declaring an emergency, and moved for adoption.

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There being no further discussion, Mr. Tadych called for a vote on the motion for adoption of Resolution No. 23-26.

Roll Call on Suspension of the Charter Rules:

Yeas-Kelly, Maier, Tadych, Winzig, DeGeorge, Greco.

Nays- None.

Roll Call on Suspension of the Council Rules:

Yeas –Kelly, Maier, Tadych, Winzig, DeGeorge, Greco.

Nays –None.

Roll Call on Inclusion of the Emergency Clause:

Yeas –Kelly, Maier, Tadych, Winzig, DeGeorge, Greco.

Nays – None.

Roll Call on Adoption:

Yeas– Kelly, Maier, Tadych, Winzig, DeGeorge, Greco.


Nays –None.

Mr. Barbour announced adoption of Resolution No. 23-26, an emergency measure, by a vote of 6-0.


MISCELLANEOUS

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss this evening, the meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.



David L. Tadych, Vice President of Council



Jean T. Kemper, Clerk of Council