

City of Bay Village

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

April 17, 2023
7:00 p.m.

Dwight A. Clark, President of Council, called the meeting to order at 7:00 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
Sara Byrnes Maier, Council-at-large.
Mayor Koomar

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

AUDIENCE

Dan Rettig, Dave Reinker, Cynthia Eakin, Cynthia White.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Koomar advised that there was a conference call today at 5 p.m. with the National League of Cities with Senators Cantwell, Brown and Vance concerning rail safety. They are trying to move a bill forward, counting votes in the Senate and starting to do the same in the House. The idea is to have two operators on a train, rather than one.

Mayor Koomar met with a new field representative of Congressman Miller's office, looking at the area at the end of Canterbury to view parked trains. Rocky River has the same issues with the same train in place and Mr. Barbour is communicating with their Law Director. The representative of Congressman Miller's Office will keep Mayor Koomar's office informed of possible solutions.

Mayor Koomar met last week with the Cuyahoga County Executive Chief of Staff and Director of Public Works. There are some good projects that have significance for the county and it is the Mayor's desire to keep the dialogue and conversations going. City Engineer Don Bierut and Director of Public Service and Properties Jon Liskovec, along with the Mayor, gave the county officials a tour of Cahoon Memorial Park highlighting Bay's lakefront assets.

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

Fire Station Feasibility Study.

Mayor Koomar stated that in 2021 seven architectural firms responded to requests for qualifications and three were chosen. Physical interviews were held with all three of the firms. Chief Lyons and Law Director Barbour conducted reference requests and from that process the architectural firm of Mull and Weithman were chosen. The next step was a survey completed by the Chief and members of the Fire Department, from each shift. A fire station committee was created consisting of Project Manager Mark Spaetzel, Fire Chief Lyons, and three members of the Fire Department, one Captain, one Lieutenant, and one Firefighter. The goal of this all along was to look at a renovation and not a new station. Mull and Weithman have not thrown up any red flags saying that a new station would be less expensive. Chief Lyons and the Mayor started the process pre-Covid and visited six or seven stations, including Avon, Oberlin, Westlake, Strongsville, North Olmsted and Carlisle Township. Mull and Weithman looked at fire stations in Ashland, Norwalk, Oregon, Concord, New Philadelphia, North Olmsted No. 2, Lafayette, Solon No. 2 and Granville. The Mayor also looked at Granville and it was a great opportunity to talk to people on the shifts flipping over as many stones as possible to make sure all needed items by code are included and it is functional. Based on the information, a cost estimator was engaged for the project and there should be an estimate of cost in the next two weeks. Mull and Weithman will be presenting at the May 1 meeting of Council and answering any questions from Council.

Mayor Koomar concluded his report of the Fire Station Feasibility Study with a screen presentation of concepts for the fire station renovation.

Mr. Kelly stated that an analysis included in Council's packets is representative of the areas that are being appropriately targeted. The front administrative area is underutilized for the needs of the department and the community. The storage space on the second floor is needed and is presently inadequate for many reasons. The living space is not befitting the current needs of the department.

Mr. Winzig stated that he asked Chief Lyons to put the analysis together to show the importance to the residents of the community of updating the facility and the scope of the project. Mr. Winzig thanked the Mayor and Chief Lyons for providing all of this helpful information.

Application for Liquor Permit – Humble Bay LLC
27215 Wolf Road.

An application for a liquor permit for the Humble Wine Bar that will move in to the former Vivid Jewelry store in the Bay Square Shopping Center is on the agenda for Council's opportunity to ask for a hearing at the Ohio Department of Liquor Control, if so desired. Mr. Kelly explained the process of the application for the permit and the opportunity for the City of Bay Village to object. He confirmed with Police Chief Gillespie that there are no objections to the issuance of the permit. Mr. Kelly agreed that he does not believe there will be any issues and welcomed any comments from Council. Council did not express disagreement with the agenda item of a motion not to request a hearing. Mr. Clark stated that the new establishment using the space formerly occupied by Vivid Jewelers which has been vacant for quite some time will be a welcome addition to the City.

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

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

Mr. Tadych reported that a Finance Committee meeting was held this evening and the first order of business was a review of the financial reports of the City of Bay Village for the month of March, 2023. Municipal income tax receipts have increased over 5% for the first quarter of this year as compared to last year, and it is anticipated that by April it will meet the numbers of last year. The Finance Committee meeting went well and all the questions the committee members had in their minds were answered. It was a very successful meeting.

The Financial Reports for the month of March, 2023 will be moved for acknowledgement of receipt at this evening's meeting.

Fiscal Officer's Certificate and Street Improvement Note Ordinance.

Mr. Tadych advised that Council has received the Fiscal Officer's Certificate signed by Finance Director Mahoney in anticipation of the Street Improvement Note Ordinance that will be presented to Council on first reading this evening.

Certifying Charges to the Cuyahoga County Fiscal Officer for:

Unpaid Grass Cutting and Cleaning Charges.

Unpaid Sewer Rental and Refuse Collection Charges.

Unpaid Sidewalk Repair and/or Construction Charges.

Unpaid Tree Removal Charges.

Resolutions will be introduced for passage at the Regular Meeting of Council this evening to certify unpaid charges to the Cuyahoga County Fiscal Officer for grass cutting, sewer rental, refuse collection, sidewalk repair/construction and tree removal. The unpaid charges will move to the property tax bill of the residents who have not paid and will be included on their property tax bills in 2024.

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

Mr. Winzig reported that he has no legislation this evening but advised that the Planning and Zoning Committee has completed their work on the Accessory Use Ordinance. The documents have been turned over to the Law Department and Building Department for review and recommendation. After their review, the ordinance will return to the Planning and Zoning Committee for final review and submission to the Committee of the Whole.

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

Approval to participate in the annual ODOT Salt Purchasing Program.

Ms. DeGeorge will present a resolution at the Regular Meeting of Council this evening for the City to participate in the annual Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) Salt Purchasing Program. The plan is to purchase 900 tons of salt, less than the 1300 tons purchased last year.

Director of Public Service and Properties Liskovec stated that this is an annual process to stock salt for the coming seasons.

Mr. Tadych asked how much salt was left over from last year. Mr. Liskovec stated that two and a half truck loads will be received as a completion of last year's contract. He noted that this is a favorable position as opposed to an empty shed at the end of the season.

Approval and award of contract for 2023 Crack Seal Program.

Ms. DeGeorge stated that the 2023 Crack Seal Program proposed contract is also a lesser amount than last year. Ms. DeGeorge asked if the City has worked with the winning bid contractor, Scodeller Construction, Inc. in the past.

Mr. Liskovec stated that Scodeller Construction, Inc., has changed their name from the previous name of American Pavements, a contractor who has done work for the City previously.

Ms. DeGeorge noted the contract amount was \$39,000 last year and is \$32,000 for 2023.

Approval and award of contract for 2023 Street Striping Program.

Ms. DeGeorge advised that an ordinance for the 2023 Street Striping Program will be presented to Council for approval at the Regular Meeting of Council to be held this evening. This contract price has increased over last year's price by approximately \$3,595.00. Maps of the streets to be included, along with a map for the crack sealing program, have been provided to Council.

Mr. Liskovec commented that the streets to be striped are all streets with the exception of the Wolf/Clague intersection. To be added this year is the sharrow striping on Wolf Rd. from Sutcliff Rd. to Bradley Rd., and refreshing sharrow striping on Bradley Road. Ms. Maier asked if it will be normal bike lanes on Bradley Road, as opposed to the narrow bike lane striping on Bradley Road presently. Mr. Liskovec stated that the intent is to be the same as it is now, according to the engineer's specifications. Ms. Maier noted that the lanes are very small.

Additional Streets to be included in the 2023 Pavement Repair Program.

Ms. DeGeorge called upon Director of Public Service and Properties for comments regarding the 2023 Pavement Repair Program and his request for additional streets to be included in the program, which will be presented by motion to advertise for bids at the Regular Meeting of Council to be held this evening.

Mr. Liskovec reiterated the request included in his memorandum of April 11, 2023, stating that as a result of extremely competitive bidding on the annual pavement resurfacing program, there

remains a balance of funds available. It is recommended to seek bids to complete resurfacing for Tuttle Drive and Lane Drive. The entirety of these streets are at a pavement condition index of 54 or below and are ideal candidates for resurfacing.

Mayor Koomar stated that the \$1.2 million budget for paving was for repaving the Ashton/Bradley, Wolf/Bassett quadrant and in addition the Reclamite, partial depth repairs and crack sealing, pushing the expense for the 2023 program up closer to \$1.6 million.

Mr. Liskovec stated that this Wednesday, April 19, contractors will be coming in to begin the milling process for the overlay program. Letters have gone out to residents who will be impacted by the project.

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

Ms. Maier had no report this evening.

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

Mr. Greco had no report this evening.

AUDIENCE

There were no comments from the audience this evening.

MISCELLANEOUS

The next Regular Meeting of Council will be held on Monday, May 1, 2023.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further comments or discussion, the Committee Meeting of Council adjourned at 7:50 p.m.


Dwight A. Clark, President of Council


Joan T. Kemper, Clerk of Council