

City of Bay Village

Council Minutes, Committee Session
Dwight A. Clark President of Council, presiding
Council Chambers; augmented by Zoom.

June 27, 2022
6:15 p.m.

President of Council Clark called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

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

Also Present: Law Director Barbour, Director of Public Service and Properties Liskovec, Chief of Police Gillespie, Don Bierut and Jeff Filarski, Chagrin Valley Engineering, Building Director Tuck-Macalla, Clerk of Council Kemper. Via Zoom: Finance Director Mahoney.

AUDIENCE

Deneen and Todd Seljan, Nancy Brown, Marcia Pascuzzi, David Sima, Madison MacArthur.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Koomar stated that when he was on vacation an individual had spoken to Council about the animal kennel. He advised that they look at that every year. He has met with Nancy Brown over the years and it really functions very well at its current location. It is air-conditioned, it has a dog run, it is in a secure area, and in an area where no one could put their fingers through and get bitten. If a dog is lost, many times within twenty to thirty minutes, it will be returned to its owner. The Mayor plans to reach out now that he is back from vacation to Nancy Brown and speak with her to hear any concerns she might have. The Mayor emails with her on an ongoing basis. The kennel is operational and in good condition.

Chief Gillespie stated that if anyone wants to see the kennel he would like very much to take them on a tour and explain the operation of the facility.

Mr. Clark will reach out to Chief Gillespie and would like to keep the dialogue going. Nancy Brown does a fine job and she can be the primary point of contact on this matter.

Mr. Clark stated that he will begin the meeting with the Public Improvements, Streets, Sewers and Drainage Committee to acknowledge the visit of Mr. Jeff Filarski of Chagrin Valley Engineering who is present to address the Council this evening.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS/STREETS/SEWERS/DRAINAGE COMMITTEE

L. De George, T. Kelly, P. Winzig.

Chagrin Valley Engineering – Update on the Equalization Tank.

Ms. DeGeorge introduced Mr. **Jeff Filarski, Chagrin Valley Engineering**, present to give Council and the administration an update regarding the Equalization Tank that has been discussed as an answer to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) mandate of 2009.

Mr. Filarski distributed an updated schedule of activities concerning the EPA mandate. In June of 2020, the Mayor signed the new Administrative Order of Consent with the USEPA to address the two sewer overflows. After that, the study that was required in 240 days was submitted. The USEPA accepted it with recommendations including the Equalization Tank. There was another project in the Glen Park/Douglas area to take care of current issues there and issues that could happen. They did not put a new sewer in Glen Park which would be an after effect of closing the overflows.

Mr. Filarski stated that they are on schedule with the two projects. They have received proposals and entered into agreements with a geo-technical firm, SME, who will be taking test bores at the Equalization Tank site at Wolf and Cahoon. This will take place the week after the Fourth of July. Another company will be doing test bores for the sewer project on Glen Park at the Douglas area later this summer. They currently have a flow monitor and rain gauges set up in the City gathering data that will be added to the model that was started two years ago. The modeling system analyzes the reaction to the rainfall with the goal to fine tune the size of the Equalization Tank, and hopefully make it smaller than the million and one-half gallon tank they originally planned. Once the data comes in from the flow monitoring in August, the modeling will begin and take place for the next few months. Once the model is done they can start on the design, and that is planned for January through September, 2023. At that point it goes through the process of permitting with the Ohio EPA, then goes out to bid. Construction is anticipated in 2024 ending in 2025 per the schedule that USEPA has accepted.

The sources of funds that are being sought include the loan money from the Water Pollution Control Loan Fund which is from the Ohio EPA through the division of Environmental Funding. The project will be presented through a nomination process in August of this year for approval of the loan origination process. A loan application would follow after being accepted on the nomination list. Currently the project is recommended for a loan for a design. Those loan requests can go in any time and those are approved on a monthly basis. Chagrin Valley Engineering is working with Finance Director Mahoney on the preparation of the application for the design funding. Currently the loan rate, which changes monthly, is 2.23% for a five to twenty year construction loan. The design loan is at the same rate, and is a five year amortization. When the construction is done, the design loan is rolled into the construction loan. An application will be presented this fall to the Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) for funding and they will look at what makes sense as to how much to apply for grant wise and loan wise. The loans through OPWC are zero percent loans. The EPA program is getting money from the federal government through the next five years, about \$150 to \$250 million into their program in Columbus. Ohio EPA is serving as an anchor in the situation and is the standing entity that distributes the funds. Unfortunately, the loan forgiveness and second grants through them are not for communities like Bay Village, but for communities with other criteria such as affordability. The Mayor stated that they will advocate with Columbus to see if there are opportunities as things move forward.

Mayor Koomar stated further that there are two pump stations and one would bypass the area. Is there the ability to pump it more quickly to the Rocky River Wastewater Plant? If it were possible it would put too much stress on the pump station and pipes and the Rocky River plant could not handle the capacity resulting in flooding the eastern end of town. Mr. Filarski stated that the Rocky River Wastewater Treatment Plant is going through a member-wide study of flow to look at areas where there is a lot of Infiltration and Inflow (I&I) to lower those inflows going into the plant. If Bay were to pump everything over there it would go totally against what they are trying to do as a facility that services four communities.

The Mayor noted that when this project is implemented along with some of the smaller projects these are the last remaining overflows and will put the City in compliance. Mr. Filarski stated that it will then be a matter of looking at what the Rocky River Wastewater Treatment Plant is pointing out to all communities and what should be done in each community to further lower flows because the plant is also in scrutiny for the overflows happening there. Twenty to twenty-five years from now the Ohio EPA is saying they may need to add further process for capacity. They are trying to avoid that.

Mr. Clark stated that there are ongoing Capital costs and operating expenses shared with other cities for the Rocky River Wastewater Treatment Plant. We have been told there will be other obligations over the next couple of years. Mr. Clark asked Mr. Filarski for his comments regarding the volume, size and potential cost for the City of Bay Village share. He noted that the project discussed this evening is the largest borrowing the City will ever undertake. We want to make sure that we cover any Capital contingency before making a decision.

Mr. Filarski stated that there is a large project on the agenda for the Rocky River Wastewater Plant. There will be costs for each community. Mr. Filarski will provide Mr. Clark with further information as to the cost.

Director Liskovec stated that the Rocky River Wastewater Treatment Plant Superintendent has been working on a ten-year Capital Improvement Plan. He feels strongly that he will be able to present numbers in September. Mr. Liskovec has asked him to visit a Bay Council meeting in September to provide an update and start speaking to those numbers.

Mr. Clark stated that it is difficult to make a decision on the Equalization Tank without the totality of everything else. A fully informed decision is necessary in the light of looking at the possibility of having to borrow 20 to 25 million dollars, which is unprecedented for the City of Bay Village.

Mayor Koomar stated that they will look at what the normal borrowings are to keep the City operational and these Capital borrowings to see what the options might be for funding.

Mr. Clark asked if we know what other cities in our adjacent communities are doing in terms of curing SSO issues they may have.

Mr. Filarski stated that the City of Westlake has been doing sewer rehab over the years for basement flooding. They do not have any sanitary sewer overflows. Fairview Park does not have anything that is reported as an SSO. The City of Rocky River has two SSO's, just renegotiated their terms with the USEPA and committed to resolving their sanitary sewer overflows. The City of Cleveland Heights has many SSO's and may have findings and orders filed against them. Their financial burden to cure their problems is upwards of \$35 million. The Cuyahoga County Regional Sewer District has spent billions getting rid of their combined sewer overflows.

Mayor Koomar noted that the City of Lakewood did a test study of 100 homes using public money to get on private land to test the connections all the way back to the foundations. They found an eight to twelve percent reduction, going to the fact that infiltration in older homes is starting at the home foundation. Of the 6,250 homes in Bay Village it would be difficult to test all of the foundations and those numbers would not be consequential to the flow to the Rocky River Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Mr. Winzig asked if any other community in this region has installed an Equalization Tank. Mr. Filarski stated that they are installed in many areas. One is being installed in Moreland Hills now, at the plant.

Mr. Clark stated that the Bruce/Russell/Douglas project has been sitting in the Matters Pending before Council Committee for a good part of ten years. We knew that there was a cost to that project in the millions, and this current project is scheduled to clear up that issue. The Mayor noted that having the sewer interceptors cleaned regularly has increased capacity and helped both basement flooding and flow to the plant. Mr. Clark noted that it has been said that 70% of the water going to the plant is inflow and infiltration.

Ms. DeGeorge stated that the one thing that was mentioned in February was that the sewers are rated for a 25 year storm event. Ms. DeGeorge asked if the cost to provide for a 100 year storm event has been reviewed.

Mr. Filarski stated that they are going to look at providing for a 50-year storm event to see what that does volume wise. Typically the design is for a 10-year rainfall event.

Mr. Kelly asked Mr. Filarski to look at a 50-year storm event and provide some sense of how much worse the cost projections are. Mr. Filarski stated that the local sewers themselves cannot handle a 50-year storm. Even if enough flow is held back the other sewers are inundated so badly they don't have the capacity and there could be basement flooding.

Ms. Maier asked if it is a requirement to have the 50-year storm event sewers. Mr. Filarski stated it is not a requirement. The EPA allows that decision to be in the hands of the local municipalities.

Mr. Greco asked how the time line provided comes to fruition. Is it based on funding capability?

Mr. Filarski stated it is based on time needed for the process of the study, design and construction. Funding fits within, which is why the application is being submitted in August for a construction loan for funding to be in place and approved as the project moves forward.

Ms. DeGeorge asked if it is still in the plans for the City to complete maintenance on the Equalization Tank. Mr. Filarski responded affirmatively.

Mr. Tadych asked if the money from the period of time of discussion will have comparable value at the time of construction of the project. Mr. Filarski stated that they will be adjusting the cost estimate. There is a contingency added on to the initial estimate in the study of 30 to 40%, which will hopefully cover the cost increases.

Ms. DeGeorge asked if there have been any major changes to the slide show presentation of the project that Chagrin Valley Engineering presented about one year ago (June of 2021). Mr. Filarski stated that there have not been any changes. Basically, it is the same concept.

Mr. Clark thanked Mr. Filarski for his presentation this evening and the work that Chagrin Valley Engineering is doing on this project.

Easements necessary for the Wolf and Cahoon Roads Intersection Project.

Ms. DeGeorge called upon Director Liskovec and Law Director Barbour for comments, who referred to City Engineer Bierut.

City Engineer Bierut advised that at the intersection of Cahoon and Wolf Roads the right of way does not follow the sidewalk, which is not unusual in many municipalities. The curb ramps and sidewalks follow private park property and not public right-of-way. There are two easements, one for each corner of Cahoon and Wolf Roads. This is a similar situation that occurred for the Lake Road Bridge project.

Director Liskovec noted that because there is federal money involved in the project their process must be followed to be sure that the right and authorities are given to do the work in the location.

Ms. DeGeorge asked the meaning of the language in the ordinance stating “for highway purposes without limitation of existing access rights.”

Mr. Barbour stated that it means they can build for the purposes of the roadway, sidewalk and right-of-way. Unlimited applies to the word highway. Basically it is pushing the right-of-way out a little further from the street because they are changing the way the intersection is configured, rounding it off. Mr. Bierut stated that right now the sidewalk and even part of the road on the northwest corner are not in public right-of-way.

Mr. Winzig asked if this impacts the traffic lights. Mr. Bierut stated it does not impact the traffic lights; it is an invisible line.

Pedestrian Bridge for Cahoon Memorial Park

Mr. Bierut reported that the pedestrian bridge contract was awarded by the Ohio Department of Transportation in the spring and is now in the stage of waiting for the prefabricated bridge to be constructed. Supply chain delays have occurred, and the bridge is due to arrive in the City in late October or early November. The contractor would not like to disturb things in the park until it is time for the bridge to be delivered, but would like to get into the park and prepare while the ground is dry to minimize the impact to the property. There is a 90-day window to work in the park, and there is a question now as to whether that time can be divided into segments. The bridge is a standard Metroparks type bridge, and follows the safety requirements of the State Highway Transportation Officials Association.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

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

Purchase of Ambulance. Resolution No. 22-67 placed on first reading on June 21, 2022.

Mr. Kelly will present Resolution No. 22-67 for second reading and potential adoption to provide for the purchase of an ambulance. Fire Chief Lyons provided a thorough explanation of the equipment and the necessity for purchase, and funds have been appropriated.

Professional Services Agreement with the City of Bay Village and McKeon Education Group, Inc. for Prevention and Intervention Services.

Mr. Kelly will present the ordinance and contract to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with McKeon Education Group for prevention and intervention services through Bay Family Services. The contract is with the City of Bay Village solely rather than with the schools as it has been in the past. Mayor Koomar stated that the contract is written for similar hours with a slight increase in the fee. With a new Superintendent of Schools starting in August, it is hoped that a discussion will be held for a joint agreement with the schools because many of the issues dealt with are with students and families of students.

Mr. Kelly commented that he does not think anyone would have any objection to the notion that additional mental health services for those in need would be a good thing. Mr. Kelly will seek adoption of the ordinance for the \$11,000 contract.

Mr. Clark added that McKeon Education Services has proven their mettle over the years.

Ms. DeGeorge noted that on Page 2 (f) of the contract reads “Bay Family Police.” Mr. Kelly stated that it is a typographical error and should state, “Bay Family Services” or “Bay Family Services, Police.”

Ms. DeGeorge noted that on Page 2 (j) the paragraph ends with a comma. Is there supposed to be something after that comma, or should that comma be a period?

Mr. Barbour stated that this contract was submitted by McKeon and is the same contract Council approved last year with a different scope of hours.

Reducing speed limit to 25 mph on the section of Wolf Road under construction.

Mr. Kelly stated that the Mayor has the authority to reduce the speed limit for up to 90 days. To go beyond that time frame, which will occur with the project underway, an ordinance must be adopted.

Consolidated Dispatch Update.

Mr. Kelly stated that the administration has been looking at the notion of consolidating police and fire dispatch and there has been movement in other communities along those lines. In an effort for our community to get on top of this and get a better sense of things, Mr. Kelly will set up an Environment, Safety and Community Services Committee meeting on Tuesday, July 12 at 6 p.m. to look at where we have been and where we are presently regarding this matter. Police Chief Gillespie and Finance Director Mahoney will be available to provide pertinent information valuable for the discussion. Mr. Ron Barlow, the contact with WestCom for fire dispatch, will present views. The committee will have an opportunity to ask a variety of questions. Depending on how much the committee is able to work through that evening, a schedule from that point moving forward will be determined.

Mayor Koomar stated that the administration has been waiting to tour some of the dispatch options and those opportunities will occur this week. The Mayor distributed an informational piece entitled Consolidated Fire and Police Dispatch, dated June 27, 2022, and stated that all that he wants to cover this evening is an option, not what the option should be, and the Environment, Safety and Community Services Committee will go through some of those options and details. To be covered tonight, the Mayor noted, is why they are looking at this. Law Director Barbour will provide information regarding the proposed House Bill and the Ohio Revised Code. This is an overview for Council to have before recess.

The Mayor read from the fact sheet, stating that since 2006, Westshore Fire/EMS Dispatch (WestCom) has provided consolidated dispatch for the communities of Bay Village, Fairview Park, North Ridgeville, Rocky River and Westlake. A consolidated fire and police dispatch for the six communities, (those listed plus North Olmsted) would provide additional efficiencies with personnel, operating costs, and the potential for additional funding through grant awards. Currently, the Bay Village Police Department dispatches police calls using one full time and two part time dispatchers. In the last six weeks, one resignation of a full time dispatcher and one resignation of a part time dispatcher has occurred. Police Officers dispatch two-thirds of the time.

Law Director Barbour stated that the Ohio Administrative Code is a body of regulations enacted by the Ohio General Assembly to implement Revised Code sections that agencies and other entities have to follow. The Ohio Administrative Code was amended around 2015 for a lot of rules involving PSAP's which are Public Safety Answering Points. One of the changes enacted is that there is a requirement of two dispatchers around the clock at each PSAP. Bay Village is immune from that requirement currently because there are different requirements for wireless 9-1-1- calls because currently those 9-1-1- calls made from a wireless device go to a primary PSAP first and then get transferred to Bay Village. Bay Village was exempt from that two person minimum staffing on each shift, which is why we can have one person. House Bill 445 has been introduced in the Ohio Legislature. It is a 145 page proposed Bill that significantly changes the 9-1-1 system in the State of Ohio, especially as it relates to wireless service. Since wireless service is ubiquitous and land lines are much less common, the Ohio Legislature has made changes. One of the significant changes as it applies to Bay Village will be that when House Bill 445 becomes law we will have two years to meet 5507105, which is the two person minimum staffing. One of the other things in the Bill is that it increases the funding. Wireless device owners pay a fee through their bill for 9-1-1 services, and that money is distributed through the state and the county. That fee will be increased and will apply to more wireless devices than just cellphones. That will create a larger revenue pool for 9-1-1 services, which is significant. The goal of HB 445 is to further modernize the 9-1-1 System to establish statewide standards and ensure the compatibility and accessibility from all wireless devices, and to insure they are going where they need to go instead of being sent to various other spots before reaching the right location, which is the dispatch for the area. Mr. Barbour noted that he has a copy of House Bill 445 for review.

Mayor Koomar stated that, as discussed by the Mayors Association, there are probably enough dispatchers area wide to pool together to look at a combined dispatch. It is realized that the City is not going to reach the standard required by trying to employ the number of dispatchers needed to staff in accordance with the new law. Staying the status quo is not an option. The Mayor referred to options under consideration for consolidated Police and Fire/EMS Dispatch as noted on Page 2 of the fact sheet he distributed. These include the expansion of WestCom, which currently houses Fire and EMS to add Police, or look at other dispatch entities in existence, e.g., Chagrin Valley Dispatch that serves 33 entities, most recently adding the Cleveland Metroparks and the Cuyahoga County Sheriff's Department. Going forward as an individual PSAP the City would not qualify for Capital equipment through grants. The State continues to push for consolidation and will use that as a lever. As Mr. Barbour stated, if cell phone calls can be answered directly and not transferred from the county, there is an opportunity long-term for the increased revenue stream which will offset operating costs. There are some costs that the county has not been absorbing and in the future the costs for running the phone lines will not be absorbed in an attempt to have cities and villages to look at consolidation.

Resident Nancy Brown asked about the current prisoner situation. Ms. Brown asked what kind of staff has to be in the station when prisoners are in the jail.

Chief Gillespie stated that this is one of the details that will have to be worked out with other cities. When someone is jailed, there are jailers employed, and it is also a possibility that we would need a jailer full time.

Ms. Brown asked if prisoners are still accepted from Cuyahoga County. There was an agreement in the past about bringing prisoners into the Bay Village jail.

Chief Gillespie stated that this has not happened for quite some time.

Ms. Brown asked if Bay Village prisoners going to another city will be taken into consideration.

Mayor Koomar stated that everything is on the table right now. Some of the east side cities that have consolidated their dispatch will house prisoners with other cities under a regional agreement.

Resident Deneen Seljan stated that she wrote the letter that was submitted to City Council today and thanked the Council for consideration of her letter. When she wrote the letter she was not aware of the special committee meeting. Information that was shared this evening was very beneficial for Mrs. Seljan. Mrs. Seljan asked if there is a time line in place. When does the existing contract expire?

Mayor Koomar stated that WestCom is staffed by City of Westlake employees. It is not a true Council of Governments.

Mrs. Seljan asked if there is a timeline to move ahead with this plan. Mr. Kelly responded that the administration has been looking into this, but there isn't truly a "drop dead date." There are a number of things that the administration and Law Director are considering that aren't yet to fruition, e.g., the House Bill that the Law Director was referencing. It is anticipated that if they wish it to be so it will be so. If that happens it will have a significant impact on things. If it doesn't happen, that might slow things down. Mr. Kelly stated that a lot of these items presented are potential, and to the extent that they remain something we anticipate will come to be, but is not yet there, it is going to raise the question as to what is the concern. It is going to be important for the administration to demonstrate what some of these things look like, and the need for change.

Mrs. Seljan stated that for the sake of full disclosure, her daughter is a full time law student at Cleveland State University and a part time dispatcher for the City. She would love more hours. Mrs. Seljan stated that she has been a resident since the 1990's, and plans on being here for a long time. Mrs. Seljan thanked the Council and administration for their time, and asked if there would be a benefit to reading the letter she submitted.

Mr. Kelly stated that the letter will be attached to the minutes of the meeting and incorporated therein. Mr. Clark noted that typically letters are read during Regular Council meetings and not during special meetings. He thanked Mrs. Seljan for her interest, noting this is a very weighty topic for the City Council. We will not rush to judgement on this decision because the best

decision for a City and its residents is an informed decision. There is still work to be done. Mr. Clark gave the Mayor and administration credit for starting the process. There is still work to do.

Mr. Todd Seljan stated that the Mayor mentioned that each entity would have to have two full time dispatchers. He asked if that means that if WestCom were expanded, and there are five cities, there would have to be ten dispatchers there at all times, two per City.

Mayor Koomar stated that the total call volume would be taken into consideration. The total call volume would be reviewed for high points and staff accordingly. Consolidated dispatch centers can more easily offer full time positions with benefits and build out more of a team.

Mr. Barbour stated that the minimum staffing is two dispatchers. The City of Bay Village typically uses one, and we would be required, if maintaining the status quo, to have another full time dispatcher on duty, per the Ohio Administrative Code and House Bill 445.

Mrs. Deljan asked if that code requires that someone be kept at the desk when we centralize so there would always be a contact person.

Mr. Barbour stated that he does not know that detail.

Marcia Paccuzzi, Red Oak Court, asked the Police Chief if he is permitted to say what he thinks of all of this.

Police Chief Gillespie responded that there are so many different pieces moving between the cities with the different directions that we could go, the biggest question is trying to look internally and trying to maintain the high level of service that the people of Bay Village want, and respect, and should have. Having a person you know that has been sitting there for years, that knows your family, knows your history, knows the street you live on, that can provide that personal touch, is a system that all cities wishes they could keep. It just can't happen. This has been forced upon us. There are some good reasons and not so awesome reasons, but it is something that is going to be forced upon us because of technology. You are not calling the same number any more to talk to that same person. You have to regionalize. The bigger question is how do we maintain our high level of service after we are forced to regionalize. We do have a little bit of time before that happens and the different committee meetings and the meetings that we are having with the Mayor, between the Police and Fire and Law Director, we are trying to get those ducks in a row. Our main goal is to still provide that high level of service. It is being worked on, and is something we think about every day.

The Mayor stated that looking at the type of dispatch consoles that would be purchased and how they interact with other regional centers and the call reporting in the vehicles, all of that is GPS oriented, and can provide exact location of the caller rather than a general area. The feedback from other cities that have regionalized has been very positive.

Mrs. Deljan asked the Mayor, noting that he stated that he spoke with other Mayors, if he will also have a chance to speak with police officers and dispatchers that are currently using these

systems. Some of her friends that work with the system expressed difficulty with the system being used. Mrs. Deljan asked if someone will have an opportunity to talk with the people actually using the system itself.

The Mayor stated they will talk to many different people and get some feedback. He has asked the Chief to schedule time to speak directly with the dispatchers.

Mr. Clark stated that this has all been informative dialogue, and having the Environment, Safety and Community Services Committee meeting is the next important step as we cull through this information to make the right decision.

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

Amended Appropriation Ordinance.

Mr. Tadych will introduce an amended appropriation ordinance this evening to cover the following items:

- Diesel fuel overcharge was originally budgeted at \$42,000 for 2022 and the current estimate is \$120,000 requiring an additional appropriation of \$78,000. The base price of diesel exceeds \$2.45 per gallon and as of June 13, 2022, the price was \$4.97 per gallon.
- Debt Service Funds for the Police Station construction notes will require an additional appropriation of \$625,000 for the remaining balance for the 2011 Police Station note.
- A fire alarm system for the Bay Lodge will result in an additional appropriation of \$9,500 coming out of the Municipal Building Improvements Fund 495.
- Design work for the Village Green Project is expected to cost \$49,500 with an additional \$10,000 needed for the Chagrin Valley Engineering component for the design work. This totals an additional appropriation of \$60,000.

Mr. Tadych noted also that a total of \$602,000 was appropriated in the 2022 Capital Budget for Service Department vehicles. The actual purchase price of the Vactor vehicle on the agenda for approval this evening is \$462,645, over the original budget estimate of \$450,000. The appropriation ordinance will allow the difference between the two amounts. The Super Duty Pick Up Truck amount of \$80,000 in the original budget is changed to purchase two leaf machines at a price of \$91,222 each. A Utility Body, originally budgeted at \$40,000 is changed to \$41,500 for a lift truck. A Pickup Truck budgeted at \$32,000 will be moved to a 2023 purchase. Total purchase price of all vehicles is \$595,367.

The Mayor noted an EPA mandate that is changing next year in regard to vehicle emissions, resulting in additional expense.

Director Liskovec noted that as they maintain the sewer lines they are extracting the debris as it is coming back to the manhole, because this increased maintenance helps to enhance services and address basement flooding.

Mr. Clark stated that we are looking at expenditures that were originally approved by Council, but we have reprioritized because of needs, EPA emissions and cost increases on standard equipment.

Mr. Liskovec commented that typically we have purchased the Super Duty Utility Trucks through state term schedule pricing. There no longer is state term pricing for those vehicles. The Ohio Department of Transportation has a contract, but they are paying full pricing. That is a big difference.

The Mayor said there is some useful life left in those particular vehicles which gives us time to see if prices will subside and then go after some of the items that address EPA issues. The vehicles we have are in good working order.

Mr. Clark stated that he has asked Finance Director Mahoney to break down the source of funding for the Village Green Project. There is a gap of about \$410,000. Mr. Clark asked the Mayor to discuss how that gap will be filled in terms of funding.

Mayor Koomar stated that there will be some State Capital funding for \$100,000. One of the community organizations has pledged \$50,000, and several other asks are out there in the community to people who might be interested. It is a work in progress.

Mr. Clark stated that the funding will not come out of Infrastructure Improvement or Municipal Buildings. It could come out of General Capital, but to the point we get other donors or other public assistance, please keep that in mind.

The Bay Lodge is the only public building that does not have a fire alarm.

In regard to the diesel fuel recovery expense, it has been ten years since we have had to pay over a certain bandwidth of the price of diesel fuel. Mr. Tadych noted that we were above it ten years ago, and now it is back.

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

Approval to enter into agreement with HBM Architects for Design Services for the Village Green Project.

Mr. Winzig will present an ordinance at the Special Meeting of Council this evening to enter into an agreement with HBM Architects for Design Services for the Village Green Project. A very detailed exhibit was included in the Council packet from HBM Architects, explaining all the work that would be done. Peter J. Bolek, AIA, President, who was the lead architect on the

library project gave us preliminary concept ideas that were run through the Planning, Zoning, Public Buildings and Grounds Committee, chaired by Mr. Winzig, and the Recreation and Parks Improvement Committee, chaired by Sara Byrnes Maier. It was felt that his design was at a point where we could move from the original design concept to actually do the design development and construction documents. They provided a very detailed report on what those documents would be. They will also work with Deru Landscaping on the landscaping architecture, Thorson Baker and Associates for electrical engineering and Chagrin Valley Engineering for the engineering of the existing infrastructure within the park. A recommendation will be made tonight to move forward with the project.

Mr. Bierut advised that the responsibility of Chagrin Valley Engineering is to do an existing conditions survey, work with the landscape architect and the architect on the layout, and utility improvements and present all information for the landscaping and the hardscaping.

Mr. Greco asked if the existing memorials in the area will be incorporated into the Village Green.

Mr. Winzig stated that there are memorials on the site and they will be deconstructed and reconstructed in a designated area. The preliminary plan would be for the memorials to be permanently placed on the west side of the property, and call that the Memorial Garden concept on the final drawings.

Mayor Koomar stated that there is not a formal spot in the City to honor veterans on Veterans' Day. This might be an opportunity to incorporate something for that as well.

Mr. Winzig will recommend that the contract with HBM Architects for the Village Green Project move forward this evening.

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.

Approval to purchase (1) Vactor Combination Sewer Truck from Jack Doheny Companies under STS Pricing Contract.

Approval to purchase (2) OBD LCT 6000 tow behind leaf vacuums from Best Equipment under Sourcewell Pricing Contract.

Approval to purchase (1) Towlift GN30N5 Lift Truck from Towlift, Inc. under Sourcewell Pricing Contract.

Mr. Greco will introduce resolutions this evening to approve the equipment as discussed this evening, and asked if delivery of these vehicles is expected this year.

Service Director Liskovec stated that there is a good chance that both of the leaf vehicles will be delivered this year, with a quotation given by the supplier of 120 days for delivery.

AUDIENCE

There were no comments from the audience this evening.

MISCELLANEOUS

Council Summer Recess, with special meetings called as necessary.

Mr. Clark advised that a motion will be introduced this evening to move to summer recess. There will likely be two or more special meetings this summer to cover matters as they arise.

Ms. Maier stated that there has been discussion in the past about the Ashton Lane Bridge Project and some of the speeding issues on that roadway. She asked if Council wants to revisit any ideas for slowing down speed along some of our major roads that are used as cut throughs. Things such as speed bumps do not work very well because of snow plows, but there might be some other traffic calming techniques that can be used along the roadways. Ms. Maier suggested following up with Mr. Liskovec and Police Chief Gillespie on this matter.

Mr. Winzig stated that a resident on Ashton Lane has asked the plan once the bridge is open.

Mr. Clark noted that Ashton Lane will also be repaved, which raises the real question as to what will happen when the bridge is open and the road repaved. It is something that should be discussed.

Mr. Winzig stated that he talked with the Police Chief this evening. There has been good feedback from residents on Walmar Drive after the electronic speed monitoring sign was placed at the area coming in to Bay Village from Avon Lake. Residents have seen a reduction in speed and find it very helpful. Investment in more of those speed monitors throughout the City for those hotspot streets would be helpful. Twenty-five is an appropriate speed, but as a driver it is a slow speed from what most of us are used to and the monitors are a constant reminder to drivers. We put the tow-behind speed monitors throughout the City and that has helped when we got requests from residents.

Mr. Clark noted that the unfortunate outcome of the pandemic is that it has given people license to drive much faster than normal.

Ms. Maier stated that as we are encouraging people to walk and ride bikes more the 25 mph versus the 35 mph speed limit is going to really improve outcome. It will take more than the

speed monitor signs. The Mayor asked Ms. Maier to share any ideas she might have with the Police Chief.

Mr. Clark noted that this becomes especially important with the bike lanes being installed on Wolf Road.

MISCELLANEOUS

An Environment, Safety and Community Services Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 12 at 6 p.m. in the Council Chambers of Bay Village City Hall to discuss Regional Dispatch Consolidation.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss this evening, the meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Dwight A. Clark, President of Council

Joan T. Kemper, Clerk of Council