

# City of Bay Village

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

September 5, 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, Assistant Finance Director Milton, Police Chief Gillespie, Fire Chief Lyons, Recreation Director Enovitch, Director of Public Service and Properties Liskovec, City Engineer Don Bierut, Project Manager Kerber, Community Services Director Messeri, Clerk of Council Kemper.

## AUDIENCE

The following audience members signed in this evening: Dr. Christine Zirafi, Samantha Illius, Richard Bak, Manuel and Heidi Glynias, Martha Raymond, Betsy Kapp, Nancy Brown, Elaine Lautzenheiser, Nancy Trainer, Valerie Koehler, Laura Lennert.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Mayor Koomar** advised that Cuyahoga County is collecting data on the recent flooding issues in many communities, including Bay Village. A data base and spread sheet will be put together by all the surveys completed by Chagrin Valley Engineering. The county was fine to have that information from Bay Village sent over to them.

**City Engineer Don Bierut** spoke regarding the recent floodings, noting that some sections of the City were flooded much greater than others. Some of those areas are also covered under the work that has to be done by the Rocky River Wastewater Treatment Plant to be in compliance with the NFA (No Feasible Alternative) plan, including Douglas and Canterbury. These areas are high inflow and infiltration areas, identified by the treatment plant consultant. They will be among the first tested. The testing will include dye testing of the city mains and smoke testing of the private side, basically house by house, of how the connections are in place. That information will be shared with the resident. That testing works out to about \$1,200 per home. Three to four homes per day will be tested. The data will be analyzed and turned over to the resident of each home tested.

The Mayor commented that in trying to help residents they are trying to tie into the NFA plan. He noted an individual case on Canterbury Road where a resident knew their connections had to be improved and assumed that the drain in the drive was connected to the storm sewer, and it

was not. Mr. Bierut noted that when smoke is introduced into the system smoke will come out of the drain showing it is connected to the sanitary sewer.

The Mayor stated that the surveys will continue to be collected and updates will be given at a later date, possibly late October or the beginning of November.

**Director of Public Service and Properties Liskovec** stated that the Long Beach component of the pump stations is a pump and building within the City's infrastructure, there for approximately the past 80 years. Forced main breaks have been experienced, one a four-foot crack and the other a hole in the main itself. This issue is sensitive due to the proximity to Porter Creek. The Service Department sewer staff has been able to maintain the lift stations. The repairs to the equipment forced main breaks will cost approximately \$11,000 per repair. Due to the frequency of breaks this summer, the City Engineers will begin to prepare a design for replacement of the equipment, the cost of which will be included in the 2024 capital budget.

The forced main that comes out of Huntington has a coupler failing and a valve which has caused intermittent leakage on the gasket joints. This matter will be addressed under the Public Improvements, Streets and Sewers Committee this evening in a request to advertise for bids for the repair of this forced main. Functionality will be maintained throughout the repair process.

City Engineer Bierut noted that the agenda this evening also includes an application to the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency for funding for the upcoming year. The same application was made in 2022, and the resolution will be to nominate the project this year for the \$2.9 million no-interest loan.

## **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

### Kathryn Kerber, Project Manager, Digitization Project for Municipal Records.

**Project Manager Kerber** spoke about document management and record management, explaining the functions of the City Records Commission to request and review records retention schedules. The individual department schedules, or lists of documents and how long they are kept, are based on state guidelines and are also submitted to the State Historic Preservation Office for approval. The Records Commission, by code, consists of Ms. Kerber who represents the Mayor, Joan Kemper, Clerk of Council, Law Director Barbour and Finance Director Mahoney. Representing the resident component of the Records Commission is Debbie Putnam, former treasurer of the Bay Village Schools. The Records Commission is required to meet at least every six months, or twice yearly. The department directors are asked to send a list of their documents that are scheduled to be destroyed. The list is reviewed by the commission to make sure it matches the records retention schedule and the commission authorizes records destruction.

The City Council records retention schedule includes city ordinances and meeting minutes which are kept permanently. Many volumes of legislations and minutes are kept in a secure location in books and binders, dating back to the early 1900's. Ms. Kerber presented a plan to scan the documents and make them accessible by keyboard character recognition. Quotations from various scanning companies were presented, with the best quotation from ScanWorks. The

Mayor noted that the cost of the work, approximately \$8,800, will be included in the budget this fall.

Ms. DeGeorge asked about keyboard access to the documents and asked if this will just be for the administration to utilize, or for Council and residents as well. Ms. Kerber stated that it comes down to who has access to the PDF's, the optical OCR applies to the document, not to the device, so anyone who has that PDF document can search by keyboard.

Ms. Maier asked if the OCR recognition is included in the quotation from ScanWorks. Ms. Kerber stated that she is not sure, but has the software that can add the OCR if needed. Mr. Greco asked if the project will be a Council project in the budget for 2024. Mr. Clark stated that the project goes across a couple different segments. It is needed for the Law Department. It seems like a reasonable price for the project. The documents will be returned to the City after scanning.

Mr. Clark asked if there will be a proposal to stay on task with digitizing documents going forward. Ms. Kerber stated that the quotation from ScanWorks only goes up to 2005. From 2005, 2006 and later, the documents are already digitized.

Mr. Greco asked that the public have access to the digitized documents. Mr. Tadych asked the timing of the project. Ms. Kerber stated that she is not sure how long the project will take.

Mr. Clark stated that it seems reasonable to move forward either this fall or next year in order to memorialize the documents that go back so far.

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

Grant Application to the Office of Criminal Justice for Body-Worn Camera Grant Program for the Police Department.

**Mr. Kelly** reported that the grant application to the Office of Criminal Justice for the Body-Worn Camera Grant Program for the Police Department is a separate grant for implementation.

Ms. Kerber stated that it is the other half of the same project. The first grant from the state was \$52,000 for the \$86,000 cost and this grant is the remaining cost of \$34,000 from the federal government. The City has been tentatively awarded the grant.

Grant Application to the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation Safety Intervention Grant Program to purchase equipment for the Bay Village Fire Department.

**Fire Chief Lyons** stated that this grant is to replace a power cot which was originally purchased in 2010, and replacing stair chairs. The stair chairs can be folded for storage, and the chairs are powered and prevent back injuries. It has been many years since there has been an application for the Workers' Compensation Safety Intervention Grant and the department is working closely with Project Manager Kerber on this application, hopeful for a successful outcome.

Agreement to enter into Cooperative Service Agreement with the United States Department of Agriculture for continuation of the Deer Culling Program.

**Police Chief Gillespie** stated that the agreement will be identical to the agreement from last year for continuation of deer culling. The Mayor noted that this agreement is only for Bay Village. The City of Avon Lake will handle the agreement for the Walker Road Park property culling activities. The Metroparks area is a separate subdivision and not included in the agreement for the City of Bay Village. Mr. Clark noted that the cost is similar to last year's culling program.

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

Cuyahoga County Budget Commission Tax Rate Resolution for the City of Bay Village for the Year 2024.

**Mr. Tadych** will introduce a resolution this evening to accept the real estate tax rates for the Year 2024, which have been unchanged for many years.

Request for tax advancements before settlement dates for Fiscal Year 2024.

Mr. Tadych will introduce a resolution to request tax advancements from the County Fiscal Officer before settlement dates during 2024. Assistant to the Finance Director Jim Milton stated that advancements typically are received in February and March for the first half of the year, with an additional advance payment in the second half of the year.

Establishment of a Tree Planting and Replacement Fund.

Mr. Tadych stated that St. Raphael's Parish has deposited funds with the City for tree removal on their property and those funds will be deposited in the newly established tree planting and replacement fund, along with deposits from others in the future.

Establishment of a Fund 251: Permissive Motor Vehicle License Tax Fund.

Mr. Tadych stated that Fund 251 will collect funds from two different motor vehicle license taxes. Law Director Barbour noted that the receipts have been segregated in the past and the auditor has asked that they be put into one, newly created fund, Fund 251. Assistant to the Finance Director Jim Milton stated that there is about \$112,000 in both of the previously maintained funds which will be transferred over to the one all-inclusive fund.

Amended Appropriation Ordinance for funding to cover repairs to the Huntington Force Main and Air Relief Valve Fitting, supplemental funds for operations of Fund 580, and supplemental funding for the Eastern Connector Trail.

Finance Director Renee Mahoney has requested appropriation of funds in the amount of \$34,000 for repair of the force main/air relief valve coupling, \$30,000 to replenish depleted operating

funds due to emergency Long Beach force main repairs, and \$13,000 to provide supplemental project funding based on the engineer's project estimate for the eastern trail connector.

Mr. Clark asked the total amount the City is paying for the eastern trail connector project that was originally included in the 2023 capital budget for a total of \$178,000. Mr. Liskovec stated that this particular project had no grant funding. Originally it did have grant funding, but due to complications those grant funds have been diverted to other projects.

The eastern connector trail will pick up off the eastern side of the newly installed pedestrian bridge in Cahoon Memorial Park and proceed through the park to the parking lot by the municipal pool.

Mayor Koomar stated that looking at lake front engineering and planning, the county has seeded that money for the City. Walking the park with County Executive Chris Ronayne, one thing that bodes well for the City is that we have established accessible trails to the lake front, which is very important to them. Other projects, including Lakewood's, are looking at how to get the people to the lake which can be quite a task. This trail and its additional length, is in the spirit of what we are trying to achieve with the help of the pedestrian bridge and grading, giving us accessible trails and connections from both parking lots.

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

Review of bids and proposed award of contract for the Village Green project.

Mr. Winzig stated that a bid was received previously for the Village Green project that exceeded the estimate. The architect revised the specifications resulting in a better estimate that was more reflective of the project. Three competitive bids have been received, and the one recommended by Infrastructure Manager Curtis Krakowski is with Ground Works Land Design. Mr. Winzig noted that HBM Architecture was consulted and they followed up with information relative to projects Ground Works Land Design had done for the Cleveland Metroparks and found them to be a satisfactory vendor. The recommendation is to approve the bid of Ground Works Land Design, the low bidder in the amount of \$549,542,35.

Authorization for the Director of Public Service and Properties to advertise for bids for construction of the Eastern Connector Trail in Cahoon Memorial Park.

Mr. Winzig advised that a map of the eastern connector trail prepared by Chagrin Valley Engineering has been provided to Council. Mr. Liskovec has forwarded copies of the engineer's estimate of \$172,141.00 to proceed with advertising for bids.

Mayor Koomar, upon the request of Mr. Clark, provided the sources of funding for the Village Green Project. These include \$100,000 from State Capital, \$50,000 from The Village Foundation, \$50,000 from the county, a pending donation from Kiwanis, and a pending NatureWorks grant in the amount of \$130,000. Mr. Liskovec stated that upon approval construction would begin in the fall with completion in the spring.

Mr. Greco asked, for clarification purposes, if this project was rebid after receiving the over-estimate quotation. Mr. Clark confirmed that the project was sent out again for quotations after the initial bid opening which resulted in one bid over the engineer's estimate.

Mr. Greco asked if Ground Works Land Design is a local company and the Mayor replied that they are located in the City of Bay Village.

Mr. Clark stated that he approves moving ahead, if Council is in accord. Fifty percent of the project costs could be coming from outside funding. Mayor Koomar stated that the NatureWorks grant is sort of a bogey. In the past they have liked playgrounds. Last year wasn't the case, but the hope is in some sort of fashion they will fund a portion of the project.

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

Water Pollution Control Loan Fund (WPCLF) Agreement (2023).

**Ms. DeGeorge** reported that a Public Improvements, Streets, Sewers, and Drainage Committee meeting was held on Thursday, August 31, 2023 to address basement water issues. Many residents were heard from that were not heard from before, others had been heard from before. The engineers presented a plan and time line of when they will put a design and planning into motion to alleviate some of the basement water issues. Mr. Bierut was present and earlier this evening spoke to the Water Pollution Control Loan Fund application to be enacted by resolution this evening. This money goes toward what we have already established for the equalization tank project, which has already been approved and will happen this year. Mr. Clark noted that the Water Pollution Control Loan Fund is a zero percent interest loan.

Repair of the Force Main/Air Relief Valve Coupler located near the RTA bus stop in Cahoon Memorial Park.

Ms. DeGeorge stated Director of Public Service and Properties Liskovec spoke to the Long Beach project. This is a different project, also necessary, and an unexpected project that has come up that the Council will be asked to proceed with this evening. Mr. Tadych asked if the leak is in the vault itself, and Mr. Liskovec responded affirmatively.

**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**

Dr. Christine Zirafi, 620 Cahoon Ledges Drive, stated that she is present to ask permission to seek to establish Bay Village as a Blue Zone. Blue Zones are the area of the world where people tend to live longer, and tend to have a lot less chronic disease. There are presently about 82 communities in the United States, about 6 million people, living in communities from about 15,000 and up. Fort Worth, Texas started this about three years ago. The Blue Zone Cooperative application starts with information gathering. Dr. Zirafi asked if the City would be interested, and that is why she is here this evening. The cooperative comes in, does an assessment of the City, looking at everything from safety to community, exercise, and education. The benefit is that the City not only improves the quality of the health of the community but it lowers premium for companies within the city and its residents and also increases property values. There are multiple benefits. A recent Netflix showing of four documentaries on Blue Zones began this week of the areas of the world where people are living to be over 100 years old and with much less chronic disease, not only living longer but having a high quality of life. Dr. Zirafi is here to ask if it is okay to do factfinding and proceed.

Mayor Koomar suggested that Dr. Zirafi connect with Community Services Director Messeri to learn more about what the City might be committing to and what is entailed. On the surface it seems very positive. Councilwoman DeGeorge brought this to the Mayor's attention. The Mayor addressed Director Messeri to offer assistance if needed from HR Director Demaline and Law Director Barbour. On the surface, the Mayor noted, it seems like something worth pursuing.

Mr. Tadych asked what premiums Dr. Zirafi is speaking of in regard to a reduction in those premiums.

Dr. Zirafi stated that the reduction would be in health insurance premiums.

Mr. Winzig asked how long the assessment would take.

Dr. Zirafi stated that the process takes about one year and includes approximately 200 pages of information, with representatives on site four to six weeks. The City of Warrensville Heights is working on the same endeavor. Often times there are sponsors; Cleveland Clinic is one of the sponsors.

Mayor Koomar asked the cost associated with the Blue Zone designation.

Dr. Zirafi stated that for a city the size of Bay Village it may be in the area of \$75,000.

Mayor Koomar stated that he would like to learn a little more, including the financial implications.

Dr. Zirafi noted that more can be learned by accessing Blue Zones on the internet.

Mr. Tadych asked how Dr. Zirafi got involved with the Blue Zone project.

Dr. Zirafi stated that she spent her career as an Interventional Radiologist and put stents into people for a living. People kept coming back because they didn't make changes in their lifestyle. Dr. Zirafi stated that she is a cancer survivor and totally changed things that she does in her lifestyle, and that is how she got involved. Bay is such a good, healthy community. She rides the bike path and works at the community garden every day.

Ms. DeGeorge noted the number of people out on the walking trails on a nice day with or without their dogs or kids, walking or running.

Dr. Zirafi noted the positive school system, seeing all the kids riding their bikes to school. A big part of the Blue Zone is getting the kids to start living a healthy life style at a young age.

**Richard Bak**, 29401 Osborn Road, stated that previously he attended a Council meeting and spoke about the abuse of the speed limit on Osborn Road and asked if there is a way it could be reduced to 25 mph with additional stop signs. Mr. Bak stated that he is here this evening to see if Council has ever discussed his request, or contacted the Ohio Department of Transportation.

Mayor Koomar responded that he thinks that the Police Chief and the City Engineer were looking at that at a couple of intersections and are in the process of collecting data which would be the first thing to do.

Police Chief Gillespie stated that there was a speed study conducted. There is a special knowledge to put the numbers together to see how many cars per day, the times, and all of the different factors.

Mayor Koomar stated that he thinks that City Engineer Don Bierut is in the process of looking at that data as a starting point.

Mr. Bak stated that now that school is back in it has even gotten worse, and the high school kids are speeding through there. Mr. Bak asked the Mayor if he had any suggestions as to what could be done to slow down the traffic. Since Ohio is a "Right to Bear Arms" state now, he has the right to sit at the end of his driveway with a gun to deter speeding.

Chief Gillespie stated that he certainly would not suggest that; it is a misdemeanor.

Mr. Bak stated that he would not want to but if it is a last resort he is going to do it. He cannot open his doors to let the fresh air in because there is so much noise, especially one kid with a red sports car, convertible, who comes flying around the corner and has the loudest car. Mr. Bak stated that being a senior citizen on social security they do not have the money to run the air conditioner in their house as a money saver, and it gets hot in their house.

Chief Gillespie stated that information regarding the car is incredibly helpful in their effort to target enforcement. That same 17-year-old driver in the red Trans Am is not only speeding on Osborn, but is probably speeding on other streets. They are able to ask the School Resource Officer the identity of the owner of the vehicle and the police are able to talk to the driver outside of school or contact the parents. If there is a car reported speeding at the same time every day it



makes it easier for the police to sit there at that time to stop the speeder. Having a set of eyes there is very helpful.

Mr. Bak noted that all the other streets that are 35 mph speed limit streets do not have parking allowed. Osborn Road is 35 mph with parking and construction going on as well as landscapers working. There have been near head-on collisions. Mr. Bak expressed worry that kids would get hit at the crosswalk by a speeding car.

Chief Gillespie and Mr. Bak stepped out of the Council Chambers to continue their conversation.

**Ms. Maier** stated that there is an initiative through the Ohio Department of Transportation presently. Ms. Maier sits on the Advisory Committee for the state. Pat McGannon, President of the Green Team in Bay Village is also on the committee. One of the issues is the ability of municipalities to control the speed limits in their municipalities. It is something that came through the first pedestrian plan that the state put together. Municipalities want more control and solutions for their speeding areas. ODOT makes it very difficult to change. Traffic studies are one element that need to be done. The last report was last week. They are hoping to have a little more information. There is a disciplinary group that is meeting on this particular topic trying to make some of the rules a little bit more flexible where you have a community that wants to adjust the speed limit down and ODOT saying it is not meeting here parameters. It is hoped to have a little more information coming in the near future.

Mr. Winzig asked the Mayor if he knew the status of the speed monitor cameras that Council approved in the capital budget. There is one on Wolf Road east of Bassett heading towards the school. Another call was received from a resident on Walker and calls have been received from residents on Ashton Lane. Council allocated money to have those purchased. It is September; let's make a phone call and get them delivered.

**Martha Raymond**, 27859 Lincoln, stated that 25 years ago she used to speed down Osborn Road to get to work. One day the police stopped her and after that she rode her bike to work.

**Nancy Brown, Wolf Road**, presented the following comments:

It is with great delight this evening I have the honor to present a check for \$50,000 and one brand new Pella Window to the mayor and city council to help execute the refurbishment of the Bay Village Dog Kennel which is located at the service department. This donation is thanks to residents and other generous donors who support the Bay Village Dog Kennel. It is our understanding from the drawings provided by the city third party architect that there is a 20% contingency in the \$50K and funds not spent will be appropriated to line 284 of the city budget for the use at the kennel. Previous meetings with the mayor and staff stated that a designated budget line will be allocated for this donation for the kennel renovation. We are pleased that the city will promptly take the project out to bid. It is our hope the weather cooperates to minimize delay in this project. Residents Tom Kauker and Manuel Glynias will be actively monitoring the process with the Building and Finance Departments so updates can be shared with all that have donated and on our Facebook page.

A few of the following specifics were suggested to the plans to ensure safety for employees and guests:

Inside kennel gates will have the option of dog feeding and watering trays that slide in and out. Three security cameras. One inside, two outside that would be activated and monitored by police. Smoke and fire alert options are still being investigated. Instead of tile floors, it was suggested that a product similar to Naturestone with a commercial sealant would be appropriate for longevity and minimize slipping hazards. Outside kennel lighting will be dawn to dusk and motion sensor activated.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and to our Bay Village dogs. We are very excited about this project.

A round of applause followed by the audience.

**Police Chief Gillespie** thanked Nancy Brown and the members present in support of this project for all they have done. He stated that it is a tremendous help, and he cannot say thank you enough. The Police Department appreciates all of the hard work and this donation will go a long way toward the refurbishment of the kennel.

Mr. Clark asked that a separate line item be set up for this donation by the Finance Department.

Mayor Koomar stated, for clarification, at least from the meetings he attended, that area currently is not wired for security cameras and the quote from the architect for the \$50,000 was more for the building and not the cameras.

Ms. Brown stated that they did have an opportunity to meet with a third party, Tom Kauker, and someone from the Fire Department, and very cost effectively they could shoot a beam from the Service Department to the kennel. They believe there is more than enough money to cover that considering that a brand-new Pella window was donated in addition to the \$50,000.

**Valerie Koehler**, Bruce Road, stated that she hopes that everyone here is aware of the work that Nancy Brown has done to make this happen. She had a lot of help eventually, however, it has been Ms. Brown from Day 1.

Nancy Brown stated this project was launched eight months ago.

**Janet Kelley, 26600 Normandy**, stated that a fund raiser, Bark-in-the-Park was very successful and ask Council members who attended to respond by raising their hands. Ms. Kelly expressed dismay that no one responded.

**Ms. DeGeorge** said that Council has supported this endeavor in other ways and expressed appreciation for the work and the donation for the kennel.

**Dennis Kelley, 26600 Normandy**, asked if there is a timeline as to when this project may be done. Mr. Kelley also asked for a copy of the Animal Control Officer's job description, stating

that currently the Animal Control Officer doesn't do anything with the kennel. Volunteers clean out the kennel, stating that it is "disgusting." He asked if the Animal Control Officer is responsible for cleaning and maintaining the kennel.

Police Chief Gillespie stated he would not use the word "disgusting" in regard to the condition of the kennel. It is a city-owned building taken care of by employees. As it is used, it does get cleaned. They appreciate whatever the volunteers do to help.

Dennis Kelley stated that he is concerned that they are going to spend \$50,000 to upgrade the facility and it is not well cared for, and rarely cleaned out. It is not okay. The animals and citizens of the community deserve better than what they have now. The citizens were asked to raise the money and are here tonight with the check. They expect the city to follow up, do it in a timely manner and will hold the city to a standard to maintain it. If it is not done they will give the city publicity and they will not like the outcomes.

An audience member said they can work with the city to decide what the standards should be as far as cleanliness of the facility.

Mayor Koomar addressed Dennis Kelley and stated that he was not aware they were receiving this generous contribution this evening. The cost estimates Ms. Brown speaks to from the city architect are just that, and to turn that overnight into a bidding document will take a little bit of time. That information will be given to Ms. Brown.

**Betsy Kapp**, 30406 Crestview, stated that she is proud to say that she is Nancy Brown's friend, and is also proud to say she is a perfect example of a committed citizen who makes something happen. For that, she deserves unbelievable credit. Ms. Kapp knows that some of the administration and Council have been involved, but it makes her think that if someone really wants to accomplish something they can do it. "Yes, she had help and we made lots of new friends because of it. I am so proud to know her and so proud to know what she accomplished that I hope we will be friends forever."

**Manny Glynias with Heidi Glynias**, 29404 Osborn Rd., stated that they are a big part of this with Nancy Brown. "We are committed to this long term; Heidi and I have helped the success of this dog kennel. I understand that with it being a line item now it is going to help the Chief have a little more ability to service it. We are also as a group ready to help fund that if there is a funding line; it says it takes \$10,000 a year to fund it, let us know. We are not afraid to put money back together for them. It's a big thing. You are amazing."

Mr. Clark stated that it would not be the first thing that Mr. and Mrs. Glynias helped out with, looking back to 2010.

Mr. Glynias said they do love Bay and love the Blue aspect of it. "It is amazing what they find with that whole Blue. Bay is ripe for that Blue Zone. It is a great four-part series if you haven't watched it yet."

Mr. Clark stated that good, bad, or otherwise, it is important for residents to be heard. Whether it is constructive criticism or on the other side of the table. Let's not forget that this is a very important moment for the initiative, and we all will be better off in the long run. I thank you, Nancy, and the entire team for doing what you did. I emceed the Bark-for-life event a number of years ago as part of this, so, I have been involved in the past. We had a number of Council members go out and visit the kennel and saw the condition it was in this last fall, and it needed to be redone. We are fully supportive and we will certainly defer to the administration in terms of keeping the process going, perhaps we use Nancy as the point person on that."

Mr. Glynias said that being part of the skatepark for a long time, the City has done a wonderful job of keeping it safe, keeping it clean, keeping it functional going on 15 years. "It is amazing. This will be another one of those positives. There is a lot of energy, positive and negative, but it is real. We know that \$50,000 is just a small piece of the city's multi-million-dollar budget, but it is a serious piece, because we love our dogs. We are on it; Nancy is not going to give up and we are not going to give up on Nancy. We love you."

Nancy Brown stated that she would like to make everyone aware, knowing that they haven't been to the kennel since visiting it initially, the remainder of the fence around on the kennel yard has brand new screening that was donated, our amazing Service Department completed the project and it looks 199% better. "It is the first step of many steps and I look forward to working with the Chief and everybody in the City to make this project roll."

Betsy Kapp, Crestview Drive, thanked the Service Department for the area of Crestview that was repaved. "The men that worked there were phenomenal, friendly and helpful, it was done on schedule, it was really a great job. Kudos, I thought it was great and it looks beautiful now:"

**Courtney Koz**, 28929 Lincoln Rd., stated that she is no stranger to water in the basement. "Has the city ever considered trying to do an assessment program? We all love our trees, but trees need to be maintained. Maintaining trees is very costly. Like running a program where people can take out low interest loans and have them put on their sewer and water bills like an assessment for a period of time. Getting trees trimmed in somebody's yard can cost \$7000 to \$8000. Allowing residents to borrow at a lower interest rate somehow through the city so we can all maintain our trees, maintain the roots. I get my drains snaked because I know if I don't my basement is going to flood because I have so many trees in my yard. If I could keep the 13 or 14 trees in my yard trimmed and other people could afford that more to take care of trees rather than letting them get so bad that in storms they blow over and cause all kinds of problems, helping residents essentially take care of the trees in their yard. Like paying for it as an assessment."

Mr. Clark stated that it is an interesting idea. It is a challenge because the trees are on private property. It is something we would have to think through.

Ms. Koz added, "If we could all borrow money from the city, or somewhere, at a low interest rate to maintain all these trees that are so beautiful in the city."

Mr. Clark stated that he is glad Ms. Koz spoke up for the record and this can certainly be looked into further.

**Dennis Kelley** asked if there could be some kind of grant that residents could apply for.

**Kathryn Kerber** stated that she is not aware of any grants for trees on private property. The ones that we have are for planting on public property.

**Dennis Kelley** stated that he wonders if it could be part of a sewer maintenance program for keeping lines clean to help prevent flooding.

Mayor Koomar stated that they are always looking for new initiatives and programs and if one should come along Ms. Kerber would be the person to put eyes on it and make a determination if that is a good fit for Bay Village.

**Denny Wendell**, 451 Queenswood, asked what is going on with the Reese Park basketball courts.

Mayor Koomar stated that last week they installed one of the hoops after the feedback from residents. A lot of them go down and shoot hoops with their children or grandchildren. We wanted to provide that option. The Recreation Commission is going to have a meeting. We are trying to look at the growth of Pickleball as an option, but down there trying to maintain a hoop to shoot obviously it was a safety incident right now so we wanted to let things cool down. But, we did not want to, over the Labor Day and the fall, take away the desire of residents to shoot with their kids and grandkids. That is why we put the hoop back up.

An audience member asked if there is something in particular that is being looked at as things are let to cool down. "I was wondering myself because I live near there."

Mayor Koomar stated that there was an incident this summer. The police have fielded calls on loud noise and music, profanity in some cases. We are trying to find a balance because I get complaints from residents living nearby saying they are going over there repeatedly asking not to use that type of language and noise and things like that. We get calls on the other side. We are just trying to find a balance of what a court would look like down there and maximize the growth of maybe some of the other sports. One of the next steps, our Recreation Director, and our Council representative of the Recreation Commission will have a discussion on that, when that is scheduled, hopefully in September. The administration had concerns prior to the incident. You have to always balance out public safety on all of this."

**Mr. Clark** thanked everyone for speaking this evening, noting that all comments are welcomed.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS**

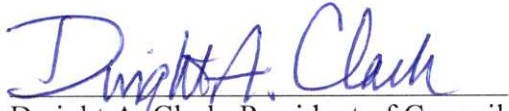
**Mr. Clark** stated that the next Regular Meeting of Council will be Monday, September 18, beginning at 7 p.m. with the Committee of the Whole meeting.

**Mr. Tadych** stated that when budget talks begin Finance Committee meetings will be held for those discussions and review.

**Mr. Winzig** asked if an October Finance Committee meeting for the July through September quarter will be held after September financial reports are posted. Mr. Tadych replied that the Finance Committee will be involved before then.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

  
Dwight A. Clark, President of Council

  
Joan Kemper, Clerk of Council