

City of Bay Village

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

September 20, 2021
7:00 p.m.

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

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

Via Zoom – Fire Chief Lyons, Human Resource Director Demaline, Community Services Director Selig,

AUDIENCE

Richard Fink, Dennis Driscoll, Denny Wendell.

Via Zoom – Jim Strunk, handsr4healing, Tara Wendell.

President of Council Clark called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Clark advised that this is the informal Committee session, and Council will review legislation at this meeting prior to opening the Special Meeting at 7:30 p.m., or when this meeting is completed. Agendas have been posted on line, and there are printed copies at the entrance to the Council Chambers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Clark called upon Mayor Koomar for announcements.

Mayor Koomar stated that letters have been sent to property owners from Cuyahoga County in regard to home valuations. The county has advised that any process to attest the value of property will most likely occur in 2022 and will likely be on line. The Mayor will keep Council updated as more information is received on the process, and when the website of the county goes live for this purpose.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY, & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE- L. DeGeorge, D. Tadych, S. Maier

Deer Culling Contract.

Ms. DeGeorge will present a deer culling ordinance this evening. The ordinance authorizes an agreement to allow the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) to receive

reimbursement for services. The same agreement was approved last year at a cost of \$24,842. This year the contract will cost an additional \$3,627.

Police Chief Gillespie stated that the approval of this contract is the beginning steps of the process. The agreement allows the culling of 15 deer.

Mayor Koomar stated that a lot is based on what occurs when culling begins. In past years the City has successfully advocated for an additional allotment.

Mr. Clark asked how many deer were culled in the past. Mayor Koomar stated that prior to last year the average was forty to fifty. Last year there was a drop, more in the twenty-five to thirty range.

Mr. Winzig asked if there was a maximum number of tags used last year.

Mayor Koomar stated that tags were maxed out the year before and a second allotment was requested which was denied. Last year the maximum was not quite reached. Overall, there is a decrease in the herd size because of the culling.

Mr. Kelly stated that Council received an email from a constituent in Ward 1 regarding deer to which President of Council Clark responded. Mr. Kelly stated that he saw the pack twice recently that was referenced in the email. There were about eight deer going behind the creek on Red Oak, going north/south. The same pack can be seen moving throughout Ward 1.

Mayor Koomar stated that two years ago the City of Westlake culled between Bassett and Bradley Road on the south side of the railroad tracks, which directly affected residents off of Ashton Lane.

Mr. Clark stated that the nature of the contract is substantially the same as previous years with the cost based upon the number of deer taken. Hearing no objections, the ordinance authorizing the agreement with the United States Department of Agriculture will be presented for adoption this evening.

Donation of Pet Microchip Scanner.

Ms. DeGeorge reviewed the resolution accepting the donation of a pet microchip scanner, noting that resolutions are prepared for donations in excess of \$100.

Law Director Barbour commented that this resolution allows the City to accept an anonymous donation from an individual for a pet microchip scanner for use at the Police Department. The device allows the scanning of lost pets to see if there are chips to identify the owner. The donor did not want to be identified. The donation was arranged through resident Nancy Brown, and the device is worth approximately \$400.

Mr. Tadych asked if there is any knowledge about how many animals have microchips. Is it a significant number?

Mr. Barbour commented that his own dog has a microchip. Mr. Kelly stated that the microchip is part of the fee for adoption of a pet from a shelter.

Mr. Clark noted that this is a very generous donation and Council will look for adoption of the resolution accepting the donation this evening.

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

Mr. Tadych reported that a Finance Committee meeting was held this evening to review the August 2021 financial reports of the City of Bay Village. The reports are very favorable, and he personally expects them to maintain that status through all of 2021, possibly not at the level they are now, but the municipal income tax receipts will continue to be received without any problem.

Mr. Tadych noted further that a new report on the Capital Budget was submitted to the committee by Finance Director Mahoney. The report was reviewed thoroughly by the committee with the possibility of future improvements.

**PLANNING, ZONING, PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE -S. Maier
L. DeGeorge, P. Winzig**

Ms. Maier had no report this evening.

**PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS/STREETS/SEWERS/DRAINAGE COMMITTEE -T. Kelly,
S. Maier, M. Greco**

Resurfacing Lake Road/U.S. 6 through the Urban Paving Program.

Mr. Kelly stated that Council will consider two ordinances this evening. The first is in regard to the project of resurfacing Lake Road from Columbia Road to the eastern edge of the City. The second ordinance is to approve an amendment to the contract with Pavement Technologies for the application of Reclamite to selected streets.

Director of Public Service and Properties Liskovec stated that the resurfacing of Lake Road is a program through the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT). Traditionally, the program is an 80% ODOT, and 20% City of Bay Village payment. The Cooperation Statement in the ordinance describes the City of Bay Village as the Local Public Agency (LPA) and states that the LPA agrees to pay 100% of the cost of those features requested by the LPA which are determined by the State and Federal Highway administration to be unnecessary for the project. Replacement of the two inch thickness with a three inch thickness of paving will be an additional \$420,000. The LPA further agrees to pay 100% of the cost to install and/or repair curb ramps at all necessary intersections to ensure compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. An

additional \$11,000 will be the responsibility of the City for the inspection of the base repairs, curb repairs and the ADA ramps.

Mr. Winzig asked if there is a reason the additional thickness is not covered by ODOT as part of the project.

Mr. Liskovec stated that this is the current policy of ODOT that the City will pay for anything more than two inches of pavement. Mayor Koomar stated that two inches of pavement will not last nearly as long. Years ago, they did the three inch covering. City Engineer Don Bierut reviewed the agreement and part of this review was a conference call with the District Director and his team on that particular item. They advised that in accordance with their budget items this is how the program works at the present time. The Mayor suggested adding the additional inch of covering. He noted that the curbs and gutters were installed on Lake Road in 1994. The south side of Lake Road, midway down towards Clague Road, is where there is constant patching and heaving. They actually took photographs to Columbus two years ago and were advised that the base may be soft because of how the curb and gutter might have gone in and what may or may not have been done at that time. Part of this is to make sure that any soft areas of the base are repaired, which is also done with the annual road improvement program of the City.

Mr. Clark asked if there is any anecdotal evidence as to how much longer the estimated life of the road improvements will be with the three inch overlay versus the two inch application. He noted that this would be an important consideration because it is not insignificant to spend \$400,000.

Mr. Clark stated further that when the repaving of the western part of Lake Road was done the paving was done over the concrete gutters. He asked if the plan is to be different this time.

The Mayor stated that the plan is to go up to the cement. That would be considered best practice.

Mr. Clark stated that the last time this was done was seven years ago and it was taken all the way over the concrete gutters and there were cracking issues. Mr. Liskovec stated that dissimilar materials expand and contract at different rates and that is what caused the cracking.

Mr. Winzig asked if the cost above the preliminary development, final design and right-of-way needs to be included in the budget. Mr. Liskovec stated that this has already been taken care of this year. This will be a budget number for next year, and the intent is to give the Council an idea of what is going to be coming up in Capital requests.

Mr. Clark asked if the project from the Rocky River line to Columbia Road will go past the Columbia Road crosswalk. The Mayor stated that the request to the Ohio Department of Transportation was for 100 feet past the crosswalk. The last time it was cut off just east to the crosswalk and this time we wanted to get through the crosswalk.

Mr. Liskovec stated that this was last done in 1994. Mr. Winzig commented that it is great to see this come through after working on this funding for a number of years.

Mr. Clark expressed kudos to the administration for bringing this forward because it needs to be done.

Mayor Koomar noted his comments during a discussion with the District Director that the City would be a good partner and the City should be awarded points for the concrete repairs, not to mention the Reclamite process. The Mayor would like them to start rating cities in that fashion because Bay Village would rate higher and be a good partner.

Mr. Clark asked what kind of overlay there will be for the Wolf Road project through the 80%/20% partnership with Cuyahoga County.

Mr. Liskovec stated that the Wolf Road resurfacing will be a three-inch overlay. More details will be forthcoming.

Mr. Tadych asked if the additional ten feet on the south side of Wolf Road will take more than three inches. Mr. Liskovec stated that the ten feet will be a full roadway build up on the south side.

Amendment to agreement with Pavement Technologies to perform additional applications of Reclamite to additional streets.

Director Liskovec stated that earlier this year there was a large request for the regular road maintenance program, which was a very successful program this year. The Reclamite application had been scheduled for the year and the opportunity to get completely caught up and not be a few streets behind. Pavement Technologies was in the City and were able to notify all residents in a timely manner. This addition will save mobilization fees, and will cover Sunset Dr., Lakeview Dr., the northern section of Forestview Rd., Kenmore Dr., and Rockledge Dr. Moving forward, this will put us on track for doing the streets that were repaved this year plus Bradley Road, and provide an opportunity to preserve our roads.

Mr. Greco asked why the roads are receiving Reclamite application and not asphalt.

Mr. Liskovec stated that Reclamite is an additive placed after the asphalt is applied. When the asphalt is treated the whole heating up process actually deteriorates the binding agents at the plant. The Reclamite is a rejuvenator and it replenishes some of the lost binding agents at the top quarter-inch level, and reactivates and provides more sticking power to allow the road to stay together longer.

Mayor Koomar added that the Reclamite needs to be put down within the first three years of asphalt application. The City has had a little more money in the budget every year and was playing catch-up with the goal to apply the Reclamite the year following the roadway improvement.

Mr. Liskovec noted that Pavement Technologies does many side by side trials of roads with and without Reclamite to show the difference in road deterioration.

RECREATION AND PARK IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE –P. Winzig, D. Tadych, M. Greco

Mr. Winzig had no report this evening.

SERVICES, UTILITIES & EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE –M. Greco, L. DeGeorge, T. Kelly

Mr. Greco had no report this evening.

AUDIENCE

There were no comments from the audience this evening.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mr. Clark stated that the next meeting of Council will be on Monday, October 4 and may include a tour, prior to the meeting, of the newly renovated Knickerbocker Apartments or possibly a tour of the Rocky River Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Mayor Koomar stated that the Knickerbocker Apartments staff will be asked if there is availability for a tour at 5 p.m. on October 4, 2021.

There will be a possibility of an afternoon tour of the Rocky River Wastewater Treatment Plant sometime this fall on the same day as a Council meeting.

A Planning, Zoning, Public Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting will be held on Monday, September 30, 2021 at 6 p.m.

Ms. DeGeorge reported that she was included this morning in the first Men’s Only Breakfast at the Knickerbocker Apartments. The subject was: “Anything and everything you would like to know about Ward 2.” It was a small group, but a good exchange. Ms. DeGeorge brought them all up to speed on all of the projects that have been happening. Most of the attendees were newer residents of the Knickerbocker, within the year, so they discussed having to apply to change their address with the Board of Elections. That brought up a topic with the administrator and the activities director who both approached Ms. DeGeorge separately and asked if the City could please bring the polling locations back to the Knickerbocker Apartments. The location changed during COVID-19, and probably is the same because of COVID, but they both expressed the fact that the residents really enjoy having the public come into the building, visiting with them, meeting them as today. They also enjoy the poll workers. It is a big deal for them and they really miss not having the Knickerbocker Apartments as a polling location. That is the desire of

the management of the Knickerbocker Apartments, and it is also Ms. DeGeorge's desire to have Ward 2 voting in Ward 2.

Mr. Tadych added that this is his desire as well.

Mayor Koomar stated that he will check with the Board of Elections. He will definitely put it on the radar and as we get through the COVID variants and head toward normalcy the Board of Elections would welcome them back to the Knickerbocker Apartments.

Mr. Tadych stated it would also be less confusing in Ward 1.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, the Committee Meeting of Council adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Dwight A. Clark, President of Council

Joan T. Kemper, Clerk of Council