

# City of Bay Village

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

October 4, 2021  
7:00 p.m.

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

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

## AUDIENCE

Julee Alexy, Fire Captain Kevin Somerville, Fire Lieutenant Jeff Vidmar, Members of the Somerville family, Members of the Bay Village Fire Department.

Via Zoom – Gary Sharp, Jim Strunk, Fire Chief Lyons, Madison MacArthur.

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 Regular Meeting at 7:30 p.m., or when this meeting is completed. Agendas have been posted online, and there are printed copies at the entrance to the Council Chambers.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Mayor Koomar** noted receipt of notification from the Board of Elections for the official voting locations for the November 2, 2021 election. The information will be posted on the City website.

Several meetings will be held this week including the Bay Village School Board Candidates Night at Bay High School Auditorium. on Wednesday, October 6 at 6:30 p.m. On Monday, October 11 the Candidates' Night for City Council contested races will be held at 7 p.m. at the Bay High School Auditorium.

A public information meeting will be held at Bay Village City Hall Council Chambers at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 5 to answer any questions on the two zoning issues that are on the November 2, 2021 ballot. Mr. Jeff Heinen will be present regarding the Heinen's rezoning request. Jason Russell of Concord Consulting will be present to provide information relative to the Mixed Use Zoning Overlay issue.

Mayor Koomar announced the **Reappointment of Dominic Giovannazzo** to the Parks and Recreation Commission for a 4-year term expiring November 6, 2025.

Mayor Koomar advised that he will be part of a call on Tuesday morning, October 5, 2021 with the **Greater Cleveland Partnership** relative to the lake front development. Also on the call will be the Mayor of Euclid, Ohio, and County Executive Budish.

Mr. Clark stated that the call is virtual and asked that the Mayor provide a link to people interested in listening. Mayor Koomar will provide that information.

## **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

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

#### Cuyahoga County Board of Health Contract for Calendar Years 2022 and 2023.

**Ms. DeGeorge** will present legislation, at the Regular Meeting of Council to be held this evening, authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the District Advisory Council of the Cuyahoga County General Health District to provide public health services for the City of Bay Village during the calendar years 2022 and 2023. Ms. DeGeorge explained that this agreement is necessary due to the fact that the City of Bay Village does not have its own health department. This agreement has been done for many years in the past, most recently in 2019 and 2020, and one year only in 2021. As expected, the charge for the services has increased. In 2022 the cost will be \$96,978.00, and in calendar year 2023 the cost will be \$106,676.00. These figures represent an increase in 2022 of \$11,680 and in the following year by \$9,698.00.

Ms. DeGeorge asked Mayor Koomar if he would like to speak regarding the services provided by virtue of this contract.

Mayor Koomar stated that in addition to the now present COVID-19 informational services and the many other health related services furnished for the benefit of our residents, the County Health District provides the West Nile Virus Prevention and Mosquito Control, and Retail Food Establishment Licensing and Inspection for Bay Village residents. Mr. Terry Allan, Health Commissioner, addressed the County Mayors and Managers meeting on Thursday of last week and spoke regarding the increase and noted the work they have done due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Ms. DeGeorge noted that a copy of the agreement and exhibits attached thereto have been provided to City Council. Ms. DeGeorge asked Mr. Clark if it can be correctly assumed that this legislation will be adopted this evening for the City to move forward with the contract with the County Health District for the next two years. Mr. Clark stated that it makes sense to do so, they do good work and for the City to form their own health department would be cost and personnel prohibitive. Mr. Clark noted that Health Commissioner Terry Allan is a resident of Bay Village.

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

#### Request for Tax Advances before Settlement Dates from the County Fiscal Officer in 2022.

**Mr. Tadych** will introduce a Resolution this evening that is repeated annually to request that the County Fiscal Officer advance property tax receipts before settlement dates. The Resolution authorizes the Finance Director to request the Cuyahoga County Auditor to issue an order to the Treasurer of Cuyahoga County to pay to the City of Bay Village such funds as may be available from time to time in advance of regular semi-annual settlements.

Finance Director Mahoney said if the tax advance is not requested the County Fiscal Officer will wait until a later date to send funds. With the submission of this Resolution to the County, the funds will be provided on a timelier basis.

Mr. Clark stated that the Resolution will be considered for adoption this evening. It is standard protocol to do so, noting that 16% of the General Fund revenue is derived from property taxes.

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

Transportation for Livable Communities Initiative Implementation Grant Application.

**Ms. Maier** called upon **Kathryn Kerber, Project Manager**, to explain the need for a Resolution of Council this evening to submit a Transportation for Livable Communities (TLCI) grant application.

**Ms. Kerber** stated that this grant application is for the intersection of Bryson Lane and Lake Road. The end of Bryson Lane at Lake Road is offset from the driveway to the north on Lake Road. This redo will shift Bryson Lane to the left slightly so that it lines up with the driveway to the north, and also add a pedestrian crossing such as those at Cahoon and Columbia, and Cahoon and Lake Roads. The crosswalk was recommended by the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency (NOACA) study in 2017 to improve connectivity to the lakefront, and more recently the lakefront plan recommended the crosswalk and reconfiguration of the intersection. Ms. Kerber noted that this will be a great connection once more improvements are made on the lakefront in order to get people out to the lakefront more safely, especially with the new library going in at Bryson Lane it will make the connection much nicer for the intersection.

Mr. Clark asked if there is any idea, in terms of the probability of getting the grant, and, if so, how much would the City be applying for.

Ms. Kerber stated that the project cost is approximately \$243,000. The City's request will be for \$167,000, with the City's cost at about \$76,000. In regard to probability, Ms. Kerber noted that the City has had success in getting money for the intersection at Wolf Road and Cahoon Road. The selling point for that application was that the intersection was located at the Middle School. Ms. Kerber stated that she believes there are decent chances since the plans were approved by NOACA.

Mr. Clark stated that the City has had good success on grants. It may be helpful that the City is shovel ready with funds available to assist with the total cost. Ms. Kerber agreed, noting that being able to provide the match and ready to do the project and be reimbursed is always helpful.

**Ms. DeGeorge** asked if from a safety viewpoint it has been determined that a straight shot across Lake Road is the safest possible method. The difference in the curb cut gives you pause as you pull out of Bryson Lane before you turn left, the other would be literally straight across Lake Road. Is that really the safest method?

Ms. Kerber stated that it was included in the Lakefront Connectivity Study done by The Smith Group. It was their recommendation in terms of safety. A specific case study of that intersection, per se, has not been done, but that was the recommendation in the Lakefront Connectivity Study.

Ms. DeGeorge asked if The Smith Group did a safety study of the intersection. Ms. Kerber stated that they did not do a study per se.

**Ms. Maier** stated that in general you want to have as many standard intersections as you can to prevent a blind spot when coming out of the intersection. In the NOACA study of 2017 there were traffic engineers that worked on that project.

Ms. DeGeorge stated that it seems like a lot with the Dover/Lake intersection. Ms. Maier stated that since the lights are pedestrian activated it is not like having a traffic light next to a traffic light.

Mr. Tadych stated that with the library going in it could be beneficial.

Mr. Clark stated that Council will proceed for adoption this evening in order to submit the application for the grant. He thanked Ms. Kerber for her work.

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

**Mr. Greco** had no report this evening.

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

Donation of trees from the Cuyahoga County Soil and Water Conservation District to be planted in Bradley Park.

**Mr. Winzig** will introduce a Resolution at the Regular Meeting of City Council this evening to accept a donation of trees from the Cuyahoga County Soil and Water Conservation District. The trees are donated to be planted in Bradley Park.

**Director of Public Service and Properties Liskovec** stated that this donation comes from the Cuyahoga County Soil and Water Conservation District A developer who is starting to do some work in the City contributed the first portion toward the donation and specified that they wanted to plant trees in the City. They will work with the Cuyahoga County Soil and Water Conservation District for the planting.

Mr. Winzig stated that these trees are not towering Oak trees and are just baby trees that will become towering trees in the future. Mr. Winzig noted that it is a nice contribution and an important addition to the park.

Mr. Clark stated that he understands Mr. Liskovec to say that the donor contributes 50% and the matching 50% comes from the Cuyahoga County Soil and Water District. He asked if there is any idea on the number of trees. Mr. Liskovec stated that there are approximately twenty trees being donated.

Mr. Winzig noted that the Cuyahoga Soil and Water Conservation District will hold their 72<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting and Supervisor Election at the Bay Lodge, 492 Bradley Road, Bay Village, Ohio, on Thursday, October 19, 2021 from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Registration can be accomplished online at [www.cuyahogaswcd.org](http://www.cuyahogaswcd.org). The program for the evening will be "Happenings in the Pollinator Patch." Mr. Winzig stated that it may be helpful to put this information on the City website.

Mr. Winzig reported that a Recreation and Parks Commission meeting was held this past week. He stated that it was a very good meeting, reporting great participation numbers and a very positive meeting for the Recreation Commission.

**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** thanked Mr. Jay Magee and Char Paoella for a very informative and timely tour provided to City Council this evening of the Knickerbocker Apartments. The transformation is nothing short of amazing following an investment of 12 million dollars in renovations to the complex. It is a real prized asset to the community, with 148 units in the facility broken down by market rate and Section 8 availabilities.

Mr. Clark advised that the next scheduled meeting of the Bay Village City Council will be Monday, October 18, 2021.

Monday, October 11, the League of Women Voters' debates for the City Council will be held at the Bay High School at 7 p.m.

**Ms. DeGeorge** stated that over the weekend the members of Bay Village Council received an email from Mark Kevesdy about the Walk for Amy program. Recently, Mr. Kevesdy posted information regarding the cause on social media. Mr. Kevesdy references DNA testing that costs between \$15,000 and \$20,000. Ms. DeGeorge stated that the one thing in the City of Bay Village that everyone can agree on is that we want to find out what happened to Amy, and by whom.

Ms. DeGeorge hates to see the residents having to raise money for that purpose. It is a lot of money but we do spend money on other things. Even if the ask is more than \$20,000, is there no way that we can give that to the Police Department to go forward with this and put an end to it?

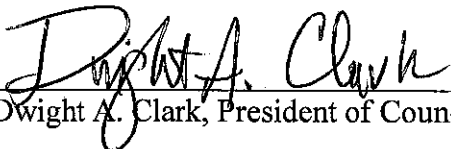
Mayor Koomar stated that the City funds ongoing investigations for that type of thing. The Mayor stated that he was unaware that Mr. Kevesdy put out that information. He did not receive it, nor did Mr. Kevesdy contact the City administration with that request. Putting funding towards wages for the FBI agent has always been provided by Council. On the first item, the City has provided funding.

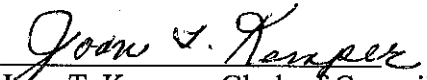
Mr. Clark stated that a couple of years ago there was a \$30,000 grant from the State of Ohio, to which the City had to match 25%. Mrs. Mahoney stated that is correct.

Ms. DeGeorge asked what is the problem in fronting this money to move forward. The Mayor stated that Mr. Kevesdy did not talk to the administration. The City has been funding those costs. It is not an issue for the administration.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

  
Dwight A. Clark, President of Council

  
Jean T. Kemper, Clerk of Council