

THE CITY OF STREETSBORO, OHIO  
**SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

Monday, October 11, 2021

This Service Committee Meeting was called to order on Monday, October 11, 2021 at 7:13 p.m. by Michael Lampa, Chairman.

PRESENT: Mike Lampa, Justin Ring, Anthony Lombardo, Jon Hannan, Jennifer Wagner, Chuck Kocisko, Julie Field

ABSENT: None.

ALSO PRESENT: Glenn Broska, Mayor  
Frank Beni, Law Director  
Patricia Wain, Police Chief  
Rob Reinholz, Fire Chief  
Bill Miller, Service Director  
Justin Czekaj, Engineering Director  
Patrick O'Malia, Economic Development Director  
Shawna Lockhart-Reese, HR Manager  
Caroline Kremer, Clerk of Council  
[by Zoom video conferencing:]  
Jenny Esarey, Finance Director  
John Cieszkowski, Planning Director  
Greg Mytinger, Parks and Recreation Director

**Disposition of Minutes**

**MOTION: TO ACCEPT THE REGULAR SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 14, 2021 AS WRITTEN.**

Moved by Mr. Hannan, seconded by Mrs. Field. Upon voice vote, **motion carried.**

**Old Business**

None.

**New Business**

Update on SR 14 Project

Mr. Ring had asked for this topic to be included on this agenda because he had become frustrated with traffic delays on SR 14 during this project and wanted to know more about how this project was going. Mayor Broska had arranged a meeting with Shelly Company, ODOT, Mr. Miller, Mr. Czekaj and Mr. Ring. At the meeting they learned the project was six weeks behind. The majority of the complaints about traffic delays were from people that were trying to get into the high school late in the day. Most of the traffic that went through that flagged area of SR 14 was not Streetsboro citizens; it

was commuting traffic from Ravenna and beyond. They had changed the traffic signal so from 2:25 to 2:40 p.m. the school had priority to get the busses and kids out of the school lot. The work was now also starting earlier in the morning at 8 a.m. This was a huge project so there was not a lot that could be done about the traffic disruption. They have tried to limit the length of the area that was being flagged so the backup at each end wasn't as long, and they had a flagger at every intersecting road that was affected so people on the side streets could get out. There would be three days of night work to mill and resurface from the center line to the new curb and the lanes in each direction would be at 11'. They wanted to work through the winter as much as possible and do fewer times when the traffic would have to be one lane flagged. This project would not prohibit the City from plowing SR 14 when necessary. ODOT understood this was an enormous amount of traffic and was cognizant of people trying to get in and out of their driveways. Mayor Broska wished people would be kinder to each other and not be so nasty so things could move a lot better.

Mrs. Field thanked Mr. Ring for putting this on the agenda and the Mayor for arranging the meeting to clarify the issues with this project. Mrs. Field said she had received complaints from business owners and residents because this project had severely impacted access to their businesses on SR 14 over the last several weeks. She was glad there would be some night work to expedite getting this done.

Mr. Ring said one of his goals with the meeting was to get ODOT and Shelly Company to clarify a timeline on how much longer the flagging and traffic delays would last. He learned that they had modified their original plans to get this done and get traffic moving as soon as possible. It was a very busy road, and ODOT and Shelly Company were very aware of the issues and working to reduce the delays as much as possible, and the motorist have been warned to expect delays and some have found other ways to get to where they need to go.

#### T-7109 Authorize CDBG RLF for Mode of Expression

Mr. O'Malia said Mrs. Ott had presented her proposal to Council two weeks ago where the City would play a small role in the purchase of her building, and in return the City had asked her to make some upgrades to the building façade. This request would be made part of the loan covenants by NDS. Because Mrs. Ott needed to close on this purchase relatively soon, Mr. O'Malia asked Council to pass this as emergency legislation tonight.

**MOTION: TO MOVE THIS TO TONIGHT'S REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING AS EMERGENCY LEGISLATION.**

Moved by Mr. Ring, seconded by Mrs. Field. Upon voice vote, **motion carried.**

#### T-7112 Zoning Text Amendment Regarding Backyard Chickens

Mr. Cieszkowski said this was a proposed text amendment that had come before City Council at the August 9, 2021 Service Committee Meeting. This text was a combination of the City of Kent's regulations as well as the originally proposed text that was put before the Planning Commission. At the August 9, 2021 Service Committee Meeting it was referred back to the Planning Commission for a review and recommendation. Planning Commission had recommended 4-2 to deny the proposed text as currently drafted. Mr. Cieszkowski thought the Planning Commission felt the proposed text was too permissive. Mr. Beni had added the penalty provisions in the last subsection, and Mr.

Cieszkowski made a minor readability change to side yard setbacks to make it plural since most lots had two side lot lines. Mr. Cieszkowski noted that City Council could vary from the recommendation that the Planning Commission provided with a vote of 5 of the 7 Council members.

Mr. Ring had attended the Planning Commission Meeting to answer any questions on why Council had asked Mr. Cieszkowski to make the chicken keeping regulations different from what Planning Commission had originally recommended. Mr. Ring thought the biggest issue he understood from Planning Commission was not so much that it was too permissive, but there were concerns with enforcement, that there was not enough manpower. But Mr. Ring thought if that was true, wouldn't it be true about enforcement of the entire Zoning Code. He did agree the department needed more manpower for zoning enforcement, but for chickens he didn't think it would need much more enforcement especially since now chickens would be allowed. He thought you would need more enforcement for people having illegal chickens than you would when chickens were legal.

Mrs. Field wanted to ensure Council was protecting the rights of the larger areas of the community (i.e. R-R) to continue what they had been allowed to do and this was not overstepping or hindering what they were able to do. Mr. Cieszkowski confirmed this would not make any changes or make things more difficult for somebody in the O-C or R-R districts ability to have chickens to be used for their personal enjoyment. It clarified what they could do more so than what the Code currently did. The current Code allowed for chickens but did not give specific direction or specific requirements relative to having chickens adjacent to the home; these proposed regulations would not remove or hinder any of the allowances that people in the O-C or R-R districts currently had regarding having livestock or chickens on their property. The current Code and the proposed Code did not list a number of chickens that were allowed per property.

**MOTION: TO MOVE THIS TO TONIGHT'S REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING FOR FIRST READING.**

Moved by Mr. Ring, seconded by Mrs. Field. Upon voice vote, **motion carried**. Mrs. Kremer announced that the Public Hearing for this topic was scheduled for November 8, 2021.

T-7110 Contract w/Henderson for Truck Hydraulic Repairs

Mr. Miller said they were getting the equipment ready for winter. They had purchased and replaced bed cylinders for Trucks 901 and 902, but discovered that all the hydraulic lines and fittings were rusted and rotted for Truck 901, which was almost 10 years old. It would be easier and more time efficient for Henderson to do this significant repair. It would come out of a maintenance budget line. He had included \$3,000 extra in case something else arose during the repair process.

**MOTION: TO FORWARD THIS TO TONIGHT'S REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING.**

Moved by Mrs. Field, seconded by Mr. Ring. Upon voice vote, **motion carried**.

Consider Core Concept Plan as Recommended by Planning Commission

Mr. Cieszkowski said this agenda item had come out of the October 4, 2021 Work Session to have a Council Committee direct the Law Department to draft legislation to formally adopt the Core Concept

Plan at a future Council Meeting. Mr. Beni would work with Mr. Cieszkowski to have legislation ready for the October 25, 2021 Regular Council Meeting.

**MOTION: TO MOVE THIS TO THE OCTOBER 25, 2021 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING.**

Moved by Mr. Ring, seconded by Mrs. Field. Upon voice vote, **motion carried.**

T-7111 Apply for AMATS Funds for SR 303 Corridor Improvements

Mr. Czekaj said there was a Safety Study done for SR 303 before he joined Streetsboro and it had identified two projects that would be available for Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) projects funding. One of the projects was to add a traffic signal at the SR303/SR14/Ranch Road intersection and eliminate the slip lane near Van's Tires and the old leather shop. The second project was to construct a center two-way left turn lane and sidewalks (north side), curbs and gutters along the SR 303 corridor from where the first project would end, past the old Streetsboro Plaza, to Page Road, which would improve the capacity and safety throughout that section of roadway. This legislation would allow the City to formally apply for those funds, which would probably be awarded sometime in November 2021.

Mayor Broska noted that even if the funding for the projects was awarded in November 2021 it would still be 3-6 years before construction would actually take place. The City would also apply for additional funding to lower the City's costs. If this was awarded, in the next couple of years, the City would also apply for Safer Routes to Schools funding to extend the sidewalks further along SR 303 toward the schools.

Mr. Ring thanked the Mayor for continuing to pursue this to get more sidewalks for connectivity over the next several years. By the time this SR 303 project needed funding the SR 14 and SR 43 projects will already have been completed and paid for.

Mr. Kocisko mentioned that sidewalks along SR 303 had been discussed and approved by City Council in 2003, but the Mayor at that time vetoed it because the City didn't have enough money. Sidewalks were very expensive because when sidewalks were installed it changed the road drainage and both sides of the road had to be improved and storm drains had to be installed under the sidewalks. The concrete for the 4' wide sidewalks was probably the least expensive part of the project.

Mr. Kocisko was concerned that the Public Hearing for citizen input regarding zoning text changes wasn't held until the night of the third reading (and adoption) of the zoning text change legislation. The Clerk explained that Public Hearings required a 30 day notice in the newspaper, so it couldn't really be done any quicker, and City Council now held two Council meetings (readings) each month and years ago it was only once per month, so now everything went a little quicker. City Council could have four readings on an issue if it wanted to take more time to consider the topic, three readings was the minimum. And there were other ways to get citizen input (i.e. social media) in addition to the Public Hearing Meetings.

**MOTION: TO MOVE THIS TO TONIGHT'S REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING.**

Moved by Mr. Ring, seconded by Mrs. Field. Upon voice vote, **motion carried.**

### **Citizens' Comments**

Aaron Hatz, 9250 Shady Lake Drive, spoke about doing a Witness Tree again this year from November 1 to November 11. It was a 5 minute suicide awareness program each day where 22 dog tags were hung from a small tree to symbolize the 22 military veteran deaths that happen every day from suicide. Last year it was held at public square at the Memorial, but in 2021 he would like to do it at the new Veterans Memorial at Evergreen Cemetery. Mike Sweet would provide a metal tree for the program. The Council members did not have an issue with Mr. Hatz doing this program at the Cemetery. The program on November 11/Veterans Day usually had a bigger attendance. Mrs. Field appreciated Mr. Hatz doing this program. Mr. Hatz would determine the time of day (probably 5 p.m.) and post the information to social media.

Mayor Broska explained Veterans Day was commemorated every year on November 11 to mark the armistice signed between the Allies of WWI and Germany in France for the cessation of hostilities on the Western Front of WWI, which took effect at 11 a.m. -- the 11<sup>th</sup> hour of the 11<sup>th</sup> day of the 11<sup>th</sup> month of 1918. Mayor Broska supported doing the program at the new Veterans Memorial Monument at Evergreen Cemetery; "that's why we made such a beautiful monument/memorial, for situations just like this."

Paul Yupa, 8749 Seasons Road, spoke about the Core Concept Plan. He thought it was a really good idea for the City; it placed density where it belonged, at the center of the City, not in some outlying area where it didn't match the surroundings. He thought it would be important to consider building scale when doing this Core Concept; the scale of the buildings needed to match our City and not be too big but appropriate for Streetsboro because the rest of the community did not have high-rises like other communities. He thought this would be a good idea to revitalize that area and it should be something to enhance the City and not something that didn't match the rest of what Streetsboro had, and that should be considered when developing the details of the zoning plan.

Mr. Cieszkowski said he'd had conversations with Mr. Yupa and was aware of Mr. Yupa's concerns and Mr. Cieszkowski would make sure Planning Commission and City Council paid attention to building scale as the zoning plan developed. Mr. Ring said he shared Mr. Yupa's concerns and wanted to be sure the plan for building heights matched our City.

### **Announcements**

A Regular Council Meeting will immediately follow this meeting.

There being no further business to be addressed by this committee, and upon motion by Mr. Hannan, seconded by Mr. Ring, this meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Caroline L. Kremer, Clerk of Council

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Michael L. Lampa, Chairman