

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

Monday, March 14, 2022

[Prior to the meeting Mrs. Field welcomed the high school students in the audience and explained this evening's proceeding to them. Also prior to this meeting the Mayor swore in Ryan A. Miller as a new Full-time Police Officer.]

This Service Committee Meeting was called to order on Monday, March 14, 2022 at 7:05 p.m. by Jon Hannan, Chairman. Mrs. Field gave an invocation and Mayor Broska led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: Mike Lampa, Jon Hannan, Justin Ring, Jennifer Wagner, Steve Michniak, Julie Field

ABSENT: Anthony Lombardo

ALSO PRESENT: Glenn Broska, Mayor  
Frank Beni, Law Director  
Troy Beaver, Police Lieutenant  
Robert Reinholz, Fire Chief  
Matt Miller, Finance Director  
Bill Miller, Service Director  
Justin Czekaj, Municipal Engineer  
John Cieszkowski, Planning Director  
Patrick O'Malia, Economic Development Director  
Greg Mytinger, Parks and Recreation Director  
Shawna Lockhart-Reese, HR Manager  
Caroline Kremer, Clerk of Council  
[by Zoom video conferencing:]  
Tricia Wain, Police Chief  
Tom Bellish, Buckeye Energy Brokers

**MOTION: TO EXCUSE MR. LOMBARDO.**

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

**Disposition of Minutes**

**MOTION: TO ACCEPT THE REGULAR SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES OF DECEMBER 13, 2021 AND JANUARY 10, 2022 AS WRITTEN.**

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

**Old Business**

None.

## **New Business**

### **T-7208 Authorize 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2021 Code Updates**

Mrs. Kremer said this was the updates for the fourth quarter of 2021. The ordinance was needed to make it all official so the police officers could cite under the updated codes. She said she had distributed the hard copies of the updates for the whole year for everyone to update their own hardcopy Code Books, but she was willing to update the Code Books for anyone that wanted the help.

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

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

### **Liquor License Request of VFW Post 9716**

Mrs. Kremer said this request was received in the mail. It looked like the VFW was looking for an additional liquor license. Council just needed to return this to the State and say whether they wanted to request a hearing on this request or not; otherwise there was no action required. Mr. Ring thought the VFW was changing their liquor license so they could serve wine.

**MOTION: TO TAKE NO ACTION ON THIS ITEM.**

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

### **T-7209 Purchase 2022 Dude Solutions Subscriptions**

Bill Miller said this was for the work order program the department was installing. They were still a couple months out from finalizing it. Bill Miller noted Dude Solutions had changed their name to Brightly Software, Inc. Bill Miller said in addition to the \$20,803, he had received word that the department could hook their fuel program into this computer system also. The tool kit and software for the fuel system would be \$2,161.78 more, for a total of \$22,964.85 for the year to be split between the Water and Service Departments from their Contractual account lines. There was no dollar amount listed in the legislation, so no amendment was needed for the cost increase.

**MOTION: TO AMEND THE LEGISLATION TO CHANGE “DUDE SOLUTIONS” TO “BRIGHTLY SOFTWARE, INC.”**

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

**MOTION: TO MOVE T-7209 TO TONIGHT’S REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING AS AMENDED.**

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

### **T-7210 Additional Repairs to Plow Truck #901**

Bill Miller said Truck #901 had been in the shop earlier to be worked on and it cost \$9,000. The Service Department got the truck back, but more of the after burner treatment system has gone out

and it was quite expensive. This expense would come out of account number 101-81-5613 Vehicle Parts and Supplies. He asked for authorization not to exceed \$20,000 to cover anything else that may arise while they were fixing this. The money was already in the line item, but because of so many truck repairs already this year due to the harsh winter season, Bill Miller may need to be asked for an appropriation adjustment maybe mid-year to replenish the line item before next winter.

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

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

T-7211 Go to Bid for Annual Road Paving

Mr. Czekaj said this was for the annual paving program. The administration planned to pave the roads for which the City had received Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) grant money (Greentree Parkway, Maplewood Drive, Portage Pointe Drive). OPWC would pay for 50% of the \$800,000 construction costs. This legislation would allow the administration to go out to bid and enter a contract to do the work. He said they planned to do the work around the end of summer/fall 2022. Council wondered if any other roads would be paved this year. Mr. Czekaj said they wanted to do these roads because the funding had been awarded; there were projects coming up that the City may need additional money for. They would reassess the road program next year after Pavement Management Group evaluated the roads to determine which one really needed resurfaced and which ones could be treated. Mr. Ring noted the City tried to annually budget about \$1 million for road paving. Mayor Broska said SR 14 and SR 43 were both well over \$1 million each so the annual paving program was cut back somewhat for this year. Matt Miller said about \$1.3 million was budgeted in the Paving accounts for 2022 and was broken down among various projects; he could distribute the list if Council wanted. Mr. Czekaj said there were other projects beyond the OPWC road that were being considered and money was being reserved for them, but the City needed to move forward on these to lock in prices right away.

Mr. Lampa asked what had happened to the road status inventory list GPD had prepared. Mayor Broska said the list still existed and Greentree Parkway, Maplewood Drive, and Portage Pointe Drive were all part of that list. Portage Pointe Drive was concrete so it was a little more expensive. Most all the really bad roads had been taken care of already. Mrs. Field said half of Stone Road was still really bad and some roads in Stonegate were really bad too. She felt if there were some funds still available, she'd like to see these roads get taken care of.

Mr. Czekaj said the initial plan was to repave the entrance for the Fire Department, so that was under consideration, but they still needed to evaluate what the costs would be for the City Center project before they could initiate other projects. He understood Ruby Lane in Stonegate was one of the next roads to be done next year.

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

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

### Discuss Natural Gas Aggregation

Mr. Lampa said last year the City negotiated a great rate with Constellation of \$2.78/mcf which would expire October 1, 2022. He was watching the gas price increases and the future markets, and thought the City needed to look at what to do next. He asked Mr. Bellish to start looking at what prices the City could get for its residents for the aggregate program.

Mr. Bellish, on Zoom, said for the next twelve months the natural gas prices would be relatively high and then they could come back down to more normal lower levels, so he wanted to average the next three years. Right now a one-year price was about \$5/mcf, so he wanted to avoid that. The three-year price right now was about \$4.25/mcf so he suggested the City put in a limit order/price request at \$3.99/mcf. The market was volatile but he hoped the City could catch \$3.99/mcf or less. If it didn't hit \$3.99/mcf, the City would have to look at it again, but if it did strike \$3.99/mcf or less for the next three years the City would be all set.

The City had not locked in \$2.78/mcf for longer than one year, which Mr. Lampa now regretted, but he wondered what were the chances of hitting \$3.99/mcf at this time. Mr. Bellish said the rates were only 25 cents away right now and the City had some time to see where things would go, so the chances were pretty good between now and Labor Day (when the letters to residents would need to go out) to lock that in.

Mr. Lampa asked Council to consider placing the limit order; it was kind of like a gambling game because the market could go up or down.

Mr. Ring asked what would happen if the City went for \$3.99/mcf and got it, but then maybe next July the price would go to \$2.89/mcf, would the City be locked in at \$3.99/mcf? Mr. Bellish said Yes, the City would be locked in for the time period selected (3 years). Mr. Ring said the 12 month rates were high, but the longer term rates were looking much lower, so he was concerned \$3.99/mcf might be too high. Mr. Bellish said the shorter terms were at about \$5.00, but the City could choose a shorter term now and then see what the rates were at the end of that term. He suggested a three-year term because he didn't think the rates would stay this low. He said countries in Europe were paying \$20/mcf or more.

There was an opt-out for the residents that they could use at any time if the rates dropped well below the \$3.99/mcf in a year or two. Mr. Ring supported shopping for rates now.

Mr. Lampa asked how many residents had signed up for the aggregate program with the \$2.78/mcf rate. Mr. Bellish said approximately 3,100 households participated. The gas and electric aggregation had been very popular; 4,100 household participated in the electric program. Mr. Bellish said the City could lock in lower than \$3.99/mcf if it hit \$3.99/mcf and seemed to be trending lower, but once it was locked in (before Labor Day) and signed, it was locked. Mr. Beni said Council would need legislation at the next meeting to agree to all this.

Bobby Thomas, 10094 Meadow Ridge Drive, a high school student, spoke from the lectern. He said a three-year limit order of \$3.99/mcf was actually more expensive than a \$5.00/mcf cost for one year if the City expected the market to be bearish in the next two years. Mr. Ring agreed it would be, but

if it got lower than \$3.99/mcf there was the option for residents to drop out of the program and take the lower price from another provider, so he was comfortable with moving forward with this proposal. Council appreciated Mr. Thomas's question.

Mr. Ring asked about the current term for the electric aggregation program. Mr. Bellish confirmed that agreement had been for a longer term; it was valid until March 2024. Mrs. Field thanked Mr. Lampa for being on top of this issue ever since he had joined City Council.

**MOTION: TO MOVE THIS TOPIC TO THE MARCH 28, 2022 FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING.**

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

T-7212 Apply for the State Capital Grant Program for Park Improvements

Mr. O'Malia explained the City was attempting to apply for some State funding to improve one of the parks in town on Aurora-Hudson Road near the manufacturing businesses. In order to have a competitive application, they thought it best to have a dollar-for-dollar match on the program funds. The legislation was written so that the City would only encumber the (matching) money if the City received the allocation from the State.

Mr. Hannan mentioned that Section 1 of the legislation mentioned the name of the park [Floyd North Memorial Park] and he wondered if that was set in stone. Mr. O'Malia said the administration gave the person who donated the land the option to name the park and that was the name they chose. Mr. Mytinger added that the City had not officially opened the park; there was a gravel path, but no tables or trashcans so it was not named as a park at this point; there were no signs. Once the City got to the point where it could be opened it could be officially named. Mr. Hannan asked if the City had to name it as listed or could it be something more fitting for Streetsboro, and maybe name the pavilion in honor of Floyd North. Mr. Mytinger said "that was at the request of the individuals who donated the land." Mr. Ring said any request could be denied; the land was already transferred to the City.

Mr. Hannan asked if this State Capital Grant was not awarded to Streetsboro, was there another plan to develop the park. Mr. Mytinger said the budget was estimated at about \$500,000 at this point for parking, paving, pavilion, an ADA accessible fishing dock, and a small fitness station, but there was no conceptual design or construction documents yet. The path around the pond was about .25 miles. The development of this new park would be up to Council to decide if they wanted to do it all at once, or do slow growth and do it over time. Mr. Hannan commented that the City had other parks with needs and \$250,000 could go a long way in those parks if the City didn't get the grant money to go into this new park.

Mr. Mytinger said this grant was a unique opportunity because this park land check marked a lot of boxes for this opportunity. Mr. Beni noted that the legislation was only asking for authorization to apply for the grant; if it was granted, the administration would come back to City Council to determine if they wanted to allocate the matching funds. Mr. O'Malia explained that the capital budget in 2021 was \$1.725 billion, of that, \$186 million in Ohio was used for parks and cultural type

activities. He had figured out a way to tie together all the things State Representative Gail Pavliga wanted to see in her applications, so he thought she would advocate for the program. Since it was a relatively small amount of \$250,000 compared to the Capital budget as whole, Mr. O'Malia thought it was worth trying.

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

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

**Citizens' Comments**

None.

**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. Ring, seconded by Mr. Michniak, this meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Caroline L. Kremer, Clerk of Council

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Jon Hannan, Chairman