

THE CITY OF STREETSBORO, OHIO
SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Monday, May 9, 2022

This Service Committee Meeting was called to order on Monday, May 9, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. by Jon Hannan, Chairman. Mrs. Field gave an invocation and Mayor Broska led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

ABSENT: Steve Michniak

ALSO PRESENT: Glenn Broska, Mayor
Frank Beni, Law Director
Troy Beaver, Police Lieutenant
Rob 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
Melissa Procop, Mayor's Executive Assistant
Matt Coffman, IT Network Administrator
Caroline Kremer, Clerk of Council

MOTION: TO EXCUSE MR. MICHNIAK.

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 MARCH 14, 2022 AS WRITTEN.

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

Old Business

Discuss E-Waste Collections

Mr. Lampa said this had been discussed at the February 14, 2022 Service Committee Meeting but he had been absent that night, so he wanted to discuss it again tonight. He had asked a representative of the collection company to attend tonight. Mr. Lampa was interested in getting a collection bin placed in Streetsboro, maybe near City Hall, to dispose of e-waste equipment instead of having to

wait for a City-wide clean up day. He said there was no other community in Portage County that had an e-waste collection point, only Summit County.

Chad Byes of Summit E-Waste Recycling Solutions, LLC, an electronics recycling company, said they handled 1,000 pounds of e-waste per month. Summit E-Waste checked the collection bins every week and usually got an average of 500 pounds of e-waste per month. They accepted desktop computers, laptop computers, printers, phones, ink cartridges, toner cartridges, power adapters, and just about anything else electronic related. They tried to refurbish about 80% of what they got from the collection bins into another use to keep it away from the landfills and keep the earth a little cleaner. The rest they broke down properly. They had a partner in Alliance that the boards were sent to, and they sent them out to one of the few refineries in the country to break down and melt the materials to be repurposed into new boards. Mr. Byes said they had about 18 collection bins throughout Summit County and would like to expand into Portage County and toward the Cleveland area.

Mr. Lampa noted that during the City-wide clean up day, arranged by the Parks and Recreation Department, there were tons of TVs, computers and batteries thrown away that E-Waste could have taken. Mr. Byes said they had some mass events recently coordinated with Habitat for Humanity, Cuyahoga Falls, and Tallmadge and one of the events had about 279 cars dropping off e-waste.

Mr. Hannan asked what it would cost the City to have a collection bin in Streetsboro. Mr. Byes said there was no contract; it would be free. If the City decided it wasn't happy with the service, the City could just call Summit E-Waste to pick up the bin, but there had not been any problems because Summit E-Waste checked the bins each week and if things piled up it just took a phone call to have them come collect the things. The bins look like the Planet Aid bins and they are locked with a top rated lock to secure the items inside the bin so the items and their data were safe. Mr. Byes also said any hard drives they collected from the bins were destroyed. Summit E-Waste was NAID certified (top level certification) in data destruction. If anyone had any issues with putting any information in the bin, they could bring it to their warehouse and it would be destroyed in front of the customer.

Mr. Hannan wondered if other stuff/junk/trash, not electronic, was dumped at these bins. Mr. Byes said usually not, but there may be someone who did not follow the rules. Mr. Lampa said that's why he thought City Hall could be a good, very visible location; to help prevent people from dumping trash at the collection bin.

Mr. Lampa had thought an e-waste collection bin in Streetsboro would be a good idea to 1) reduce the number of TVs, phones, etc. on clean-up day, 2) the only collection site in Portage County, and 3) it is free. Mr. Byes offered a collection event, if the City didn't want to locate a bin in town. At the collection event they had on-site shredding and let the customers shred their own hard drives. Mayor Broska said City Hall only had staff nearby 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. so a site with cameras or staffing 24/7 might be a better location. Mr. Beni said it would need legislation to locate the bin on City property. Mr. Byes would send more detailed video information to Council by email. He said he could arrange a bin as soon as Council OKd it.

MOTION: TO MOVE THIS TO THE JUNE SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING.

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

New Business

Discuss State Fireworks Legislation

Mr. Lampa said Governor DeWine had signed the legislation to allow citizens to do fireworks on certain holidays throughout the year. Mr. Lampa said a couple of residents had asked him what the City was doing with this, so he wanted to bring this up at Council for a discussion. Chief Wain and Chief Reinholz had expressed their thoughts by email. Mr. Lampa noted other local communities took no action on their current fireworks rules, so he wanted Streetsboro to discuss the issue since July 4th was coming up soon. He suggested just leaving what the City had in place because people were going to shoot them off anyway. He thought there would be a lot more Police and Fire investigations if more fireworks were allowed.

Mr. Ring felt if it was going to be legal, just let them do it on those days and don't waste Police resources checking out things they were allowed to do. Mr. Ring understood there was increased risk of injury, fire or property damage, but those risks exist today because people shoot off fireworks illegally, so he didn't think the new State law would change things a lot. He hoped people wouldn't complain to the Police Department if it was legal. Mr. Hannan agreed, but still expected calls to the Police Department for noise complaints.

Mr. Lampa said he didn't have a problem with fireworks, but it was an issue if they went until after 11 p.m. and he had to get up at 5 a.m. the next day. He wanted to have a time limit for fireworks. Mr. Ring said the noise ordinance already existed. Mr. Ring was not opposed to putting something in place that allowed people to celebrate these days legally; and if the police got calls, they could tell the callers that fireworks were legal on those days and not have to waste resources responding.

Mr. Lampa thought the Police Chief had commented that when they did get calls, they often could not tell where the fireworks/noise was coming from, or it was all done by the time they got there. Ms. Wagner added that often the callers reported the noise as gunshots and may not realize fireworks were being used to celebrate Diwali, for example.

Mrs. Field wondered, if it was publicized that fireworks were legal on certain days, would the Police Department get less call. Ms. Wagner said yes, once the callers to her dispatch center in Twinsburg were told the noises they were hearing were in celebration of Diwali, earlier this year, the callers were understanding and the issue resolved.

Mr. Hannan commented that the Fire Department had noted that untethered sky lanterns were a fire hazard and should not be used for celebrations. He thought if the City put some legislation in place to limit the time of day for fireworks, the prohibition of untethered sky lanterns should also be included in that legislation, along with not being allowed to shoot off fireworks if you're intoxicated, although that may already exist in the City Codes.

Mr. Lampa was concerned that many of the holidays listed by the State could fall on a weekday and

noisy fireworks late at night would make it difficult for people that had to get up for work the next day. The State law allowed fireworks on those days until midnight, unless Council enacted an earlier time. Mrs. Field thought midnight was way too late and it needed to end earlier.

Chief Reinholz said he was against the new State law; there would be more injuries and more fires. Fireworks had been banned in the past because it was dangerous and law abiding people were refraining from shooting off fireworks, but when it was legal, there would be more people doing it because there was no penalty for doing so which would result in more injuries and more fires; more people would get hurt because it was being allowed now as part of celebrations (and celebrations usually involved alcohol too). Chief Reinholz just wanted to let Council know what his concerns were from a Fire Chief's point of view.

Mr. Hannan said he'd be in favor of the new law. He understood there was potential for more injuries, but people do it anyway, so the law should limit the size or time of day of doing fireworks. Mr. Hannan wondered if it would be contradictory to prohibit residents from doing fireworks when the City would have fireworks for the Bicentennial and at Woodside. Chief Reinholz said those firework shows had larger explosives, they required permits, were inspected, and were tightly regulated and controlled.

Mrs. Field thought the City wouldn't be able to regulate fireworks too much because people were going to shoot off fireworks, but she thought it would make people think twice about it if the time was restricted to certain hours. She said this allowed people to do it as the State allowed, but limited it so it didn't go to midnight and people could get up for work the next day. Mr. Ring said the City couldn't require the fireworks to end at 10 p.m. when it didn't even get dark enough for fireworks until around 9:30 p.m. The existing noise ordinance restricted loud noises from 11 p.m. to 8 a.m.

Mayor Broska said he wasn't in favor of the new State law; he felt it was ill advised. The loud booms in the neighborhoods would terrorize pets, small children, people with PTSD, those trying to sleep, etc. He like Council's idea to limit the time someone could shoot off fireworks to help reduce problems.

Lt. Beaver commented that the City's current ordinances make possession of fireworks a first degree misdemeanor with a \$1,000 fine and six months in jail, so he wasn't sure if Council wanted to keep that on the books or not. Mr. Ring said if the City was going to allow it to be legal to shoot off fireworks on the specific days the State listed, then the City would have to allow possession too. Mr. Hannan wondered if the Police Department had charged anyone with this misdemeanor. Lt. Beaver said in the old days (1990s) the officers used to catch people shooting bottle rockets and the Chief at that time had wanted to cite everybody.

Mr. Ring said he didn't feel comfortable making any decisions today; he wanted the Law Department to do a little more research on what the City Codes were and the specifics of the new State law. He said he was in favor of allowing fireworks (he understood there were risks, but grown adults take risks every day), but he wanted a little more time to research the issue. Mr. Hannan asked if there were any communities around Streetsboro that were in favor of this; it seemed most cities around Streetsboro were looking to do legislation against the new State law.

Mr. Lombardo said he was against the new law. He felt it was dangerous to allow people to handle fireworks. Mrs. Field said no matter what, there would be some people who would do fireworks and if the State law now allowed people to do fireworks on certain days, it would happen. She thought the best way to keep some control over it would be a City ordinance to limit the amount of time people could do fireworks.

Mr. Lampa thought listing the holidays, as the State law did, gave more people more opportunities to do fireworks. All people would be able to do fireworks on all the holiday, not just people doing the ones that pertained to their own culture, so people that would usually do fireworks on July 4th and New Year's Eve would also do them on Diwali and Chinese New Year, etc.

Mrs. Field just wanted to accept the State law but cap/limit the time of day. Mr. Ring suggested 11 p.m. because it lined up with the City noise ordinance. Mr. Ring asked the Law Department to put something together that aligned with the State code, that put an 11 p.m. curfew on fireworks, and also research what needed adjusted in the City Code to align with that. He also asked to make sure some of the other concerns were included like forbidding the untethered sky lanterns and can't do fireworks while intoxicated. Mr. Beni wasn't sure these all could all be covered in one ordinance, but adopting the State law might be too broad for Streetsboro. He liked the idea of looking at everything before deciding what to do.

MOTION: TO MOVE THIS TO THE JUNE SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING FOR MORE INFORMATION AND MORE DISCUSSION.

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

T-7237 Amend Code Section 149 regarding Engineering Fees

Mr. Czekaj had realized since he joined the City of Streetsboro staff last year that some of the City Code sections needed to be addressed. He said now that there was an Engineering Department there needed to be a way to recoup the fees that were coming through the Engineering Department. He used some of the knowledge from his previous employment to work with the Law Director to construct this proposed ordinance to recoup some fees that were being expended, but not recouped.

Mr. Ring wondered if these were modifications to the existing code or all new text. Mr. Czekaj said it was new text to add Engineering fees to an existing ordinance which only spoke to Zoning Fees, based on Mr. Beni's recommendation.

Mr. Lampa asked if these fees were comparable to other communities. Mr. Czekaj answered that this was written in a format similar to other communities and would not get outdated, but would keep up with the times.

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

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

T-7238 Amend Code Section 909 regarding Right of Way Fees

Mr. Czekaj said this was an effort to simplify the ordinances. The previous right of way ordinance was written with different ways of impacting our right of ways. The impacts to the right of ways were basically always the same, so this ordinance gave a range to charge those right of way review fees based on the amount of disturbance that's going to be experienced. This also referred back to the previously discussed ordinance to cover the cost of construction observation, should the City need to be onsite more than just a quick check of the work.

Mr. Ring said these proposed new fees were about four times the existing fees. Mr. Czekaj said these fees were reasonable for the time it took to review a right of way permit request to make sure waterline or sewer lines would not be affected and the improvements being made in the right of way were in adherence with the City's Codes.

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

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

T-7239 Allow Beer in the Park - Bicentennial

Mr. Mytinger asked that Council approve suspending the park rules regarding alcohol in the park for the Bicentennial event. There was discussion if the Bicentennial event would only have beer or would seltzers and wine also be sold/consumed.

MOTION: TO AMEND T-7239 TO CHANGE "BEER" TO "ALCOHOL."

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

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

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

T-7240 Allow Alcohol in the Park – Leadership Portage County

Mr. Mytinger said this would be another ordinance to allow alcohol in City Park specifically for the Leadership Portage County Beer and Wine Festival, which would coincide with the Bicentennial Vintage Baseball Game in October 2022. There was discussion if this legislation should also be amended to "alcohol" instead of "beer and wine" but the event was called a beer and wine festival and no hard spirits would be served. It was stated that seltzers are wine.

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

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

T-7241 Authorize Fit4Moms Fitness Contract

Mr. Mytinger said this was a contract with Amy Hoover, a local resident, who owned the Fit4Moms franchise in our area. She asked to use City property for her fitness programs and this outlined the

percentage of fees that would be used to compensate the City for using City property and also offset any marketing or promotions the Parks and Recreation Department would do for this fitness class. Mr. Beni said this needed to go through City Council because Ms. Hoover was asking permission to use City property.

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

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

T-7242 Amend Ord. No. 2022-24 ODOT Frost Road Project

Mr. Czekaj said, like most projects this year, the prices were coming in higher than expected. This project had gone up by about \$15,000. The previous legislation stated a dollar amount, so the new dollar amount in this amendment was based upon ODOT's bid prices for this resurfacing project.

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

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

T-7243 New ODOT Participatory Legislation for SR 43N Widening

Mr. Czekaj said the City had decided to ask ODOT to pave SR 43N all the way down to Market Square Drive, and ODOT agreed. The project description had been revised to show the new project limits; it had been from Frost Road to Evergreen Drive but would now extend a little further to Market Square Drive. ODOT also clarified the funding sources because there were multiple funding sources for this project. This ordinance would repeal the previously approved ordinance. The City's share was about 12%. The project will sell in October 2022 and Mr. Czekaj hoped for decent prices. Mayor Broska said the City had wanted it extended all the way to Town Square, but could not get that, but he might request it again.

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

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

T-7244 Go to Bid for Twin Hills and Pleasant Valley Waterline

Mr. Czekaj said this was authorization to go to bid for this important waterline project that had been promised would get done. It was budgeted for 2022 from the #503- Water Reserve Fund, but a little more money needed appropriated in the proper account line at the next Finance Committee Meeting. Mr. Ring noted the City was receiving \$400,000, nearly half of the money needed, from an outside source [Shelly]. Mayor Broska said the City would have to front the money and then get the money back over the next two years.

Mayor Broska said he wanted to move forward with the bid legislation tonight, but he also wanted to bring legislation to the next Service Committee Meeting because there were promises made to the residents on Twin Hills and Pleasant Valley that there would be no tap-in fees for two years and no assessment for the new waterline because the \$400,000 from Shelly would cover what the City normally charged the residents, and all that needed to be put into an ordinance.

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

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

T-7245 Authorize New Copier Lease Contract

Mr. Coffman, IT Network Administrator, explained this was to authorize a contract with COMDOC to replace all the City’s current copiers plus add one more device with a new 48 month lease that was about \$100 cheaper per month than the current lease with Lake Business Products.

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

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

T-7246 Order Two Plow Truck Chassis

Bill Miller said it had been a hassle to get stable prices for any truck/vehicle. He expected to get one new truck this year and one new truck next year based on his truck replacement schedule, but he wanted to get two chassis ordered this year so the City could get them delivered next year. It was a year delay in getting this equipment delivered. These were just the chassis and engine, no bed on it. Next year he would upfit them all with plow equipment on them; cost estimate for the upfitting was about \$115,000 - \$125,000 per truck. Bill Miller said no trucks would be traded in; the old ones would be kept for spares and to be used in the Service Department.

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

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

Citizens’ Comments

None.

Announcements

A Special Finance Committee 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 Mrs. Field, this meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

ATTEST:

Caroline L. Kremer, Clerk of Council

Jon Hannan, Chairman