

THE CITY OF STREETSBORO, OHIO
SPECIAL FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

Monday, May 9, 2022

This Special Finance Committee Meeting was called to order on Monday, May 9, 2022 at 7:56 p.m. by Justin Ring, Chairman.

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

Special Business
Executive Session

MOTION: TO RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO CONSIDER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PACKAGES.

Moved by Mrs. Field, seconded by Mr. Hannan. Upon roll call vote, **motion carried 6-0 and the meeting recessed at 7:57 p.m.**

MOTION: TO RECONVENE FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Moved by Mr. Hannan, seconded by Mrs. Field. Upon voice vote, **motion carried and the meeting reconvened at 8:30 p.m.**

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Mr. O'Malia explained Streetsboro had been approached by a neighboring political subdivision to share Streetsboro's power to levy an income tax with them. Mr. Hannan appreciated all the hard work Mr. O'Malia and the administration had put into arranging this.

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

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

Discuss CDBG Funds (Allocation) Ideas

Mr. O'Malia said the application for this was not due to the State until June 15, 2022, but there needed to be a public notice 30 days prior to submitting the application, so it needed to be introduced now. As was discussed at a previous Council Meeting, Mr. O'Malia and the Mayor had a few thoughts on how to maybe better use the City's allocation. Streetsboro was a relatively wealthy city (at least in the eyes of the federal government) so after the County would take a small percentage of these funds for administration Streetsboro would have about \$127,500 to spend. In past years, the majority of the funding went toward emergency home repair, but most of it was never touched for that need. Mr. O'Malia thought that was kind of silly especially since there were other avenues to help those individuals out, should the need ever arise.

He suggested increasing the amount put toward the senior citizen programming to \$65,000 for the upcoming biennial (2023-2024). The current program for 2021-2022 was running out. He also asked Council to consider putting \$25,000 toward PARTA. Streetsboro was the second largest municipality in Portage County, and yet, had no bus service. Many of the manufacturers in Streetsboro had Help Wanted signs and were looking for employees, and there were a lot of people living in Ravenna that could not get here to take those jobs because they did not have a car, so he supported giving the \$25,000 to PARTA and asking them to pilot a bus service. He and the Mayor had asked PARTA for a bus route to Streetsboro multiple times, but were always told how expensive it was. They thought, especially if Aurora would join in with this, the \$25,000 would be more than enough for a morning and an evening route.

Mr. O'Malia also suggested allocating \$37,500 toward City-wide demolition. There was a case earlier in the year on Gaynelle Avenue that had a house fire. Mr. O'Malia, with help from the Fire Department and the Building Department, was able to move quickly and put a grant application together through the Portage County Land Bank to help the homeowners tear down their house, but the governmental funds would not be available until into August and the neighborhood probably didn't want to deal with it for that long. So now the City could have some money put aside for issues like that. If necessary, theoretically, it could be used for commercial activity to help clear the path for development.

If the need never arose for demolition, or PARTA declined Streetsboro's offer of \$25,000, the City could reallocate those funds and put them back into the senior citizen programming. This was a sketch, but the City needed something to present to the County with Council agreement that this

was the direction to go. Legislation wasn't needed, but he asked for Council support of the proposal.

The Council Members felt this proposal was a good idea. There was no Council action.

Announcements

The Regular Council Meeting will immediately follow this meeting.

There being no further business to come before this Special Finance Committee, and upon motion by Mr. Hannan, seconded by Mr. Lampa, this meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

ATTEST:

Caroline L. Kremer, Clerk of Council

Justin Ring, Chairman