

City of Broadview Heights

Work Session Minutes

March 13, 2017

Mr. Boldt called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m.

Mr. Boldt led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Robert A. Boldt (Ward 4 Councilor, President)
Mr. Thomas Pavlica (Ward 1 Councilor)
Mr. Brian Wolf (Ward 2 Councilor)
Mr. George Stelmaschuk (Ward 3 Councilor, President Pro-Tem)
Ms. Jennifer A. Mahnic (Councilor At-Large)
Mr. Joe Price (Councilor At-Large)
Mr. Glenn R. Goodwin (Councilor At-Large)

OFFICER(S) PRESENT: Mr. Samuel J. Alai (Mayor)
Mr. Vince Ruffa (Law Director)
Chief Jeffrey Hajek (Fire Chief)
Mr. Gary Yelenosky (City Engineer)
Mr. Michael Skvasik (Building Commissioner)
Mr. David Schroedel (Service Director)
Ms. Kristina Sorensen (Economic Development Director)
Mrs. Helen Dunlap (Clerk of Council)

OFFICER(S) ABSENT: Chief Michael Vizer (Police Chief)
Mrs. Paula Horner (Parks & Recreation Director)
Mrs. Molly Regan (Finance Director)
Mrs. Amy Jo Washabaugh (Human Service Director)

1. Discussion from the Human Services Department. Mr. Wolf

a. Accepting Grant for Lifeline

Mr. Wolf stated that they are accepting a grant.

Mayor Alai stated that this is the Lifeline Grant from University Hospitals and it is for \$6,500.

Mr. Stelmaschuk stated congratulations on the grant and it is a good program to have for our seniors.

2. Discussion from the Engineering Department. Mr. Yelenosky

a. Rt. 82 Road Widening Project

Mr. Yelenosky stated that he would like to enter into an agreement with Dean Smith. He will be doing the review appraisals for the Rt. 82 Project.

Mr. Pavlica stated that he looks very qualified.

Mr. Yelenosky stated that he has done some extensive projects.

Add-on b. 2017 Road Program

Mr. Yelenosky stated that he would like to enter into an agreement with Specialized Construction for the 2017-2018 Road Program. As a summary he has passed out the bids and as you can see Specialized Construction is the lowest bidder.

3. Discussion from the Building Department. Mr. Skvasik**a. Vehicle Purchase**

Mr. Skvasik stated that as council knows, he has put on a new inspector and the department once had 4 vehicles. They gave up one to the Human Services Department. They are in need of a replacement car. He has \$20,000 in the budget for a new car and he expects that the car should be delivered at around \$19,000. He should be under the budgeted amount for it.

4. Discussion from the Service Department. Mr. Schroedel**a. Vehicle Purchase**

Mr. Schroedel stated that they are also looking for a vehicle. This is to replace a 2000 Ford Pick-up truck used by the custodial staff. They use it around campus and they drive around the city and do garbage and things like that around the bus stops. Their current pick-up truck is worn and severely rusting out underneath. He will probably keep it in service just to use around campus here if they need to haul mulch or just around this area, but they are in need of a new truck. He also has this in the budget.

Mr. Pavlica asked if Mr. Schroedel thinks that they may need a 4-wheel drive vehicle.

Mr. Schroedel stated that they looked at both 2-wheel and 4-wheel drives and a 4-wheel drive truck with a plow package is about \$12,000 more and we have a lot of trucks right now that are 4-wheel drive and have plows on them so he does not think they need, the custodial staff needs the 4-wheel drive. If the circumstance should come up where they do, they will get them a truck that they can use for that specific time.

b. Concrete Purchase

Mr. Schroedel stated that the second thing is the quotes for concrete and as you can see from the chart the 2 best were Tri-County and Cuyahoga Concrete. Tri-County, we have been working with for quite a few years. Cuyahoga Concrete is out of Mentor and they also charge a load fee which would add about \$1-\$1.25 per load. Due to the fact that they are coming from Mentor to drop off any spoils, we have to truck them to Mentor instead of to North Royalton. The most cost effective is Tri-County and that is who they would like to go with.

Mr. Stelmaschuk stated that just logistically that makes a lot more sense.

5. Discussion from Council.**a. Emails for Board and Commission Members. Mr. Boldt**

Mr. Boldt stated that last week at the Planning Commission, emails have been going out and some of the board members have been receiving emails on their personal email. We are discussing if we should endeavor into having an email address for board and commission members. He will leave the discussion open to council if we want to go down that road.

Ms. Mahnic stated that she was able to review the information that Mrs. Dunlap attached in our dropbox which she really appreciates the highlighting. She did extensive research to see what, she thinks that there were about 15 other communities and she believes that only 1 pays for volunteers to have city issued emails and in all other cases, all those communities use personal emails. When the quote was attached into the dropbox, she thinks that it was roughly just over \$700, how many people did that include?

Mrs. Dunlap responded 13.

Ms. Mahnic stated that we would constantly have to be, she thinks that if we agreed to do it, it should be all of them, not just 2 select ones because they all might be getting emails, private emails.

Mayor Alai stated that they were talking Planning Commission and BZA. What makes them better or worse than Civil Service, Sundry Claims or any other ones? His opinion is this, any time an email comes to your home, whether it is an elected official or not, city business, it is open to public records, however, the rest of their private life is not. He is not saying that we need it or we don't need it, but just because we would send something to somebody on a board or commission doesn't give anybody the right to see their emails, only emails that pertain to city business.

Ms. Mahnic asked if that is why this was brought up.

Mr. Boldt stated absolutely.

Ms. Mahnic stated people making public requests.

Mayor Alai stated yes.

Ms. Mahnic stated that the only other thing and she has done this, she has a personal email and then she has her junk email if you will. You can make free emails all over the place. Any of those board or commission members could just set up a new gmail account that is only for city business and then they don't have, she does not know. Seeing that no one else is really doing this and the cost that it would be to the city, she is a little reluctant especially since there are so many alternative options for individuals to do with no cost to the city.

Mr. Pavlica asked if they could set up a separate email like Ms. Mahnic suggested like the gmail with their name and Broadview Heights or something and then anything to do with Broadview Heights would go to that email and they would keep that separate from their personal email.

Mayor Alai stated that we could help them create those gmail accounts.

Mr. Boldt stated that he agrees.

Mr. Goodwin stated that it would be a good idea to go over it with each of these boards and commissions at the beginning to let everyone know that issue.

Mayor Alai stated that we could make it available to them and show them how, it is easy and if they chose to go on the new gmail account that they want to create or we could help them create or keep getting it at their own email account.

Mr. Goodwin stated that we should emphasize it with them very seriously just in case it becomes a legal issue at some point down the road.

Mr. Wolf asked if they are made aware of the Sunshine Laws that they need to abide by.

Someone nodded yes.

Mr. Wolf stated that he wasn't sure.

Mr. Boldt stated yes. He knows that the Planning Commission when they brought someone in because they explained it to them. He is not saying every board but he knows the Planning Commission. Mr. Boldt asked how they get their agendas.

Mr. Price stated that they all get packets.

Mayor Alai stated they get packets.

Mr. Price stated they all get a hard packet.

Mr. Boldt stated that he has seen the emails, but the packets because he was wondering if they should go into discussing dropbox for them.

Ms. Mahnic stated that she thinks that if the administration is willing to help them set up free gmail accounts, she thinks that we should try that and then make sure that they are well educated on Sunshine Laws. She is sure for someone who got a public records request for the first time, that could be scary for a lack of a better word.

Mr. Price stated that he knows that like Mr. Giomini is doing a great job with communicating with a lot of these guys. He hopes that we can communicate to them the sensitivity when they are discussing city business because you may just casually say something that you don't want to say publically but they need to realize that once they put that in writing it is public record, he does not know what has happened but obviously like you said they have the fear of having their lives opened up to this, but Mr. Ruffa and he have had discussion in 2011, but if it was involving city business, it was public record and if it wasn't like the Mayor said, it was personal.

Mr. Boldt stated absolutely.

Mr. Ruffa stated that regardless of whether it is a city email or personal email, that does not make a difference, it is the content that is really controlling that.

Mr. Goodwin stated that the timing is good now because we do have a couple of new board and commission members too. We have to keep re-educating too along the way.

Mr. Stelmaschuk stated that he thinks that we can put a 2 page memo together, whoever is in charge of that and give it to everybody so it covers everything, how to open a new email account as well as the pertinent Sunshine Law information.

Mr. Boldt stated that we will go down that road then.

Mayor Alai stated that he could work with the Council Clerk to expedite that between the administration and the council.

Mr. Boldt stated excellent, thank you.

COUNCIL OPEN TO THE RESIDENTS

Sam Avellone, 2074 McClaren Lane: He has kind of been relegated to represent the people on their street. It has been brought up, he has been living there for 27 years and it has been brought up multiple times over the years but never got done about a street light on McClaren Lane between MacIntosh Lane and Barnsley Way. For those that live or have been in MacIntosh Farms, when you come down that hill on the curve, it is pitch black at night. You cannot see anything. With the deer in the woods and the people walking, there are no sidewalks, there are no paths, it is an extreme safety issue and he would hope that they could address that and see what can be done about putting a street light there.

Mr. Boldt stated that this past year he worked with the Mayor and they did put a slight path on the north side.

Ms. Mahnic stated that it is in a small section, but yes it is not the entire street.

Mr. Boldt stated that he just wanted council to know because they were discussing this during the summer and he made sure the Mayor did put that in with Mr. Yelenosky so people coming off of that path did not have to walk in the street anymore. It will get them up to Barnsley Way, but still.

Mr. Avellone asked if Mr. Boldt has ever been there at night.

Mr. Boldt replied yes. He has driven it at night.

Mr. Avellone asked if he knows how dark that is.

Mr. Boldt replied yes at the bottom. He stated that Mr. Avalone is absolutely right, but before this year they would have to walk into the street to go up.

Mr. Avellone stated that he is just saying that with the number of youth and retired people walking dogs and jogging, he just wants to throw it out there. He would hate to have this discussion over a child's grave and say.

Mayor Alai stated that the Council President and he have really been talking about this for quite some time and he is going to be honest, it really wasn't brought personally to his attention until Mr. Boldt brought it up in the summertime, but we have really competent people and he knows that the Engineer has already been out there and walked it and has been there at night.

Mr. Avellone stated that he knows that he did walk it.

Mayor Alai stated that Mr. Boldt has been there. He has no problems looking into it and getting back to him ASAP as to what we can do to help him.

Mr. Avellone just wanted to get on the record.

Mayor Alai stated that he did get his email today, but they were so busy running all day, he will make sure that he personally will contact him by phone or by email and let him know what we can do to try to help him.

Mr. Avellone stated that for those that haven't been down that street, you may just want to take a drive down there at night and you will see.

Jeff Schlekic, 4953 Harris Road: He asked if council has heard about the Litterbugz? So they change culture and habits and they do it aggressively. Their mission on April 22 is to remove all of the litter from Cleveland, OH and every single surrounding intercity and suburb in one single day. He would love to get everyone involved if they know of anybody, any kids that want to come out and get some community service hours. If anybody wants to hit some areas that they drive through and they see a bunch of trash beside the road. They split up into groups of 5. He has had 2,000 volunteers in his program and he has been doing this for 6 years. They would love to get more people involved. He thinks that as a civilization we can evolve and we can remove all the litter from Cleveland in one single day. It only takes 2,500 people and there are 2 million people in Cleveland. He is just going to hit everyone with this (his flyer) and if it is something that they are interested in they can reach out, they have a board and they have a bunch of officers and he can answer any questions.

Mayor Alai asked if council received his email. He stated he believes that the meeting is on the 19th at the Coffee Club in Broadview Heights. He stated that he will get that out to council and get it on the board and on the city website.

Mr. Schlekic stated that he thinks that it is pretty contagious, cleaning is contagious, he walks into people's homes every day and they just start cleaning. They know that he stands for the trash and they just start cleaning. You get the adults cleaning up and you get kids and it is really good and he would love to do an educational campaign the week after with schools if anybody wants to look into that. He can do assembly's and he does that with inner city schools all the time so if anybody wants him to do that in Broadview Heights, he can definitely get through to the kids.

Mr. Wolf asked how they contact him, through the bug?

Mr. Schlekic stated sure.

Mr. Wolf stated that he will pass it along to the schools.

Mr. Schlekic stated awesome, he appreciates that.

Mr. Schroedel stated that he has been looking to start a program similar to this and he met with Jeff and Kristina and he really had no idea about Litterbugz and he really has done everything that he was thinking of putting into this program and has a proven track record of success. They have been doing it for years. They have thousands of volunteers, they have a board with a lot of community activists, but powerful people that can get this job done, and they are doers. He is going to throw whatever resources that he can towards this program and he would also encourage council to take part if they can.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION

Mr. Stelmaschuk stated that he knows that Mr. Wolf is going to get the information over to Brecksville-Broadview Heights Schools, can we get it over to North Royalton as well.

Ms. Mahnic stated that she will take responsibility for that.

Mr. Stelmaschuk stated that hopefully everybody gets through the next few days here, it sounds like it is going to be a big event (the weather) and next Monday, March 20 at 7:00 p.m. the Finance Committee will meet prior to the Council Meeting.

Mr. Price stated that he does not know if Jeff has contacted the Kiwanis, and maybe the Key Club at the high school because they used to have a lot of members if they are still active.

Mr. Schlekic stated that he has talked with Greg Gurka and he is interested in partnering with the Key Club. He does not know if they cancelled the meeting tomorrow morning, but the Chamber of Commerce Board meeting.

Mr. Wolf stated that he can get the information to the Key Club.

Mr. Boldt stated that they have to get 10 outside hours and that would be perfect.

Mr. Wolf stated and the NHS (National Honors Society).

Mr. Price stated that other than that he is going to see if someone is going to be available this week and they will get together and meet over there at.

Mr. Boldt was going to wait and see if the grounds to see if it was going to be white or green (talking about the weather).

Ms. Mahnic stated that she knows that they spoke and the administration and she greatly appreciates them looking into the light for the bottom of McClaren. She has only lived there for a short time and the amount of time that she has lived there, she can't tell you how many people have driven off the road and there are tire tracks and twice now someone has driven through, there is a brick wall over there and there is even a fence. That is how dark it is. She knows that when Ray Mack was here, they were able to get reflectors put on the road and it is just not quite enough and then they added the yellow line and they are all reflectors, they are not actual good visibility. It is not so much about the people, she does not want to say that people walking isn't a serious thing, she hopes that people are responsible when they are walking, but there is a ravine over there. There are some electrical boxes and things of that nature and it is not really safe. So whatever we can do would be greatly appreciated.

Mr. Goodwin stated that he noticed it is on for a first reading for a couple of union contracts there and just would it be possible if they would be on the agenda next week that they would be available somewhere that they can be viewed whether they keep them in the Mayor's office and they can take a personal look before we vote on something like that.

Mayor Alai stated that they are not ready yet so.

Mr. Goodwin stated that whenever they become available either they go into executive session or have them made available, that is all he asks.

Ms. Mahnic stated that they are always made available to them.

Mrs. Dunlap stated to Mr. Boldt that they are on for a third reading next week.

Mr. Boldt stated they are at a third reading.

Ms. Mahnic stated that they can just table it.

Mr. Ruffa stated if it is necessary you can just table it.

Mr. Boldt stated that he hates tabling on a third reading.

Mayor Alai stated then they can vote it down.

Mr. Pavlica stated that as far as the street lights going, last year Breckenridge was looking for some lights in their development because they have a curve and they have about 290' of a dark area so the city told the residents that if they want the additional street lights that they would have to pay for them. So they asked him to get a price to put the street light in and the prices that he received and it depends on the length of the trench that they have to trench out, like 20' was \$2,000 roughly and 285' was \$4,620 and that included the price of the light also. When the Homeowners Association got these prices, obviously they forfeited the idea of purchasing the lights. It was just some information that he has from about a year ago when Breckenridge Oval requested some lights along their street.

Mr. Wolf stated that Mrs. Washabaugh wanted to pass along her appreciation for the Broadview Heights Community Foundation for sponsoring their Ligonier trip. They gave \$1,000 towards the trip to help pay for that. Marlene Anielski on April 3rd at the Parma-Snow Library is having an education night and it is for adults, not for kids. It is about trafficking and keeping kids safe and things like that. It is high school aged focus for the parents. So don't send your kids there. He also wanted to say good luck to the recreation league, they have their playoffs starting this weekend so play safe and have a good time. This weekend the Greater Cleveland Council had their Eagle dinner and we had 6 Eagles from the Brecksville-Broadview Heights High School come and it is about 4% of all the Eagles in the entire county were from the high school. That is pretty impressive. 5 of those Eagles were in the band so he thinks that says something about their school system. He is going to pass this along for the Fire Department, we changed our clocks so check you batteries of your smoke detectors and CO detectors.

Mr. Boldt stated that with that being said about the Eagle Scouts, he knows that other cities have the Eagle Scout receive his award for the day and they announce it and they have it posted out in front. He thinks that is something that the Mayor could look into. Anybody that receives that award, at least have a day honoring that person.

Mayor Alai asked if he means on the light up sign.

Mr. Boldt stated yes. He also believes that in the Girl Scouts, it is the Gold Medal or something comparable and do the same for them.

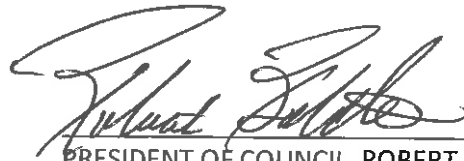
ADJOURN

Mr. Boldt stated with no further business to come before Council, this meeting is adjourned.

The time was 8:01.



CLERK OF COUNCIL, HELEN DUNLAP



PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL, ROBERT BOLDT