

City of Bay Village

Council Minutes, Committee Session
Council Chambers

November 26, 2012
7:30 p.m.

Paul A. Koomar, President of Council, presiding

Present: Clark, Koomar, Lieske, Miller, Pohlkamp, Tadych, Young, Mayor Sutherland

Others

Present: Law Director Ebert, Finance Director Presley, Service Director Galli, Recreation Director Enovitch, Fire Chief Lyons, Police Lieutenant Kirchner, Operations Manager Landers

President of Council Paul A. Koomar called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of Bay Village City Hall, and the meeting was open to the public.

AUDIENCE

The following members of the audience signed in this evening: Dick Majewski, Jennifer Smillie, Brenda O'Reilly, Tom and Jan Kauker, John and Ruth Glasmire, Ernest D. Minichello, Doug and Cindy Newman, Lydia DeGeorge, Sharon and Ned Topping, Suzanne Graham, Julie Eisenberg, Pamela Cottam, Karen and Alex Dade, Eric Hansen, Jerrie Barnett, James McConnell, Laura Lennerth, Kent Silverberg, Chrissy Morscher, Susan Murnane

Nancy Brown, Wolf Road, advised that the Friends of the Bay Village Kennel would like to remind all dog owners that licenses are available either on line or by renewing the dog tag in the mail. On December 1, dog licenses will be available for sale at Landmark Lawn and Garden, and also at Drug Mart. Ms. Brown noted that this is a very effective way to get an animal to return to their home. There are a lot of dogs that continually show up on the police report that have no tags. The Friends of the Bay Village Kennel would also encourage some type of identification for all felines. The Friends of the Bay Village Kennel will be at the Landmark Lawn and Garden on December 8 for a fund raiser helping all animal rescue groups with photos with Santa. A Bay Village resident, Nancy Benevento-Brown, has opened a non-kill animal sanctuary at Marblehead, Ohio. A collection will be taken up for this sanctuary at the fundraising event at Landmark Lawn and Garden. Nancy Benevento-Brown was mentioned in multiple media publications and on television for rescuing 34 puppy mill dogs. This afternoon, Dr. Diana Krykos of Bay Village Pediatric Dentistry also said that she will be a fundraiser for Nancy Benevento-Brown. Further information is available at the Friends of the Bay Village Kennel.com.

Lydia DeGeorge, West Oakland Road, stated that she received an email on November 19 regarding the City of Bay Village Emergency Task Force Committee. Mrs. DeGeorge asked this morning via email the process for being involved on the committee. Mrs. DeGeorge was informed that the people were already chosen. Mrs. DeGeorge asked the process, who made the

determination, when the meetings are, if anyone can attend, any other information residents should know about the Emergency Task Force that came about as a result of the storm issue.

Mayor Sutherland stated that it is not on the agenda tonight to discuss, but the first meeting has not yet been set, and the members have been chosen. The Mayor chose them based on their backgrounds. There are people who have a background in public relations, communications, emergency planning, and a member of the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). Those people bring specific skill sets to the group.

Mr. Koomar asked if the meetings will be open to the public. The Mayor responded that once she sets the meetings, they will be open to the public.

Pam Cottam stated that she thinks it is fine that the Emergency Task Force Committee was chosen and asked if a description of each of the individuals who are going to be on the committee can be made available. Mayor Sutherland stated that when she puts it together it will be available. That will be something that will be circulated at the first meeting.

Nancy Brown stated that she does know that the Bay Village Animal Kennel is on the agenda for discussion this evening. At the last regular Council meeting Mayor Sutherland had brought up that there were Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issues. Ms. Brown produced a copy of the Notice of Deed Restriction that Mayor Sutherland signed that shows that there are really no EPA issues and the discussion should go forward to have the annex put on the back of the police garage as Mayor Sutherland suggested a couple of years ago as a possibility. Mr. Koomar asked that a copy of the Notice of Deed Restriction be given to the Clerk of Council.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Review of City's response to Hurricane Sandy

Mr. Koomar stated that at the Council meeting held November 19, 2012, Mayor Sutherland gave an update on the response to Hurricane Sandy. Since that time, there have been a few more power outages in the city. Mr. Koomar and Mayor Sutherland spoke today about continued dialogue with First Energy and where that might lead.

Mayor Sutherland stated that to reiterate her report to Mr. Koomar this afternoon and as reported to Council on November 19, 2012, two other mayors and Mayor Sutherland met with the new President of The Illuminating Company a week and a half ago. They had a very productive meeting, talked about the mayors' frustrations and the response time of The Illuminating Company, how the company communicates with the mayors, the detail of communication and how that was lacking. Commitments were received from The Illuminating Company that they are now going to dedicate cut and clear crews in each community rather than approaching from the standpoint of looking at the entire area of an outage, not just by city, but the entire area. Fixing a transformer that will bring up 5,000 people automatically puts the smaller communities like Bay Village, Rocky River and Fairview Park at a distinct disadvantage because they don't have that many people on a circuit. Ours are in the area of 100 homes or 33 homes, so we will always be at the end of the line. It worked to the cities benefit that the President of The

Illuminating Company is brand new in his job and had been on the job for a week and a half before the storm hit. He had an opportunity to see what worked and what didn't work from their perspective. The three mayors were cautiously optimistic that he will definitely work with them in addressing some of the issues. Since then, the mayors have also had them run audits on some specific areas that seem like they were problematic and have where they could, communicate back to the residents. The mayors have asked for a grid map because it is intuitive to think that our homes are all hooked up on a nice little square grid pattern but that's now how it is. It could snake in and out, you could have half of the street on one grid and half of the street on another grid, there are all kinds of interesting little permutations. When residents call and ask questions about why they are out and their neighbors have power, they can't answer it because they don't know where they lie on the grid. It would be helpful to be able to know how they are all connected. It was a beginning conversation and there will be a follow up after the holidays. The Illuminating Company has some internal work to do as well. There was another power outage in the city on Friday due to a problem at the substation in Westlake. One thousand customers were down on the east side of Bay Village, brought back up, and then it blew two conductors which had to be repaired. They were out for five or six hours.

Mayor Sutherland continued, stating that she is not sure it is connected, but the city is still having an issue with the Huntington/Long Beach Pump Station, which is a critical piece of the city's infrastructure. When the storm hit, it blew all the electrical panels off the wall. They are down to one pump out of six pumps. They have gone back on to generator power because when they replaced some of the equipment there were a couple of pumps up and when they hooked up the CEI power it blew the things off the walls again. They have now reached out to their engineers, who are coming in along with the city engineers to figure out what is wrong with the circuit. When that was all going on, there was a transformer that blew behind Longbeach Pump Station that brought down the power of another 225 homes on Friday, November 23. Everyone was back up and running by 5:00 p.m.

Mr. Koomar asked if the Mayor has any idea when the Emergency Response Team might start meeting. Mayor Sutherland stated that she is thinking that December 10, 2012 would be the earliest time.

Mayor Sutherland noted further that the President of The Illuminating Company also mentioned that anytime there is going to be a major, event he is now going to have conference calls with the mayors personally so that they are updated as far as the problems and solutions.

Regarding the kennel issue, Mayor Sutherland stated that she had mentioned on November 19 if this item could be tabled until such time as she has an opportunity to sit down and meet with the Friends of the Bay Village Kennel. The Mayor stated that she has reached out to them to set up a meeting. The Mayor has an idea and would like to pitch it and see if they are interested, and then they will go from there. Mayor Sutherland stated that she is waiting to hear back from the Friends of the Bay Village Kennel.

Nancy Brown stated that the Friends of the Bay Village Kennel have already met with Mayor Sutherland and they are at a point that if Mayor Sutherland has anything that she would like to say about the kennel they feel an open, public forum is the best place to discuss it.

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Mr. Koomar addressed the Mayor and asked if she would like to schedule a meeting or have a meeting now in the committee room.

Ruth Glasmire, 600 Canterbury, stated that the Friends of the Bay Village Kennel have met with Mayor Sutherland. They want, and will only meet in, a public forum with the Mayor and Council. This is something that they feel the community needs to be aware of and talked to and not held privately as it has been before. Mrs. Glasmire stated that she is the one that the Mayor reached out to along with Janet Kauker and Mrs. Glasmire did respond to her in this way, so this is why they are adamant about this.

Mr. Koomar asked that both the Mayor and the Friends of the Bay Village Animal Kennel take one last try at this, and if they want to come back and have public discussion about this at a future committee session that can be done. Mayor Sutherland stated that she is happy to do it.

In regard to Hurricane Sandy, Councilwoman Lieske stated that during the Council meeting immediately after Hurricane Sandy there was discussion about Council Committees in terms of the Environment, Safety and Community Services Committee, and the Services and Utilities Committee also taking a look at having some type of discussion. Mrs. Lieske asked what the roles would be of the Emergency Task Force and the Council Committees as they move forward and evaluate the situation.

Mayor Sutherland stated that she would like to have a councilperson on the task force.

Mrs. Lieske stated that having some type of discussion throughout these committees is beneficial because they are open to the public. Although she is not the chair of those committees and it would have to be on their agenda, she just wanted to raise the issue because it had been discussed before.

Mr. Koomar asked Councilman Clark if he is willing and able to be the Council representative to the Emergency Task Force since he chairs the Environment, Safety and Community Services Committee. Mr. Clark stated that he would be pleased to do so. Mr. Koomar stated that based on both conversations, he would like to hold a Council committee session at some later date if there is Councilmanic action that may work in tandem with the task force. Mr. Clark stated that he would work in partnership with the Mayor and Emergency Task Force in that regard.

Mayor Sutherland informed Mr. Clark that they are still picking up the pieces and struggling with the damage from Hurricane Sandy and suggested waiting until they get through that so that there is a full assessment of exactly what happened. Taking into consideration what is going on at the pump station, some other type of emergency response might also need to be incorporated into what they are doing. Mr. Clark stated that he agreed that all the facts need to be in place before they can come back with recommendations.

Mr. Koomar addressed Councilman Tadych as Chairman of the Services, Utilities and Equipment Committee and suggested that Mr. Tadych talk off line with Mayor Sutherland about

First Energy, and if there is anything there from an external standpoint that may be a good fit for the Services and Utilities Committee, it can be assigned there from an external standpoint.

Councilman Young stated that a couple of meetings ago he requested that the Mayor ask First Energy about their actual response as far as the number of trucks that they brought in from other communities in order to support Northeast Ohio. The number of vehicles and crews brought in was woefully low. They had a day and a half to assess it before they could begin work. They did not have the correct number of crews. Mr. Young expressed disappointment in that and stated that he would like the Mayor to please question the President of First Energy as to why there were not enough crews brought in from other states to take care of Northeast Ohio. Mr. Young noted that he doesn't mean to make it sound like we are the epicenter of Hurricane Sandy, but as the person who represents Ward 4 it is the epicenter to him. Mr. Young stated that he would like First Energy to answer that question.

Mr. Young continued, stating that one of the things that happened after the event of Hurricane Sandy was that his wife, who works at their church in Avon, Ohio, received phone calls every day giving updates for all of Avon and Avon Lake. The cities of Avon and Avon Lake have a telephone call-out system, and friends of the Young's in both communities are very happy with their system. Mr. Young noted that calls could not go to their home during the power outages because their telephone system is one that is paired through the cellular service. However, a calling system is one that the city needs and should seriously investigate. In checking with the cities of Avon and Avon Lake, both cities did do a task force similar to what the Mayor has just described, but they also tried to reach out to individual groups such as senior citizens for their unique needs. Mayor Sutherland stated that she has done that. Mr. Young expressed appreciation.

Mayor Sutherland advised that the Nixle notification system actually has a dial system called Nixle Dial, to which there is a cost, but it would layer over the current system. Chief Lyons is checking into that right now and it is hoped to have that information when going into the meeting of the Emergency Task Force. The three mayors and Mayor Sutherland did bring up with the President of The Illuminating Company about the late deployment of crews. The President admitted that they underestimated the impact that Northeast Ohio was going to get. Once they got here they went like mad, but we waited until Friday. The President told the mayors that they brought in 800 people from other parts of the country to deal with this area. The mayors expressed their frustration and displeasure with the fact that they weren't ready to go Wednesday morning. They understood that trying to do something the night of the storm wasn't possible and very dangerous. Tuesday, the day after, the wind was blowing too hard for them to put people up in bucket trucks or climb poles, but they should have had their folks ready to go first thing Wednesday morning. There was at least a 48 hour lag time between when they should have been here and when they actually got here.

Mr. Young stated that in talking to friends in Westlake and Rocky River, as well as the Clerks of Councils for those towns, Avon and Avon Lake citizens felt that they were responded to better than the citizens in Westlake, Rocky River, or Bay Village. It would be interesting to talk to them for ideas as to how they tried to respond. Mr. Young noted that Avon and Avon Lake did

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not get as hard hit as Bay Village and it is difficult to compare, but it might be nice to reach out to the communities. Their citizens thought they did a good job.

Mayor Sutherland stated that all the communities are talking.

Mr. Koomar asked if the Illuminating Company had a comment of why crews came from Colorado and Montana. Was there not a reason they could come from Chicago, Detroit and Indianapolis? The Mayor stated that she thinks they had already sent those crews east. The Mayor noted that on her street they had crews from Texas, Oklahoma, and Louisiana. There were crews here from California, Colorado, and Minnesota.

Mr. Bill Clements commented on the outage on Friday, November 23. Mr. Clements personally talked twice to people at the Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company. They said power went off at 11 a.m. and would be back on at 1:30 p.m. At 2 p.m., Mr. Clements called the Illuminating Company and talked to a person who had a computer who said she received messages from the trucks that were on the site where the problem was and at 2 p.m. they had not identified where the problem was for the outage. The power did come back on about 3:50 p.m.

Mr. Koomar stated that during Hurricane Sandy in his area there was a repair that was made, but the system kept blowing. It took them four hours to figure out why. When you are on site, whether the repair is made and holds is one thing versus just the initial repair.

A resident commented that she realizes that the discussion has moved on from the animal kennel, but she specifically came to hear about the kennel, what the issues are and why this is being tabled. She asked if someone could provide an update because many people came specifically to hear about this matter. What is the issue and why is there not some progress?

Mayor Sutherland stated that she is willing to meet. She has an idea and she wants to pitch it to the Friends of the Bay Village Kennel.

The resident asked if they could hear about the idea. The Mayor stated "No, not right now."

The resident asked why this is on the agenda this evening if no one wants to provide any information. Many came to hear about this because they care about animals and are very concerned. To just table it without considering the fact that all of these people left their jobs or homes to hear about this, what is the status and what is the issue.

Mr. Koomar stated that he had put the Bay Village Animal Kennel on the agenda with Law Director Ebert. They were both out last week and they were trying to schedule the agenda ahead. In the mean time, the Mayor contacted Mr. Koomar today, and said she has an idea that she wanted to pitch to the Friends of the Kennel. Mr. Koomar stated that he has not heard the idea yet.

The resident asked if there is a reason why the people cannot hear the idea now. Mayor Sutherland stated that there is a reason. She does not negotiate in public; this is something that needs to be done in a meeting with the Friends of the Bay Village Kennel.

Ms. Brown stated that they met with Mayor Sutherland a year ago. The Mayor laid out some expectations and the Friends of the Bay Village Kennel exceeded those expectations. The Mayor told the Friends of the Kennel that the Animal Control Officer would not be eliminated and one week after the meeting the Mayor eliminated that position. Ms. Brown asked where is the transparency. We want to hear the idea; tell it to us, there is no reason why it has to be a private meeting.

Mr. Koomar thanked Ms. Brown for her comments and invited the Mayor and Friends of the Bay Village Kennel to break off and go into a small group for discussion.

The residents asked for open discussion. The Mayor stated that she is happy to meet with the Friends of the Bay Village Kennel, but she is not going to do it right now in this forum.

An audience member commented that there are many people who are interested in making the Friends of the Bay Village Kennel a going thing, and to keep putting it back does not serve the needs of the citizens of Bay Village. As Mayor, Mayor Sutherland would be interested in serving those needs and to present an idea in an open forum is certainly not negotiating, it is presenting an idea.

Mr. Jim McConnell, Lake Road, stated that several years ago he sat on the committee that designed the ordinance for pets in Bay Village. Nancy Brown, the Chief of Police, Dave Tadych, and former Councilman Wayne Reese were on the committee. It seems that Council dragged on for so many months before it came to a vote. It wouldn't have come to a vote unless Wayne Reese forced it. Mr. McConnell stated that he does not want to see that happen again. There are good people here. There are good people out here in the audience too. Negotiation, no, this is Bay Village. We are united. Some of us may not like what we hear, but by God let's get together and quit Namby Pamby around "we", "they." We are Bay Village and we are Number 1 in Ohio. "I don't care if it's a dog ordinance, I don't care if it's my not having oxygen when I was told it would, and so, let's get together folks, quit arguing."

Mr. Koomar thanked the audience members for their comments.

ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

Purchase of Fire Pumper Truck

Mr. Clark stated that approximately six weeks ago he met with Fire Chief Lyons regarding the Fire Department's request for a new pumper vehicle. Mr. Clark shared the detail with the other Council members, and hosted an Environment, Safety and Community Services Committee meeting to talk about the acquisition in detail. Rather than look at one vehicle, they looked at the entirety of the fleet of fire vehicles by type, condition, and age, with one of the goals being to stagger the acquisition of these vehicles due to the higher cost of fire vehicles. The result of that meeting was the ordinance being presented this evening to vote on the acquisition of the new pumper truck. In 1996, City Council passed an ordinance to purchase a ladder and pumper truck, which was the last time the Fire Department acquired this type of vehicle. Tonight, we are

discussing the replacement of Vehicle No. 14, which is a pumper. Fire Chief Lyons was asked to provide further detail.

Chief Lyons presented a diagram of the engine that was provided by the company from which the city will purchase the vehicle. Engine 14 was purchased in 1995. Since that time there have been four revisions in the standards for automotive fire apparatus, representing 17 years of advancement in technological and safety features. Another driving factor in this purchase is that the approximate, nationally accepted life span for an engine or pumper is ten to fifteen years.

The new Engine 14 will be equipped with Class A foam capability. Every fire engine has a water tank which is used for the initial fire fighting prior to hooking up to the hydrant. In addition to this water booster tank, the new engine will have a separate tank that will contain Class A foam, which is essentially soap which makes the water work better. The foam breaks the surface tension of the water molecules and allows the water to more quickly and deeply penetrate any surface that is being sprayed upon. The end result is that it knocks down the fire faster. In 1995 the Class A Foam was not as available. Since that time a number of communities have been using it exclusively and a number of national bodies have done testing. Class A foam along with water knocks down a fire in about half the time as water alone. This is an excellent advancement in safety for both the firefighters and residents. There is a proportioning system inside the engine that mixes a little bit of foam with the water as it comes out of the nozzle at the end of the hose. A 30 gallon foam tank on the engine will provide enough foam capability to knock down several house fires. The foam capability also contributes to a greener environment, allowing the use of about 40% less water to extinguish a fire, resulting in decreased water damage to residents' property as well as a smaller quantity of potential contaminants injurious to the environment. In any fire there will be some run-off, it cannot all be contained. With this system there is less run-off.

Mr. Miller asked if the foam is a proprietary material. Chief Lyons stated that there are a number of manufacturers of foam. The tank itself and the system are all manufactured by the company that manufactures the pumper.

Mr. Clark noted that the preferred vendor of the engine, E-One, also services other Westshore communities. Chief Lyons stated that Rocky River has an all E-One apparatus fleet; North Ridgeville also has all E-Ones in terms of their fire trucks. Both these cities are pleased with the service of E-One. Chief Lyons has reached out on the part of the Northeast Ohio Fire Chiefs Association and the Cuyahoga County Fire Chiefs Association and learned that both Solon and Beachwood have exclusively E-One fleets and have been very pleased with their service. The E-One is the lowest and best price in terms of the state contract bids, and provides the best service. There are eight months of lead time from order to acquisition of the pumper.

All of the lighting on the new engine will be LED lighting with the exception of the headlights. The LED lighting results in less fuel consumption and fewer bulb replacements, and is much brighter than the incandescent bulbs from 1995, making the fire fighting job safer. The engine will allow faster access to hydraulic tools. The Jaws of Life will be permanently mounted in the engine compartment allowing for deployment much faster.

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New fire hose has been purchased in the last couple of years and will be transferred over to the new engine. Both the large diameter supply hoses and the newer attack hose will be transferred over and are compatible with hydrants in other Westshore communities. Although Rocky River has a different hydrant size, Bay Village has the hardware to connect to them.

The cost of the new engine is \$445,000 with a \$20,000 trade-in for the existing Engine 14. Total cost with trade will be \$425,000.

Mr. Miller asked what kind of preventive maintenance program the department expects to have in place to service this vehicle to extend it from a 15 year life span to a 20 year life span.

Chief Lyons stated that the national standard is 10 to 15 years. If it is possible to get to a 17 year life span as they have with the existing Engine 14, they will be happy with that. A detailed service plan is in place that has been put together by Scott White, the city's fleet service manager. In addition to this plan, Chief Lyons is partnering with the Service Department in sending city mechanics on an annual basis to a special school for emergency vehicles. They are receiving further training on the apparatus maintenance issues that come up over time.

Mr. Miller asked Chief Lyons if there are any plans to try to correct any of the deficiencies in apparatus in the Fire Department fleet, as previously discussed, and if the Finance Committee should be aware of those anticipated or projected costs. Chief Lyons stated that he has obtained quotations for certain repairs to certain vehicles. Other vehicles are probably beyond a worthwhile repair cost. Efforts are being made to explore all options and figures will be made available to the Finance Committee. Engine 15 is in a position where the department feels it can be made to last a little bit longer. The new engine will be the front line engine and Engine 15 will become the reserve engine. Seeing less action with less hours logged will enable it to last longer. Truck No. 16 is in a tenuous position with a couple of major issues. When one of those issues gets to the breaking point, a significant amount of money may have to be invested for repairs. The major issues are the rusting frame and the tag axle has been sticking. The tag axle is a rear axle that is designed to turn along with the front axle to accommodate the length and size of the vehicle.

Mr. Clark stated that the purchase of this new pumper has been vetted to a large degree, based on the needs of the city, and if we can save lives because of this technology it is well worth the expenditure.

Mr. Young stated that an exhaust system was invested in which can be plugged into the exhaust of the truck. Chief Lyons stated that with the new exhaust standards that are federally mandated that system is already in place.

Mr. Koomar asked if all the pieces of equipment that would need to be transferred over to the truck to complete it for service are good to be transferred over. Chief Lyons stated that all of the equipment is good to be transferred over, with the exception of the ladders and the pipe holes. The standards for those pieces of equipment are updated along with the apparatus standards. They are included in the purchase price.

Mr. Tadych stated that he had a conversation with the Avon Lake Chief of Fire about the advertisement for bids for rebuilding a fire truck. Mr. Tadych asked if Chief Lyons had given consideration to anything of that nature for this fire truck, and what kind of cost would be envisioned should that have been done.

Chief Lyons stated that they did consider a refurbishing for Engine 14. They received a verbal quote of approximately \$385,000 to refurbish Engine 14. That would have put the cost at about 90% of replacement cost, and by law would only allow another eight years to the engine. Looking at those figures, the decision was made that it was not worthwhile.

Mr. Tadych stated that Avon Lake feels theirs is very well worth it. Chief Lyons stated that Avon Lake is in a different position. Their truck is not as old as Engine 14, and is not a front line truck but will be a reserve truck. Mr. Tadych stated that it is a 1996 vehicle, and it is about the same vintage. He noted that he was very impressed with the multi-page specifications Avon Lake sent out on trying to determine the cost. He does not know the detail and work they went through to learn the cost to rebuild, and putting it out for bids would help. Mr. Tadych stated that he would hope that with the next truck in line for repairs, Bay Village could do something like that. Chief Lyons stated that he might even propose to Council that a smaller refurbishing be done on Engine 15 to try to get more life out of it. In terms of refurbishing Engine 14, it is going to be our front line engine, not a reserve apparatus as it is in Avon Lake. Chief Lyons has been in contact with the Chief of Avon Lake. In terms of doing the specification books, this is a throwback to days gone by. With the new current state bid contracts, you don't have to put a specification book together anymore; it is done differently now. Mr. Tadych stated that the papers he received are the current specifications for the engine Avon Lake is refurbishing now. Chief Lyons stated that they may have done that for the refurbishing, but Chief Lyons did not have to do that for the state bid. Chief Lyons reiterated that he did receive a low bid of \$385,000 for refurbishing Engine 14. Mr. Tadych asked Chief Lyons if he could share his specification sheets on that with him. Chief Lyons responded affirmatively.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS, STREETS/SEWERS/DRAINAGE COMMITTEE

There was no report this evening.

FINANCE AND CLAIMS COMMITTEE

Mr. Young had no report this evening.

PLANNING, ZONING & PUBLIC GROUNDS & BUILDINGS COMMITTEE-Miller

Standby Generators – Add to Matters Pending Before Council Committee

Mr. Miller advised that the matter of Standby Generators is not a matter that is just a reaction to the Hurricane Sandy fallout, but is more of a proactive matter. Mr. Miller has attended several of the Board of Zoning Appeals meetings in which they had issued a variety of variances for standby generators as well as interconnects for temporary generators. There is a need to get this matter formally on the Planning, Zoning, Public Grounds and Buildings Committee agenda so that a draft

can be forwarded to Council for an ordinance addressing both standby generators and interconnects related to temporary generators.

RECREATION AND PARK IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE

Mrs. Lieske reported that the Recreation and Park Improvements Committee met earlier this evening. The information that was presented at the Recreation Commission meeting held recently was shared. The Recreation and Park Improvements Committee will be reviewing the number of memberships and participants for different programs over the last couple of years for a point of comparison, rather than just looking at how many are currently participating. The Recreation Commission members, at their meeting, said that if you start looking at the number of usages, and number of occurrences for the recreation programs, it is another way of looking at the numbers. Recreation Director Enovitch reported that there were 60,000 visits at the pool this summer. If you look at all of these numbers and share them with the community it shows how much these things are being used, and by how many Bay residents. We also heard once again the tennis program continues to bring in \$27,000 to \$30,000 per year in revenue. Mrs. Lieske stated that she received a couple of calls from residents about the cost of redoing the tennis courts. We are trying to get the word out in terms of the usage of these programs and the classes and then tracking it over the last couple of years to see if the numbers really have gone up. When you look at 60,000 usages for the pool and you add up all of these other classes and programs, it is a valuable piece of information. It doesn't take away from learning how many memberships are sold, but is just another way of reviewing information.

Mayor Sutherland asked Recreation Enovitch if he had ever heard of "Pickle-ball." Mr. Enovitch stated it is a game played on a basketball court with a low net and smaller areas. The Mayor commented that it is quite the rage in the south now.

Brenda O'Reilly advised that it is named after the inventor's dog, who was "Pickle." There are Pickle-ball leagues in Toledo, Ohio. The game is supposed to be a lot of fun.

SERVICES, UTILITIES & EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE

Fire Detection System for Community House

Mr. Tadych stated that Service Director Galli has presented a memorandum he put together on Saturday, November 24, 2012 regarding the Community House Fire Detection System. Mr. Galli has quoted a price of \$17,387 for the system, including installation.

Service Director Galli stated that when they went out to bid in April for the Bayway Cabin alarm system, they also put together a system for the Community House. Gene Ptacek, or GPS, the low bidder on the Bayway Cabin, was also the low bidder on the Community House fire detection system project. At the Bayway Cabin they reused some of the existing wire for the devices in order to save money. The same technique is being used on this Community House project and will save about \$2,000. The plans are ready for the project and it could be underway and completed in about 30 days.

Mr. Tadych asked if this system will protect the entire Community House. Mr. Galli stated that it will cover the entire building. They looked at what will be the least disruptive in the future for any reconstruction. The control panel will be moved near the front door of the basement where the Building Department was formerly housed to try to keep devices in an area that devices could be replaced if necessary. This system will benefit not only the Bicycle Cooperative, but any other group that leases the facility for future use. Mr. Galli stated that the installation of this system will bring the building up to fire code. Mr. Koomar asked if there will be useful life of this system even after future improvements are made to the Community House. Chief Lyons responded that even if the notion is entertained of making it more restrictive in terms of fire code at worst a few more detectors might have to be added. Provided we are not talking about a renovation twenty years from now at which time the codes may have changed, the system should be able to be reused in the near future. Mr. Galli added that the key to the project is putting the control panel out in a place that is conducive to adding on, as well as not being disrupted in future renovations.

Mr. Tadych asked if the people that used the facility for the 288 events of the facility, on a day-to-day basis, during the prior year, will be very secure when they use the facility in the future knowing that the system will be functional and beneficial for those 288 groups. Mr. Galli responded affirmatively.

Mr. Young asked Finance Director Presley from which account the \$17,387 for the project will be taken. Mr. Presley stated that monies are set aside in the Municipal Building Fund. There is nothing currently budgeted for that account.

Mr. Galli and Chief Lyons estimated the life span of the fire detection system to be twenty years. The current system has a residential panel that is inadequate. Mr. Tadych asked if this system has been in place since the 1970's. Chief Lyons stated that he is not certain how long it has been there.

Mr. Miller asked if the detection system is a stand-alone system, or is it tied into any kind of response back to the Fire Department or Police Department. Mr. Galli stated that it is monitored, just like every other building, through cell-phones. Chief Lyons stated that if there is an alert, Central Dispatch is notified. All systems are required to have a primary line and a back-up line. If the system detects a problem it dials out to the monitoring station, lets the monitoring station know what the problem is, and that's when they dispatch the Fire Department.

Mr. Galli stated that two years ago they considered, and it is now on the to-do-list, replacing the monitoring contract with a firm that monitors all of the alarms to an internal monitoring system. That would require new equipment, but there would be a pay-back associated with the change. They would like to look at possibly bringing the monitoring back to the city next year. Mr. Young asked if there is a way to have two cellular services, such as Verizon and AT&T. Is it necessary to have a land line? Chief Lyons stated that they generally have to be hard lines.

Mr. Tadych affirmed with Chief Lyons that this is a detection only system that has no ability to put out or extinguish a fire in any way, shape or form. Chief Lyons stated that it is a detection/notification system. If there are fire or smoke conditions, the system notifies the occupants of the building as well as the Central Dispatch System.

The stoves and the electrical cooking appliances in the Community House are to be removed. Chief Lyons stated that it is definitely not legal to be cooking in the building because there is not residential cooking equipment with hoods or extinguishing capabilities. Warming food that has been cooked off-site is permitted in those situations. There are relatively inexpensive solutions that can be put in place, other than stoves with ovens on them which are tempting to use to cook. The stoves will be replaced with warming equipment for the Community House. Mr. Tadych asked if that will be an additional cost over and above this project. Mr. Galli stated that this is something that will be done internally. At the Bayway Cabin, there was a range that was taken out to get the fire detection system to pass inspection.

Mr. Tadych asked if there is any equipment in the lower level of the Community House that has to be removed. Mr. Galli stated that there is a residential kitchen range in the basement that will have to come out.

Mr. Young asked Chief Lyons if the line for the fire detection system, which Chief Lyons said has to be a land line, has to be an AT&T land line, or can it be our own land line that specifically runs the city buildings.

Chief Lyons stated that they are looking at the possibility of a network of all city buildings to a central location, which may be the police station which is monitored 24/7. There would be a panel for each building.

Mr. Young asked if security cameras could be added to the system with a cable that runs power and video signal for the city campus. Chief Lyons stated that he does not want to speak too far without looking at the code, but his initial thought is that the fire alarm system has to have a dedicated line, whether it be to a police station or to an off-site. It can't be shared for other services. Mr. Galli stated that the back-up can be shared. The fax line at Bayway Cabin is shared. Mr. Young noted that not having to have a land line for every single building would save a certain dollar figure per month.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mr. Koomar asked Mayor Sutherland if there is anything for which she needs the Walker Road Park Ad-hoc Committee to convene.

Mayor Sutherland stated that she was contacted by the Mayor of Avon Lake recently. Apparently Avon Lake is looking at doing deer culling in Walker Road Park. They are early in the discussion. When Mayor Sutherland asked the Mayor of Avon Lake if they had any type of population count of deer, he did not have that and they also have not secured permission from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources to do any type of culling. The discussion is going on in Avon Lake and it would be wise for the Walker Road Park Ad-hoc Committee to convene so that it can be learned exactly what is going on with this discussion.

Mr. Young stated that they were looking at an ordinance for culling on properties larger than 7 acres. He asked if that ordinance has passed. Mayor Sutherland stated that she does not think so but that is all part of this discussion. Apparently there is a MetroParks area and the MetroParks will

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not allow them to do any deer culling in the park. The comment the Mayor received is that it is deer that are coming in from Avon because of the construction. The Mayor does not know if they are nesting there or just running through the area.

Mr. Young stated that he would be interested in talking about the issue when Avon Lake passes an ordinance. Mayor Sutherland stated that maybe it would be best to find out what action they are planning on taking. It might be worth sitting down with the Avon Lake Council people and learning what the status is and where they think it is going instead of waiting for them to pass an ordinance.

Mr. Tadych stated that they were discussing it with residents on Thanksgiving in Avon Lake. The people there seem to think they could combine five acres of property together to allow culling and the culling would be by bow and arrow.

The Walker Road Park Ad-hoc Committee consists of Councilman Young, Ward 4, Councilman Tadych, Ward 1, and Councilman-at-large Clark.

The executive session was removed from the agenda this evening.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Paul A. Koomar, President of Council

Joan Kemper, Clerk of Council