

# City of Bay Village, Ohio

Minutes of a Meeting

Town Hall Meeting

Held March 31, 2014

7:30 p.m.

**Present:** Deborah Sutherland, Mayor  
Paul A. Koomar, President of Council  
Dwight Clark, Councilman-at-large  
Steve Lee, Councilman-at-large  
Paul W. Vincent, Councilman, Ward 2  
Karen Lieske, Councilman, Ward 3  
Thomas Henderson, Councilman, Ward 4

## Also

**Present:** Gary Ebert, Director of Law  
Finance Director Renee Mahoney  
Service Director Scott Thomas  
Community Services Director Debbie Bock  
Recreation Director Dan Enovitch  
Fire Chief Chris Lyons  
Police Chief Mark Spaetzel  
Operations Manager Don Landers

**Audience:** Al Wier, Bernadette Enochian, Mike O'Boyle, Foster McMasters, Patrick Graham, Ernest D. Minichello, Kathleen and Terry Burke, Molly and Elaine Lautzenheiser, Sprague, Nancy Trainer, Alex and Karen Dade, Pat Mayer, Brad Hull, Matt Nocella, Debbie Putnam, Anne Marie Cronin, Barbara Isaac, Jessica Breslin, Tom Carey, Leise Naininger, Carl Frey, Jeff Milloy, Susan Murnane, Dennis Driscoll, Carol Cole, Lois and Jerry Murphy, John and Ruth Glasmire, Leslie Brown, Cathy Flament, Bob Tuneberg, Mark and Ethan Jeffers, John Brooks, Lois Huffman, Ruth Saur, Helen Hanek, Conda Boyd, Karen and Jack Kozsey, Joan Mensen, Hazel Silvestro, Sharon and Ned Topping, Pat Kutz, Lucille Zabawski, Jerrie Barnett, David Zabawski, Mike Gore, Pam Cottam, C. Zeiders, Loris Jensen, Lydia DeGeorge, Jane Hume, Lori Sprosty, Mark Notarburerdin, Kathy and Gordon Taylor, Rob and Sue Nelson, Ann Orin, Laura Greguric, Robert Lovequist, Mike Young, Chuck Nocella, Jeff Gallatin, Diane Puntel, Debra Jesonowski, Eric Hansen, George J. Ryan, Dave Patzwahl, Marty and Jenni Mace, Bob Bonnett, Jan Henderson, Linda Stasic, Lawrence Kuh, Dennis Witt.

Mr. Koomar welcomed everyone to tonight's meeting and began the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mr. Koomar stated that tonight's agenda has two purposes:

- 1) An update from the administration and City Council on the current activities in the city;
- 2) A public meeting regarding the sewers. Bob Greytak of CT Consultants is here, along with Service Director Scott Thomas, and they will give an overview of where we are with our sewer system in Bay Village today, and highlight plans for the future. They will also allow a period of time for questions to be asked, and there will also be a question and answer period at the final close of the meeting this evening.

Mr. Koomar introduced the members of Council and their respective committee chair assignments:

Dwight Clark, Councilman-at-large, Vice President of Council, and Chairman of the Finance Committee

Steve Lee, Councilman-at-large and Chairman of the Environment, Safety and Community Services Committee

Karen Lieske, Councilwoman, Ward 3, Chair of the Planning, Zoning, Public Grounds and Buildings Committee

Tom Henderson, Councilman of Ward 4, Chairman of the Recreation and Park Improvements Committee

Paul W. Vincent, Councilman of Ward 2, Chairman of the Services, Utilities and Equipment Committee

Councilman David L. Tadych, Councilman of Ward 1, Chairman of the Public Improvements, Streets, Sewers and Drainage, is ill this evening and will not be able to attend. Councilman Henderson of Ward 4 will provide a report prepared by Councilman Tadych regarding the Public Improvements Committee.

Mr. Koomar introduced Mayor Debbie Sutherland who welcomed all to tonight's meeting. The Mayor thanked Joan Kemper, Clerk of Council, for organizing this evening's event, and expressed thanks to the Service Department for doing all the work they have done in getting the building ready for this evening with the new paint job and the beautiful, new lighting. Mayor Sutherland thanked Community Services Director Debbie Bock and her department for hosting tonight's meeting.

Mayor Sutherland stated that she would like to discuss the Executive Branch of Government this evening, which is represented by the administration. Some cities call their administration their "management," but in Bay Village it is looked at with a little broader view. The administration encompasses the Mayor's office, all of the directors, and the employees of the City of Bay Village. We have a strong Mayor form of government as outlined in our City Charter. There is a separation of powers, designed that way to always have a series of checks and balances between the legislative branch

and executive branch. However, there is a lot of overlap and a lot of gray area. The original intention was to make sure conversation and compromise between the two entities is encouraged. It works well around the City of Bay Village but you only have to look at the Federal government to see an example of how it does not work.

Within the administration there is the Mayor's office and the Mayor's assistant who does all the day-to-day work, Sue Kohl. The Mayor noted that Mrs. Kohl answers tons of questions and is available by calling the Mayor's office where Mrs. Kohl will provide assistance to those who seek help. There are also seven directors who manage about 85 full time employees. That employment figure swells in the summer due to the hiring of high school and college students who live in the city and help with the recreation programs when they come home for summer.

There is also a branch of government called the Boards and Commissions. A lot of volunteers have multiple year terms and are very dedicated. The Planning Commission meets on a monthly basis. Other commissions don't meet quite so frequently, but all of those people are volunteers in our community. They are appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by City Council. The city could not function without them and the Mayor expressed gratitude for having their dedication to the City of Bay Village.

Mayor Sutherland introduced her administrative team as follows:

Renee Mahoney, Director of Finance. Renee is relatively new with the city and has been on board for about one year. Mrs. Mahoney is responsible for developing the budget, maintaining the budget and keeping everyone on track. She is also responsible for the Audit function which is very detailed. The city is audited on an annual basis and her department handles all of that working with the state. Mrs. Mahoney also takes care of investments, accounts payable, and accounts receivable.

Dan Enovitch, Recreation Director. Mr. Enovitch and his team run the Recreation Department, doing a great job of working with the community groups like the soccer club, and baseball leagues. This work could not be done without Dan coordinating all of those groups, and supervising all of the high school and college students who make up the recreation department.

Scott Thomas, Director of Public Service is also a new member of the city administration. Scott comes to the city from North Olmsted and has supervised the snow removal functions of the city for the past 14 of the last 15 weekends. Mr. Thomas is in charge of multiple crews that clear snow, pick up leaves, and have wonderful construction and service crews.

Debbie Bock, Director of Community Services, whose home base is where the meeting is being held this evening. Ms. Bock is a social worker who not only takes care of senior activities, transportation and meals-on-wheels, but also does out-reach in the community for those in need or for those who might need additional services connecting them with county resources.

Police Chief Mark Spaetzel became the Chief of Police in November, 2014, moving up the ranks in the department. Chief Spaetzel heads up the Police Department, which is the enforcement arm, and also does a lot of community out-reach which is very much appreciated.

Fire Chief Chris Lyons heads up the Fire Department and is the commander for any emergency or crisis situation that would occur in the city, working with the Chief of Police to create plans should these events occur.

John Cheatham, Chief Building Official with SAFEbuilt, Inc. heads up the city's Building Department.

Gary Ebert, Director of Law, is the legal guidance to the Mayor's office and City Council. Mr. Ebert also oversees the work of the City Prosecutor and keeps the city on the straight and narrow.

Mayor Sutherland introduced Director of Public Service Scott Thomas who introduced Consulting Engineering Bob Greytak of CT Consultants for a discussion of the city's sewer system.

Mr. Thomas stated that when he came here from North Olmsted he was honored to do so because Bay Village is such a beautiful city with wonderful people working here and living here. City Council has been very accommodating of the ideas brought forth. He stated there are issues that face this city, as well as in many other cities, when it comes to the sanitary sewer system. It is an aging system and one of the biggest issues is inflow and infiltration which comes from a lot of different areas which is one of the reasons for the increase that is happening here in Bay Village. It is not just specific to Bay Village, but there are things that we can do going into the future that we are going to be looking at. Most recently, we have expanded our sanitary sewer crew in the city because we realize for the residents and the city administration, it is an important issue that we have to take very seriously.

Mr. Thomas introduced Mr. Bob Greytak, Principal, Ct Consultants, and noted that he has been an engineer for 37 years.

Mr. Greytak gave a Power Point presentation concerning the sewer issues facing the City of Bay Village as a result of the 2013 Flow and Strength Study. The entire presentation is attached to these minutes.

A question and answer period followed Mr. Greytak's presentation.

Q – Brad Hull asked if anything was done to find out the amount of water used by the Cleveland Water Department by all the homes and businesses in the City of Bay Village versus the changes in flow. Is that amount of water that is being used gone up dramatically from year to year?

A- We do not have that data. Since the city does not bill based on use of water we don't have the amount of water used by each individual home. The city bills based on a flat fee because we don't have that information. Typically, those numbers don't vary a lot. The water used this year probably doesn't vary a lot from last year. You may water your lawn more in the summertime but if you are paying on a volume basis you are given a credit for the amount of water you use for summer irrigation purposes, based on the average from the other three quarters of the year. You do not see variations but you do see variations on the amount of clean water getting into the sewer system.

Mr. Greytak stated that they are monitoring all three lines coming in from Bay Village as well as the sewers from Westlake, Rocky River and Fairview Park. The sampling is for the strength, not the flow. Mr. Hull questioned if the sampling would be different on the other lines. Mr. Greytak stated that this is why they are recommending that they put in other samplers so we can get the actual strength on the other lines.

Q-Can you identify the location where you would get parameter flow? Mr. Greytak stated that he has a pretty good idea but he would like to physically go out and look at them to be sure. The locations that the flow meter has been done has been the exact same place going back to the very first study. There might be other places that might be more representative and that's what we are asking for.

Q-Are we sending out more water than we are getting in?

A- Absolutely. From rain, ground water, it gets into the sanitary sewer system and goes through those meters to the treatment plant. The treatment plant, whether it is clean water or sewage, still has to take it through the treatment plant. They can't segregate one from the other.

Q-Why does Westlake have less clean water getting into their system?

A- The system in Bay Village used to be a combined sewer system. That means that the storm water and the sewage all ran through one pipe and that pipe took everything at that time to the lake. In the 1950's, there was an attempt to separate the sanitary sewers and storm sewers. In the 1950's they used vitrified clay pipe, there were joints every two or three feet, the joints were loose and they leak like sieves. That is the same with every house out there. The vitrified clay is broken, they leak, some of them have foundation drains connected to them and that is a lot of water when you add up all these houses. All that water has to be treated; that's what you are paying for. You're paying to treat more water than you are buying from the Cleveland Water Department.

Q-If Westlake has double the population, why is there's so much lower pricewise than Bay Village when we are such a small community and they have a lot more businesses?

A- I presume that is exactly why. They have the ability to assimilate a lot of the cost through businesses, industry and commercial establishments. They simply have a larger user base than Bay Village has.

Q-Would there be any effect with the larger homes being built along the lake?

A- If you are replacing two smaller homes with one home and a new lateral connection the situation should improve.

Q- You said that 71% of the water in Bay Village is clean water going into the system. I can understand a newer system in Westlake to be lower, but Rocky River or Fairview, I would think their sewer system is at least as old as ours. What is their percentage of clean water?

A- They were significantly less. Part of the reason is that the protocol that has been set up to measure these things probably has variation. Each of those flow meters are only as good as the sewer they are put in. If there is a lot of turbulence in the sewer you are going to have a lot of variation in what you are recording.

Q-Are there standards as far as the placement of those flow meters so there is consistency from community to community?

A-I would have no way to tell you why those exact locations were picked other than they were both downstream at the end of those interceptors before they got into the treatment plant so they were capturing all of the flow coming from the city. We try to get those as far downstream as we can, but there might have been better locations even farther downstream.

Q-It sounds like what you are saying is we have a very defective sanitary sewer system in this city. We have a lot of leaky mains and everything else and that's the reason why our sewer rates are going up. Are sewer rates also being increased for these other communities, or are we the only ones that are having to pay the price?

A- Fairview Park went up a little bit; Rocky River went up a little bit; Westlake went down.

Q- Are the other three communities doing the same studies?

A- Yes, it is all the same study, same consultant, same data base, same person read all the meters. The Rocky River Wastewater Treatment Plant staff conducted the samples for the strength and did all the testing at the Rocky River lab.

Q-It sounds like you are doing a good job of identifying the fact that we have a faulty sewer system that is costing us a lot of money and your suggestion is we get much more ambitious about how finely we measure that fault, but I don't hear anything about what we are going to do about it?

A-We are doing something about it. There is a pump station on Lake Road that needs to be reconstructed. It failed a couple of years ago and it needs to be rebuilt. The area upstream of that pump station is roughly 300 homes. What we are going to do is go to all 300 of those homes at some point and determine how much clean water is coming in from each of those homes as well as from the sewer in the street. We are going to look to remove as much of that clean water as we can when we rebuild that pump station. We made that commitment to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency when they were here last year wanting to know what the city was going to do about that situation. They have agreed to allow the city to do that and it is on the agenda right now. The City of Lakewood is doing a pilot study of 297 homes and trying to eliminate sources of clean

water because they are facing billions of dollars of potential infrastructure improvements if they don't track down the sources of clean water and get them out of the system.

Q-How can I find out how much clean water is coming from my house?

A- We try to break down the areas we meter into smaller areas. There is a limitation on the meters. The sensor that sits on the bottom needs a couple of inches water over it as you register the depth. If you try to put that into your connection there is simply not enough water coming out to give us a good indication. We try to break things down into smaller areas in counts of 100 homes or so and give an average for that area.

Q-If I am contributing to the clean water would the cracks and holes in the sewer pipes be from when the city came down my street and dug and then re-hooked everything back up?

A- I am talking about the connection between the sewer and street and your house. Whoever built your home made that connection. As far as I know, the city has never made connections all the way back to the house. They may have replaced some connections to the right-of-way line, but not all the way back to the house. If you take a community like Lakewood, where they have 40 or 50 ft. lots, if that lot has a foundation drain connected to it, there is six times more sewer on each lot than there is of the sewer in the street. There is six times the potential for clean water getting into the sewer on private property than there is on the sewer in the street. If you just take care of what in the street, the program will be a failure because there are six times more sources on private property than is in the street.

Q-Is it possible that someone could look through my drains and see if the water is going in the right places?

A-Absolutely.

Q-What is the city doing about it?

A- (Scott Thomas, Director of Public Service for the City of Bay Village answered this question as follows:

One of the things we are doing is expanding our sewer crew. I have a few of our members of the crew here at this meeting. We are going to be going out later this spring and testing some of the houses that Mr. Greytak was just talking about for inflow and infiltration of water into the systems, including the laterals, the foundations, different things that contribute to that water in the system. Over 6000 homes in Bay Village are contributing water, even small amounts, into the system which is creating havoc at the Rocky River Wastewater Treatment Plant. Mr. Thomas introduced Rick Kuznik, the new Superintendent of the Sewer Crew. Mr. Thomas stated that they have many dedicated people that want to do right for the residents and they will work extremely hard to do that. There is no easy answer to any of this. But, there's a playbook, we're going to go after it and we are going to go after it very aggressively and do the best we can to work for the residents.

Mr. Greytak suggested looking at the downspouts and if they are connected there is a good chance a lot of water is getting into the sanitary sewer. Disconnecting downspouts and directing them away from the foundation onto a pervious area like the lawn or garden is a fantastic way to start addressing these problems at very little cost.

Q- Have you tried to verify these findings upstream along the same line where you are running these tests?

A- If we go upstream too far then we are starting to miss connected sewers downstream so we would be missing some of the base flow coming in. We can find places downstream because after the interceptor goes out of Bay Village into Rocky River there is a couple thousand feet of sewer that has no connections to it.

Q- Why wouldn't you go upstream to see if there is that same amount of water 50 feet up the pipe?

A- I am looking for accuracy in the meter. The more laminar flow I can find the more accurate the reading is going to be. It doesn't take far to go upstream and then there are four streets connected to that sewer that are unmetered. I am losing data. I need to get something downstream where I have all the houses in Bay Village still connected.

Q-(to Scott Thomas) If your new crew finds a problem on my property, who is paying to fix that?

A- What happens when we find the issues? That's why we are moving forward working with Council and the Mayor to find out how we're going to do it. Whether or not we try to get extra funds to go after loans to help especially those who can't afford it. Let's face it. You have to fix your lateral and you are talking about maybe having to have a sump pump. These are things that cost money so we are looking at alternative ways to try to get money, probably specifically through loans to get that, or is it something that comes right back to the homeowner over a time period to fix this. These are all issues we are going to have to decide to do and we'll decide it as a city the best approach for you the residents. But we have to find the data first, and work from there.

Q-What basis do the other three communities use to assess their sewer charges? Bay Village is a flat rate.

A-Yes, Bay Village is a flat rate. Westlake is a flat rate also. The other two communities (Rocky River, Fairview Park) charge based on water usage metered by the Cleveland Water Department.

Q-My daughter lives on Osborn, near Beach Lane and every time it rains the back yards of everybody on West Oakland and on Osborn are all flooded. Does that mean there are poor storm sewers, and if so, does that add to the problem of the other sewers?

A- While it may be a nuisance to you it is actually a great thing as far as control of water into the sanitary sewers. It is away from the house and it is ponding in a specific location and not getting into the sewer. You've heard the term, rain gardens? That's one of the ways people are trying to disconnect downspouts and redirect that water to rain gardens. So, if you have the plant material to assimilate that water the strategy is being used quite effectively, if you have the land to do that.

Q-Does our clay and shale that this whole town was built on add to the problem?

A-Yes.

Q- Are our rates going up because we are being charged more or because we are using more, or is it both?

A- It is going up because you are contributing more.

Q- So they have to process more?

A-Yes. What we're still not 100% sold on is if it is as much as they say we are contributing. In the future it is hoped we have a better idea.

Q-So, these rates are coming from the treatment plant to the city and we're having to pay that.

A-Yes, the treatment plant audits their expenses and then they, through a lot of calculations, figure out exactly what each process costs to operate and proportion that to a contributing amount to each community.

Mr. Koomar stated that the meeting will move on now to a Council Update. He informed the audience that Mr. Greytak and Mr. Thomas will be on hand after the meeting to meet with residents to answer more questions.

In Bay Village we have a committee structure where there are six committees. Each Council person shares a committee and sits on two others. Each committee chair will give a brief overview of their current priorities and what they have done. In the past several months there have been some good accomplishments.

Mr. Koomar acknowledged the presence of Law Director Ebert who joined the meeting during the sewer discussions. Mr. Koomar also introduced Dave Greenspan, Cuyahoga County Council Person.

The following committee reports were heard:

**ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE-Lee  
Councilman Steve Lee, Chairman - Councilman Dwight Clark, Councilwoman Karen Lieske**

### **2014 Committee Priorities**

**Councilman-at-large Steve Lee:** "Thank you Council President Koomar, and thank you all for attending tonight. Your involvement really makes our home government work. We need your input. We don't have all the answers up here. We need your involvement and your input and I hope to see you at regular Council meetings over at City Hall on future Monday nights. As Mr. Koomar mentioned, I am Chair of the Environment, Safety and Community Services Committee, and I am going to provide a quick overview of that committee and discuss two recent legislative initiatives that have come out of that committee. As you can tell from the name of the committee, we deal with the environment, our safety issues – meaning our Fire and Police Departments – and Community Services, many of the great programs offered out of this facility by our

Director of Community Services Debbie Bock. By the way, in our 2014 budget we have included funding for a new senior bus so you will see that parked outside this building and around town later this year. The two initiatives I would like to touch base on are the Do-not-knock Registry that has been instituted for our city. This is a new initiative passed in legislation in December of 2013. It is going into effect this spring. Residents can elect to put their address on our Do-not-knock list which will be maintained by our Police Department. Peddlers and solicitors are prohibited from knocking on the doors of houses on that list. It works very similar to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) Do-not-call list for telemarketers. Once you put your address on this list it will remain on the list for five years and you can elect to take your address off that list at any time. It applies to peddlers and solicitors; it does not apply to canvassers- people going door-to-door to get petitions on signatures, just like the Do-not-call list maintained by the FTC does not apply to political calls. But it would restrict peddlers and solicitors. There are two ways for you to put your address on that list. There is a paper form you can fill out in the Police Department or at City Hall. We have some of those here tonight so if you are interested in filling that out we will have those available after the meeting. The second option is you can register your address on line on the city's web site. It will be functional in about two weeks, around the 15<sup>th</sup> of April, at [www.cityofbayvillage.com](http://www.cityofbayvillage.com) there will be a link to click on to register your address.

The second thing from the Environment, Safety and Community Services Committee that I would like to touch on tonight, and you may have read about this in the paper recently, is the new re-write of our bicycle ordinances in Bay Village. We had three committee sessions in January and February on this topic and then there were three readings in front of the whole Council over the month of March and the ordinances were adopted last Monday night. It is a complete re-write of Chapter 377 which hadn't been touched in almost forty years and it was brought in line with state law with safety being the primary focus of the effort of the committee. State law has long recognized that bicycles are entitled to use the road on an equal basis with motor vehicles. We had in our old ordinance restrictions on certain roads in the city that were off-limit for bicycles. That wasn't enforced for many years but that has been removed. So, bicycles can be ridden on any street. They can also be ridden on any sidewalk, except if there is congestion on the sidewalk, for example during a parade. The effort that went into this, in my opinion, is another example of one of the great things about living in Bay Village. First of all, we are a very bike-able community but also we had residents who are expert in bike safety and bike traffic laws come forward, volunteer their time, and work with Council on a collaborative manner to bring our laws up-to-date. I encourage everybody to be on the lookout for bicyclists as the weather finally improves. We have our annual Bike-to-School program kicking off in early May so you will see a lot of students on their way to and from the schools through the month of May.

Again, thank you for your involvement tonight, we look forward to seeing many of you at Council meetings in the future.”

Mr. Koomar introduced Councilman Tom Henderson of Ward 4 who will cover the Public Improvements Committee report on behalf of Councilman Dave Tadych, and Mr. Henderson's own committee, Recreation and Park Improvements.

## **RECREATION & PARK IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE-Henderson**

**Councilman Tom Henderson, Chairman - Councilman Paul Vincent, Councilman Dwight Clark**

### **2014 Committee Priorities**

**Councilman Tom Henderson:** "Hi everyone, my name is Tom Henderson, I am the new Council member this year, and I was just elected last year. This is my first year on Council. It was very nice to meet all of you and I am very glad to see so many of you out here tonight. A lot of friendly faces I recognize and have seen before as well. I chair the Parks and Recreation Committee but I also serve on the Finance Committee as well as the Public Improvements Committee. Since Mr. Tadych can't be here tonight, I will speak about the Public Improvements Committee notes that he has asked me to speak about.

First, we are going to talk a little bit about what we are doing in regard to Recreation and Parks Improvement. This is something I have worked on with Dan Enovitch, Recreation Director, very closely. The first thing I would like to mention that coming up this year you will see some new lights in the Hartman Field. This is a baseball and football field just north of the pool area. The lights in that field were very old and very unreliable and people that were trying to use that park couldn't consistently count on those lights working. Those will be replaced by April 28, 2014. We looked closely at the cost of the project. One of the things I'm happy about is we were able to go with a green technology that uses less energy and it saved us money. There will be fewer actual lights than the old system. Each individual light puts out more light but uses less energy because it is a brand new technology. Also, they come with a warranty, so there will be a guarantee on the same level of light for the entire life of the product. One very fun thing about this is that Mr. Enovitch can control them from his I-Phone. In the event that someone needs them turned on because there is an event then he can turn them on from pretty much anywhere in the world.

Another project that's going to be done this year is at the pool. The slides, when they were put in about ten years ago, have been used quite a bit. They will be recoated, and this will make them last longer overall, and will keep you from getting scratched going down. Another exciting thing is there will be Wi-Fi at the pool. That way you can take your I-Pad or notes, and sit there and surf the Internet while enjoying the pool.

Looking forward to the rest of this year, we are planning on executing a survey across the city. We want to ask the residents what it is they would like the city to invest in with regard to recreational infrastructure. A number of people who are actually here tonight

I've spoken with brought a lot of very good ideas, from architectural renderings, financial analyses, legal documents. Everybody approaches it from a way they feel most comfortable. What I want to do is ask the residents what is it you like, and what would you like to see more of? We'll incorporate that information with the Recreation Commission's recommendations and move forward. We haven't decided what that would be but there are many ideas on the table. So, please reach out to me if you would like to be involved in that process. I would really like to get as much input as possible.

And, finally, some upcoming highlights for the Parks and Recreation area. Pool passes are on sale. There is an early bird special that ends in May, so make sure you sign up soon. There are recreation center brochures that recently hit your mailbox. You can check those out for things to do. And, then, finally, the Bay Village Community Band will be holding its next concert on Wednesday, April 23 at 7:30 p.m. in the Middle School.

That concludes the report for the Recreation and Parks Improvement Committee.”

### **PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS, STREETS/SEWERS/DRAINAGE COMMITTEE- Tadych**

**Councilman David Tadych, Chairman - Councilman Tom Henderson, Councilman Steve Lee**

#### **2014 Committee Priorities**

**Mr. Henderson** read the following report prepared by **Councilman Tadych** who could not be present this evening due to illness:

“Hi, I'm Dave Tadych and my committee has that unglamorous title of Public Improvements, Streets/Sewers/Drainage, but I believe it plays second only to Finance and Claims. I've been pleased to be a member of Finance since I was first elected to Council in 2002. I am also a member of the Services, Utilities and Equipment Committee.

The Tree Commission is looking for people to be on that Commission, so if you are interested in that and have skill in that area, please contact the Mayor and she can help you get in touch with that. That is an area of need in the city.

Every year, our City selects an area, usually residential, that is in need of street resurfacing and repair. Generally, \$525,000—that's better than one half a million dollars—is earmarked for these special areas. In 2014, Osborn Road, from Bassett to Cahoon; Wolf Rd. to Osborn; and Nagel Rd. to the Bradley Bridge have been selected for improvement. If additional dollars still exist after completion, there are areas earmarked for possible repair. One is Columbia Road at the tracks. The road is in bad shape on both the north and south sides of the tracks, a total of about 75 feet. The next is Cahoon Road at the tracks north to Osborn. As many of you have also pointed out there are sections of Wolf Road where joint repair is very necessary. Of course, as always, grants and assistance are being pursued.

In regard to sewers, we have two pump stations, Walker/Nantucket and Longbeach/Huntington in need of restoration. What is a pump station? A pump station moves sewerage from one level to another so that the sewage flow can be maintained on the way to the treatment plant. CT Consultants, our engineering consultants, estimate the engineering costs alone at the Walker/Nantucket Station at \$73,000. The Longbeach/Huntington station is still being estimated. Like sewerage, the dollars keep flowing!

I have an area in my ward, Ward 1, called the Sunset Area. It is residential, north of Lake Road and consists of two roads running east and west, Lakeview Drive and Sunset Drive, and three roads running north and south: Kenmore, Forestview and Rockledge. They form a rectangle of streets where sewers, drainage, and the streets have been a problem for many years. Poor drainage and sewers, along with narrow, broken streets, must now be attended to. Lack of space along with the closeness of residents' homes make the correction difficult and not inexpensive. CT Consultants met with residents and Council members – I was one of them- last year to begin an idea swap. The winter weather has put a pause in final ideas but last week on March 21, our new Service Director, Scott Thomas, met with CT Consultants on moving forward. I believe Scott will push and move the process forward, as will I.

Because so many of our committees overlap in responsibilities and efforts, you will probably hear more as these short presentations continue. I thank you for your time.”

**At the conclusion of Mr. Tadych' s report, Mr. Henderson noted that he is on Facebook. If you search for Councilman Tom Henderson, you will find him. He tries to have discussions, ask questions and get feedback from residents around topics that we will be talking about at the upcoming City Council sessions.**

Look for Councilman Tom Henderson on Facebook.

#### **FINANCE & CLAIMS COMMITTEE – Clark**

**Councilman Dwight Clark, Chairman - Councilman Dave Tadych, Councilman Tom Henderson**

#### **2014 Committee Priorities**

**Councilman-at-large Dwight Clark:** “Thank you, Council President Koomar. I am unfortunately not on Facebook, but you have my email address and my phone number is in the book. I would like to get a show of hands of the number of people who have been to a Finance Committee meeting in the past. The reason we see so many is that they are absolutely riveting. There is no homework assignment; there is no follow-up work here but in all honesty, I have been Chair of the Finance Committee for now 90 days. I would like to acknowledge the previous Chair of that committee who was actually interested enough to show up tonight, former Councilman Mike Young. Mike is enjoying full pension with the city at this point in time. Prior to him, that was Councilman Paul Koomar who is here, so I have been under great tutelage here and I am told in about three months I will be off probation.

In all honesty, the objective of our Finance Committee is to work diligently in concert with our administration and our officials to protect, enhance and insure the financial stability of the City of Bay Village. That is our number one priority, both today and in years to come. How do we do that? There are a couple of steps I would like to go through. We hold regular Finance Committee meetings to review our city finances, including monthly operating performance, measuring our liquidity levels, our capital reserves, and our debt load. We measure variances to budget, both positive and negative, and we do this all under a detailed fashion. Second, there is a very rigorous, transparent yearly budgeting process, including both operating and capital components for the city, all of the meetings are open to the public and you are happy to join us. Beginning with the start of each year, we schedule capital expenditures for equipment, public improvement and infrastructure projects by department, and we also work to approve an achievable and prudent borrowing schedule for the city each year. We've done that on three readings. We completed that last week as well. Also, we work very closely to tackle the funding of larger ticket items, many times less significant in frequency but much greater in size, such as a new pumper truck for the Fire Department approved in 2012 which is now enjoying our Fire Station, the new lights that Councilman Henderson talked about at Hartman Field which should be installed in about 45 days, and last of all, a new composter that is going to benefit our Service Department which we share 50/50 with the City of Westlake. We pay very close attention and diligence to the items of the city which are more prominent in size on the operating side including salaries, health care, pension, trash collection and the likes, because those are large drivers to operating costs day to day. Working diligently to achieve financial transparency is of utmost importance to me and our Finance Committee, and I would like to acknowledge Mr. Henderson on the Finance Committee, Councilman Tadych, who couldn't be here tonight, very important contributors to the committee. But we also want to increase the financial acumen of our city's finances to our administration, our employees, our Council members and those residents that feel they would like to know more about the economics of the City of Bay Village.

There are a number of elements currently in place right now which I believe will help us achieve a more efficient budgeting process in the years going forward. Let me just highlight several right now. As I mentioned before, Renee Mahoney, our Finance Director has now had a full year in the seat, and been through a number of situations, both good and interesting, but a lot of tremendous experience in getting up to curve, and has been a great study and a tremendous addition to the team. Secondly, all five of the city's bargaining units' contracts are in place and effective through December, 2015. As well, we underwent in 2013, changes in the health care plan of the city and those essentially are in place through the end of 2015. And last of all, the goal is to blend and incorporate the skill sets and strengths of the various people on Finance so that we have utmost important input from a variety of sources to be able to make the right decisions. I would encourage those people who are interested in the city's finances, because you are the people that make the city as great as it is, to stay interested, stay involved, come to the meetings, we love the input. As I mentioned, transparency and stability of the city are our Number 1 priorities.

Thank you.”

**PLANNING, ZONING & PUBLIC GROUNDS & BUILDINGS COMMITTEE-  
Lieske**

**Councilwoman Karen Lieske, Chairman - Councilman Steve Lee, Councilman Paul Vincent**

**2014 Committee Priorities**

**Councilwoman Karen Lieske:** “Thank you, Mr. Koomar. Good evening, I am Karen Lieske the Ward 3 City Council representative and the Chair of the Planning, Zoning, and Public Grounds and Buildings Committee. My committee just completed the review of about 25 building ordinances and brought them up to state code. Most of this work, about 95 to 98%, was done under the leadership of the former Chair of the committee, Steve Lee. The top priority of my committee currently is the review of Chapter 1158 of the Bay Village Charter. You might ask, ‘What is 1158?’ It is the section of the Charter that defines what Bay Village will be like in terms of housing in the future. It specifically references attached housing. To help explain this, consider the reasons you chose Bay as your community. Many of us would say we chose it because it is a residential community with excellent schools, the lake, and park. Every so often, our Planning Commission, which is separate from the Planning Committee of Council, and this committee will review Chapter 1158 in depth to see if we as a community want to change it to permit additional options as types of housing in addition to our single family homes. This was last reviewed in depth in 2009 and a decision was made to leave this ordinance as it was since 1974. The same ordinance that we are working with now has been in place for 40 years and it was last reviewed by Council in 2009 and nothing was changed. As you see, Bay Village is still pretty much a community of single family homes. The Planning Commission has been reviewing Chapter 1158 for the past sixty days and will be forwarding their recommendations to City Council. These discussions have been held in public, the meetings have been posted, and a handful of residents have attended, at most. If you have attended any of these meetings, would you like to raise your hand? It’s a handful, but thank you so much for taking your time as a resident to come to those meetings. The 60-day time expires on April 8. City Council will be reviewing the recommendations in the coming months. This allows the review to occur when we are not in a position to respond to a specific developer. We want to do this ahead of any election filing deadlines as well. Whatever the outcome of the review of Chapter 1158 is, you will have a say as a voter. Any proposal from a developer would be subject to a vote on the ballot. The issue would have to pass not only city wide, but also in the respective ward.

Thank you so much for coming this evening. Please contact me if you have any questions. If you’re not already on the email list from our Council Clerk to receive agendas and minutes of the meetings, not only can you receive them of the City Council meetings but also all of these others, such as the Planning Commission, as well.”

## **SERVICES, UTILITIES & EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE-Vincent**

**Councilman Paul Vincent, Chairman - Councilwoman Karen Lieske, Councilman Dave Tadych**

### **2014 Committee Priorities**

**Councilman Paul Vincent:** “Last but not least, hi everybody, thanks so much for coming out. I am Paul Vincent, I am the Chair of the Services, Utilities and Equipment Committee. I live over on Parkside Drive. For those who don’t know where Ward 2 it is from my street, Parkside Drive, down the streets down Wolf all the way down to about the Police Station.

Some of the things that were done prior to my hopping on board and that I am going to carry forward are some expectations from First Energy Corporation. They have been asked to come out about twice a year in the past to explain what is going on and any future projects and how they plan to improve the power to our homes. I am going to ask them if maybe they can come out a little more frequently, just so we can keep tabs on what’s going on. Speaking for my own home, 2013 was good for us, we didn’t have any outages. Maybe that was luck; I don’t know, but I do see an improvement there.

Some things that the committee has been keeping an eye on – I had a meeting with a resident on Cahoon Road several weeks ago, and some of the residents there are concerned with the restoration of their property when projects are complete. There is a big sewer project on Cahoon Road, I am sure you all have driven past and not been able to go to the library, and they are concerned that their yards are completely torn out, some of the sprinkler systems are torn out. I talked to Mr. Thomas, Director of Public Services, and he says it is part of the contract with the contractor that the city and the consultants will go out and look at these yards and check them off if they are ok and back to nearly as good a condition as they were before the project.

Some other exciting stuff – we’ve already started the salt bids for the snow of next year which is probably going to start in August. This year the Ohio Department of Transportation is going to separate those contracts into two chunks. Part of the problem for a lot of cities, including ours, was that the salt folks weren’t filling the contracts. They were just running out unprepared. This is the hope to improve that for next year. As Mr. Thomas has mentioned already, he is doing a lot of neat things to reorganize our sewer crew and I think that is really going to help the city out a lot.

I will be sending out electronic correspondence as well, so if you like I will be wandering around here tonight, if you want to join my email list, I give out these small things that I think are important and you are welcome to hop on board and I will send you my ramblings.”

Mr. Koomar thanked the members of Council for their reports and acknowledged the work of Joan Kemper, the Clerk of Council for her assistance.

## **AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

Q-Would you please tell us what is happening around Bradley Bay? They cut down all of those trees with a bulldozer, and that's awful.

A-Mr. Henderson- I represent Ward 4 which is the area this is occurring in. It is literally across the street from my house, so it matters to me as much as it matters to you. What's going on is the gentleman who owns Bradley Bay, in 2012, received approval to expand Bradley Bay. The expansion is a one story building and will assist people with Alzheimer's disease. The license permits people with Alzheimer's to stay in Bay Village if they need a high level of care. This will bring that level of care to Bay Village. That's what is good about it. Across the street right now, you are seeing a bunch of trees get cut down, and that is alarming, I agree. But the plans are on file and I have a copy of them I can share with you so you can see exactly what will happen. There will be trees and landscaping built at the end of that construction process.

Q-So, those homes that are there now that have the woods that are on Provincetown, they are going to have a buffer up there?

A-Mr. Koomar – There are buffering requirements.

Q-The buffer is just going to be around Bradley Bay. That won't affect all of us who have lost woods in our back yards.

A-Mr. John Cheatham, SAFEbuilt – The Planning Commission requires that they have a 20 ft. landscaping buffer when it's done and they even designated what type of trees and shrubs, but it will be at the end of the project.

Q-The entire parameter?

A- Not the entire parameter, no. But there are plans on file. If you come to the Building Department, or Mr. Henderson said he has plans here tonight. But the Building Department has plans on file so you can come down and see the landscape plans.

Q-Bob Tuneberg, Publisher, Bay Village Newspaper- I am in the receipt of a print that shows a cul-de-sac being built there with nine sublots on it at the end of Crestview Drive.

A-Mr. Henderson – That's something I am coming up to speed on myself as well.

Mayor Sutherland –We do not have any direct information yet that has been submitted to the city regarding the cul-de-sac and the lot. That has only been in discussions with the owner of the property. He actually took the trees down in that entire area because of the Indiana Fruit Bats that are migrating and he had to get the trees down by April 1, I believe, in order to not upset their migration and mating patterns. I am not sure when that construction is scheduled to start or when he is planning on submitting anything.

Q-Do they have a construction time line?

A- Mr. Cheatham – It is close to a two year period.

Q-I live on Chatham Point. We're right by the railroad tracks and we have that wonderful company on the side there. They're opening up three shifts all the time now. That noise is horrendous. Is there any possibility of putting up a buffer over there to

eliminate some of that noise? The dirt is so bad we can't even open our windows because all that dirt comes our way. Is there anything we can do?

A- Mr. Ebert. We could actually petition the City of Westlake and see if there is something that can be done. I couldn't tell you now what can or can't be done but we can definitely contact the City of Westlake. Westlake has been assisting the city in the past on the east end of the city as far as buffering their commercial zone, so we will pursue that. Tomorrow I will make a phone call.

Q-Are you saying there are not houses going in at the end of Crestview?

A- Mr. Koomar – I think what the Mayor is saying is that no plans have been submitted to the city.

Q-What are the plans that are available on *The Villager's* website?

A- Mr. Koomar – I am not familiar with those. I have not seen them.

Q-When you look at the plans for the Bradley Bay Alzheimer's extension, do you see room? It is not that big of a space, does it look like there is going to be room for nine additional lots after they expand Bradley Bay?

A-Mr. Henderson – I have not studied the Crestview extension, if that's what you would like to call it, in detail to make an opinion like that. And quite frankly I am not the engineer to know precisely whether or not there is legally space or not. As far as the plans for Bradley Bay, I have taken a look at those, the expansion itself, the Alzheimer's unit and those are on file with the city. And I've walked around and talked to the residents that are in that directly affected area to the best of my ability when they were home, and shared with them how it is going to be affecting them. It will be right across the street from people's houses and their yards. But, as far as the other one goes, like I said, I don't have any official documents related to that at this point.

Q-But there is space in that area that was just cleared that isn't part of the Bradley Bay expansion that is kind of a gray area right now, and nobody seems to know.

A-Mr. Koomar- If someone wanted to submit an extension of single family homes there are minimum lot sizes and other code requirements they would have to go through to submit to see if there was enough space for homes to be built and how many.

Q-Is it correct that the expansion doesn't take up the entire area that was cleared?

A-Mr. Koomar – I've not seen it so I couldn't answer that question.

A- Mayor Sutherland – Sir, you are correct.

Q-Why don't we have more regulations in this city to protect the woods like that. In other cities you can't tear down that many trees that quickly with no warning to the neighbors. I don't understand how that much can be ripped out of the city. Why don't we have regulations to protect the trees?

A-Mr. Koomar – This is Mr. O'Neill's land and he can do with it how he sees fit.

Q-No, that's not accurate. He's in a community just like the rest of can't do whatever we want on our property. There are rules in a community.

A-Mr. Koomar – I know if you have enjoyed trees over the years you appreciate them. But, all of the trees in my yard, if I wanted to go cut them down tomorrow my neighbors would have no say over it. That's the hard truth.

Q-Is that entire area zoned residential?

A-Yes, single family residential. From the end of Crestview and then going to the east that is single family zoned.

A- With the nature of the variance he has to expand Bradley Bay in an area zoned for single family.

Q-There's a lot of rumors circulating about that variance.

A- Mr. Ebert – Plans were approved in 2012 for the project. This was subject to several cases and litigation as far as what could be done on the property. Mr. Cheatham just handed me a timeline. The actual variance was granted July 5, 2012. The hold-up was for the storm management system to have these submitted and that was approved on March 20, 2013 by the Building Department. Revised plans for retention basin drainage for the Bradley Bay Subdivision were submitted on May 8, 2013. The plans were approved and granted on July 5, 2013, and it goes right down the line here as far as the revised building plans and plan approval. The permits were issued March 13, 2014. But, this was subject to substantial litigation several years ago for the addition. The original proposed addition was a two-story addition that took up quite a bit of property. The revised plans are for a single floor addition, substantially less than originally proposed, I am not sure exactly, but about a third less than what was originally proposed several years ago. I got a call this weekend from two neighbors who I know very well who live back there and wanted to know about buffering. The buffering will be looked at very, very closely by the city, as far as the establishment they have there and the single family homes. I personally have not heard of any subdivision going in back there. I understand they may have the land, I've heard rumors, but I haven't even heard anything about that myself. No one is hiding anything. If there is discussion and Bob (Tuneberg) has plans in his paper, they haven't been submitted to the city whatsoever and they have to go through the proper channels.

Mr. Koomar adjourned the formal portion of the meeting but announced that the officials will be here to answer any questions that the audience hasn't asked so far.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

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Paul Koomar, President of Council

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Joan Kemper, Clerk of Council