

City of Bay Village

Council Minutes, Committee Session
Conference Room

October 13, 2014
7:45 p.m.

Paul A. Koomar, President of Council, Presiding

Present: Clark, Henderson, Koomar, Lee, Lieske, Tadych, Vincent, Mayor Sutherland

Also Present: Law Director Ebert, Finance Director Mahoney, Police Chief Spaetzel,
Community Services Director Selig, Fire Chief Lyons, Service/Safety Director
Thomas, Operations Manager Landers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Sutherland announced that the City of Bay Village made \$54.25 last week from the Clothing Recycling Program. This was the first week of the program.

AUDIENCE

The following audience members signed in this evening: Marty Mace, Jerrie Barnett, Conda Boyd.

ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

Mr. Lee had no report this evening.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS, STREETS/SEWERS/DRAINAGE COMMITTEE

Agreement with Cuyahoga County on behalf of the Department of Public Works to perform certain preventive maintenance services related to roadways, sidewalks, curb ramps, catch basins, manholes, pavement striping, crack sealing, street sweeping and other related services.

Mayor Sutherland stated that the City has entered into these types of agreements in the past. The agreement will allow the Department of Public Works of Cuyahoga County to do some preventive maintenance projects for the City. Service Director Thomas stated that the Department of Public Works is also making funds available for such things as asphalt and the City must have this agreement in place to apply for those funds.

Mr. Lee noted that it does not obligate us to use the county for projects, but the assistance is available if needed.

Replacement of sanitary sewer line on Walmar Drive.

Mr. Tadych called upon Service Director Thomas to report the condition of the sanitary sewer line on Walmar Drive. Mr. Thomas stated that on September 11, 2014, there were homes with flooded basements in the Walmar area. Immediately afterwards, they spent two weeks with the camera trucks checking out the area and connections to be sure it wasn't something on the owners' sides. As they inspected the 12 inch sanitary sewer line they found that the area is highly sandy, joints of the pipe have started to separate, and massive amounts of sand had infiltrated into the pipe itself reducing the capacity for the line. In addition, they found areas where it had bellied out; the actual pipe had dropped down and there was nothing to keep it from dropping further. There are also homes to the south of the area that count on that pipe to carry their sanitary sewer water to the lift station. In addition, the corner house goes from a 10 inch to a 12 inch pipe, and that home flooded because it would not take the capacity. The Service Department removed 2 ½ yards of sand out of the sanitary sewer just east of the lift station that had actually gone through the lift station.

Mr. Clark asked if Mr. Thomas had consulted with CT Consultants, the City's consulting engineer to validate these issues. Mr. Thomas stated that they did consult with CT Consultants.

Mr. Thomas stated that they asked for four emergency proposals. One company said they could not provide the service. Another company did not submit. Terrace Construction did send a proposal in the amount of over \$122,000, and Fabrizi Trucking and Paving Company's proposal was \$94,250. Mr. Thomas stated he is familiar with Fabrizi Trucking and Paving Company and is very satisfied that they can do the work.

Mr. Lee asked if this situation has anything to do with the pump station at Nantucket and Walker Roads. Mr. Thomas stated that it does not, but leading up to that area it could be a problem if this is not addressed immediately.

Mr. Koomar asked if the contract with Fabrizi Trucking and Paving Co. takes care of refilling in the area where the pipe has settled so that there is a base going forward. Mr. Thomas stated that the contract does include refilling with premium fill. The pipe that is being taken out is clay and is being replaced with a PVC pipe. All of the work by Fabrizi will be double checked by CT Consultants to make sure the guidelines are met.

Mr. Tadych asked how many homes are affected. Mr. Thomas stated that a total of 8 homes are affected.

Mr. Henderson commented that some of the residents have been contacting him. He asked Mr. Thomas if the City has been communicating with everyone who has been affected, letting them know the timeline of these emergency repairs. Mr. Thomas stated that he has a meeting with all of the homeowners on Tuesday, October 14, 2014, at 3 p.m.

An ordinance authorizing a contract with Fabrizi Trucking and Paving Company will be read for adoption at the Special Meeting of Council to follow tonight's committee meeting. Mr. Henderson stated that he has received complaints about this general problem and if this is what

needs to be done to correct this problem then this is a genuine emergency and we should move forward with the contract.

Mr. Lee asked the timeline for the correction of this situation. Mr. Thomas stated that he would hope to have this moving within two weeks.

Mr. Lee asked if there were any cross connections of storm and sanitary sewers that were found as part of the testing that was done. Mr. Thomas stated that all of the homes tested well and there were no cross connections between the storm and sanitary sewers.

Mr. Clark asked if these pockets would exist in other parts of the City that we are not aware of now. Mr. Thomas stated that one of the things they are going to do this coming year is to start moving into additional areas where there are high sand areas. He noted that what he would like to do is look at possibly moving 40 feet of a line at a time through a sandy area to replace the line. As the infrastructure ages we are going to have more and more of these conditions.

Mr. Henderson asked if individual residents have to pay anything or is this a City problem. Mr. Thomas stated that there is a check valve, or backflow valve that would be part of that repair. He is going to ask the homeowners to pay \$500 for that, which represents the cost of the valve. In speaking with CT Consultants, one of the things they looked at is because it is close to the lift station traditionally they would have problems once that backs up. They want to give the homeowner as much security as they can. The homeowner can choose not to have that check valve, but Mr. Thomas would strongly recommended they have the valve. Normally, a check valve costs anywhere from \$1400 to \$1500 that a homeowner would have to pay. To get it at \$500 is a very good deal.

Mr. Tadych asked if the homeowner assumes any correction to that check valve in the future. Mr. Thomas stated that the homeowner will have to sign off that it is their responsibility for maintenance and any future problems with the valve.

Mr. Koomar noted that they thought they would give the homeowners the option of purchasing the check valve since the City is working in the area and by the City doing the work it is a savings to the homeowners. To be fair, the valve would normally be covered by the homeowner. Since the City is working there they will assume the labor.

Mr. Lee asked if this valve will benefit the homeowner by potentially preventing flooding in the basements. Mr. Thomas stated that this is correct, if it ever backs up from the lift station the valve shuts off and it will not back up into the house. This is why the Service Department checked to make sure there were no cross connections because if that were the case the homeowner would still get water into their basement.

Mr. Clark noted that in essence the City is paying almost \$12,000 of the sanitary sewer project for each homeowner. Mr. Koomar noted that there are additional residents upstream that could be affected by this situation as well.

SERVICES, UTILITIES & EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE

Repair of snow removal equipment.

Service Director Thomas stated that because of the bad winter last year two of the City's snow plows will need to be replaced at a cost of \$42,000. With the oncoming winter the equipment needs to be ordered as soon as possible. Mr. Thomas read through a list of individual plows noting the parts that need to be replaced. A salt spreader in the amount of \$8,569 also needs to be replaced.

Mr. Henderson asked how many plows there are in total when they are all working. Mr. Thomas stated that they have 12 to 15 trucks including some of the 5-ton trucks.

The price of salt this year is \$51.22 per ton. Last year the City paid \$29.40 per ton. Mayor Sutherland noted that it was \$55.00 or \$56.00 per ton in 2003.

Mr. Lee asked if there is typically money in the budget for snow removal equipment. Mr. Thomas stated that because so much money was spent to maintain the plows during the winter itself, this situation is after-effects which were found when the equipment was inspected.

Mr. Lee asked if that is some area that may need to be tweaked for the budget that is being put together for 2015. Mr. Thomas stated that they are hoping these replacements will help the City get through next year. This is not anticipated to occur again next year.

FINANCE & CLAIMS COMMITTEE

Administrative Compensation Ordinance No. 14-90 (Property Maintenance Inspector) – Second Reading of Ordinance at Special Council Meeting to follow Committee Meeting.

Mr. Clark advised that the Administrative Compensation Ordinance providing compensation for the position of Property Maintenance Inspector will be moved to second reading this evening. It is hoped to finalize the ordinance at the October 20, 2014 meeting of Council.

Mr. Henderson stated that there was discussion about changes to the SAFEbuilt, Inc. contract in relation to the new position of Property Maintenance Inspector. He asked if they will see the draft of the new version of the SAFEbuilt, Inc. contract at the same time as the third reading and finalization of the compensation ordinance.

Mayor Sutherland stated that she met with Scott Martin from SAFEbuilt, Inc. today and talked about how this is going to work. The City won't be paying SAFEbuilt to have the property maintenance work done. They will work out the protocols on how those calls come in. It won't be necessary to open up the contract.

Mr. Lee stated that the contract doesn't require that we use SAFEbuilt, Inc. for the property maintenance.

Amended Appropriation Ordinance regarding snow removal equipment repairs and Walmar Drive emergency sewer line replacement.

The amended appropriation ordinance on this evening's Special Council meeting agenda will cover the cost of the sewer repair on Walmar Drive, and the equipment replacement costs for snow removal equipment.

Mr. Clark asked that the 2015 Budget Process be moved to the list of Matters Pending before Council Committee.

PLANNING, ZONING & PUBLIC GROUNDS & BUILDINGS COMMITTEE

Extension of Time for Planning Commission to review plans presented by Bradley Center Limited for the southern extension of Crestwood Drive and the Crestwood Drive Subdivision from November 4, 2014 to January 3, 2015.

Mrs. Lieske will present a motion the Special Meeting of Council this evening for an extension of time for the Planning Commission's review of this southern extension of Crestwood Drive.

Mr. Ebert stated that Bradley Center Limited has received approval from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). There should be something back from them this week that can be forwarded on to Council and the Planning Commission. Mayor Sutherland stated that she believes they are getting ready to begin construction the week of October 20, 2014.

RECREATION & PARK IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

Mr. Henderson had no report this evening.

There being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Paul Koomar, President of Council

Joan Kemper, Clerk of Council