

City of Bay Village

Council Minutes, Special Meeting
Council Chambers 8:30 p.m.

April 13, 2015

Paul Koomar, President of Council, Presiding

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

Also Present: Finance Director Mahoney, Safety/Service Director Thomas, Property Maintenance Inspector Lyons, Bob Greytak, Consulting Engineer.

President of Council Koomar called the meeting to order at 8:30 p.m. with a roll call and Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilman Paul W. Vincent, Ward 2.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Sutherland issued a reminder that the gas aggregation issue is on the May 5, 2015 ballot. The City is currently aggregating for electric power in the City of Bay Village, saving residents about 6% of a portion of their electric bill. This proposal would do the same thing for gas aggregation.

Mr. Koomar noted that NOPEC is paying the cost of this election, which is over \$26,000. To have this in place for the winter season is going to be a benefit for residents. If the issue passes the ballot, residents still have the option of opting out of the program. Mr. Tadych noted that the gas savings will not be on the delivery of the gas but on the actual gas itself.

Mayor Sutherland stated that email blasts have been sent to the residents, and information is included in the City newsletter. The Mayor met with the representative of NOPEC who stated that because the City will be striking the price and negotiating in August, if the issue passes on the ballot, it will be at the low peak of the timing, much more favorable than in November.

Mr. Koomar announced that a Town Hall Meeting, Home Improvement Session, will be held Monday, April 20, at 7 p.m. at the Dwyer Memorial Center. Mayor Sutherland added that three speakers will be on hand on April 20 at the Home Improvement Workshop. One is a representative of Cuyahoga County who will talk about the different types of home loan programs that are available in order to get maintenance projects done around homes. A representative of the Cleveland Restoration Society will talk about the Heritage Home Loan Program which is for homes that are 50 years old and older. Chief Building Official John Cheatham will talk about how to get the most value for home improvement expenditures and how to navigate the permit process in Bay Village.

Mr. Koomar stated that there will be Council updates on the various committees at the meeting. A question and answer period will be held for the residents as well.

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Councilwoman Lieske announced that on Tuesday, April 14, 2015, she will host her second **Ward 3 Town Hall Meeting** in the Bay Village City Hall Council Chambers at 7 p.m. All residents are invited to meet fellow residents and enjoy home-baked goodies.

AUDIENCE

The following audience members signed in this evening: Dick Majewski, Lydia DeGeorge, Pam Cottam, Denny Wendell, Jerrie Barnett, John Glasmire, Tom and Janet Kauker, Patrick Graham, Nancy Brown, Nancy Trainer, Ernie Minichello, Kent Silverberg, Mike O'Mara, Dick Majewski, Tara Wendell, Richard Fink, Jeff Gallatin.

Mr. Tom Kauker, 252 Plymouth Drive, stated that for the record, and on behalf of the Friends of the Bay Village Kennel, and on behalf of all animal lovers, he would like to offer a sincere thank you to all the groups and folks who participated in the wonderful rescue of Kimberly, the Black Lab puppy, who gathered national attention last month with her trek several miles from home, a half mile onto the ice in Lake Erie, enduring three days and nights in the cold. Mr. Kauker read a list of people to be thanked and recognized, as well as a note of thanks from The Pritchard Family, the owners of Kimberly, to Nancy Brown for her efforts in coordinating the rescue of Kimberly. The following were publicly recognized by Mr. Kauker:

Mike O'Mara, Channel 3 News;
Captain Tony Muscioni and his wife Betty, who volunteered the services of their ice boat from Sandusky, free of charge;
The U.S. Coast Guard, Cleveland Station;
Lorain County Sheriff's Office, Officer Bose;
Greg Wiley, Friendship APL, Elyria;
Cleveland APL;
Two Volunteers from the Avon Lake Fire Department;
The Francati Family of Bay Village who watched the dog on the ice with their field glasses and kept the coyotes away;
Mrs. Bigler who started the rescue when she recognized this was a dog on the loose and notified Nancy Brown;
Love-a-Stray Rescue, Connie Fields, and their efforts;
Elite Canine Training, Chuck Stella;
All local media

Mr. Kauker also thanked everyone else who participated through emails, phone calls, social media, and Nancy Brown, instrumental to the end. Mr. Kauker expressed appreciation to everyone.

Mr. Mike O'Mara, Channel 3 News, thanked Channel 3 Videographer George Payamgis, who was the third man in the boat. Mr. Payamgis grabbed Kimberly's collar and put her in the arms of Mike O'Mara, and deserves credit as well. Mr. O'Mara closed by saying the fact that they had the family at the scene and could hand the puppy back was magic. He expressed appreciation to all.

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Motion by Lee to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held March 30, 2015, and approve the minutes as prepared and distributed.

Motion passed 6-0.

Motion by **Lee** to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the Cahoon Memorial Park Trustees Meeting held March 30, 2015 and approve the minutes as prepared and distributed.

Motion passed 7-0.

Motion by Tadych to acknowledge receipt of the March, 2015 Financial Reports of the City of Bay Village prepared and submitted by Renee Mahoney, Director of Finance.

Motion passed 6-0.

Mr. Tadych introduced **Ordinance 15-26** enacting new Codified Ordinance Chapter 916, Foundation Drain Disconnection, amending by reading to change Section 1 to “Chapter 916” instead of “Chapter 915” as written. Mr. Tadych stated that Mr. Henderson, Mr. Lee, and he worked on the drafting of this legislation during four Public Improvements, Streets, Sewers and Drainage Committee meetings. He stated that it sounds like something that is going to be very successful and help the City with the drain foundation problems. Along with the ordinance will be a map of the 18 districts, along with the district that is being addressed by this ordinance this evening for the changes that will be made.

Mr. Koomar announced that Ordinance No. 15-26 is placed on First Reading.

Mr. Koomar expressed appreciation to Director of Public Service/Safety Scott Thomas, Consulting Engineer Bob Greytak, CT Consultants, for putting together a great first draft and being willing to work with the City Council. This made the process very straight forward and seamless.

Mr. Henderson read Ordinance 15-27, authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with SlideCare, LLC “SlideRenu” for the Water Slide and Diving Tower Steel Restoration Project, and declaring an emergency, and moved for adoption.

There being no further discussion, Mr. Koomar called for a vote on the motion to adopt Ordinance No. 15-27.

Roll Call on Suspension of the Charter Rules:

Yeas- Henderson, Koomar, Lee, Lieske, Tadych, Vincent

Nays -None

Roll Call on Suspension of the Council Rules:

Yeas – Henderson, Koomar, Lee, Lieske, Tadych, Vincent

Nays – None.

Roll Call on Use of the Emergency Clause:

Yeas- Henderson, Koomar, Lee, Lieske, Tadych, Vincent

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Nays -None

Roll Call on Adoption:

Yeas– Henderson, Koomar, Lee, Lieske, Tadych, Vincent

Nays–None.

Mr. Koomar announced adoption of Ordinance No. 15-27, an emergency measure, by a vote of 6-0.

Mr. Koomar announced that Item No. 9 on this evening's agenda, the motion to convene to Executive Session, has been removed from tonight's agenda due to the absence of Gary Ebert, Director of Law, who is ill.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Paul Koomar, President of Council

Joan Kemper, Clerk of Council