

# City of Bay Village

Council Minutes, Committee Session  
Dwight A. Clark, President of Council, presiding  
Council Chambers; augmented by Zoom.

September 6, 2022  
7:00 p.m.

President of Council Clark called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Clark, DeGeorge, Greco, Kelly, Maier, Tadych, Mayor Koomar.

Excused: Mr. Winzig.

Also Present: Law Director Barbour, Finance Director Mahoney, Director of Public Service and Properties Liskovec, Police Chief Gillespie, Fire Chief Lyons, Recreation Director Enovitch, Community Services Director Selig, Building Director Tuck-Macalla, Clerk of Council Kemper.

## **AUDIENCE**

Nancy Brown, Martha Raymond, Dr. Dan Sweeney, Emily Goers. By Zoom: Doug Dvorak.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Mayor Koomar**

Appointment of Emily Goers as the Director of Community Services of the City of Bay Village.

Mayor Koomar announced the appointment of Emily Goers as the Director of Community Services of the City of Bay Village. He thanked Community Services Director Selig and Human Resource Director Demaline for their work in the review of resumes and the interviewing process.

Appointment of Brian Cruse to the Civil Service Commission for a six year term expiring September 6, 2028.

The Mayor announced the appointment of Mr. Brian Cruse to the Civil Service Commission for a six-year term, amending the expiration date to January 24, 2028, in accordance with City Charter.

Mayor Koomar advised that a communication went out stating that NOPEC was moving their electricity customers to a different rate of twelve cents per kilowatt hour. Through aggregation efforts, the City of Bay Village has had a fixed rate of 5.04 cents per kilowatt hour. The City has informed residents through email and website that Bay Village is not part of NOPEC for electricity. We are part of NOPEC for natural gas. The market is being watched and there may be an opportunity to use the same aggregating resource, SES (Sustainable Energy Services) for natural gas in the next six to twelve months when there are more appropriate marketing conditions.

Mr. Clark asked that Laura Sherman of SES visit a Council meeting sometime in the fourth quarter. He noted that the savings being accrued on our natural gas aggregation versus market conditions is quite substantial.

The Mayor stated that Council has been provided a timeline relative to the USEPA agreement and the Equalization Tank installment.

The manager of the Rocky River Wastewater Treatment Plant is scheduled to visit Council at their first meeting in October. Pre-budget discussions indicate that there may be consideration for a review of the sewer rate due to improvements at the plant and the average of 8% increase in payments to the plant by the City over the last three years. There may be more information in upcoming meetings.

## **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

**ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY, & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE- T. Kelly, D. Tadych, S. Byrnes Maier.**

### All Hazards Mitigation Plan 2022-2027.

**Mr. Kelly** will introduce a resolution of Council this evening approving the Cuyahoga County All Hazards Mitigation Plan for 2022 through 2027. A link in the information given to the Council members provides access to the site that has the updated plan. There are not a lot of changes in terms of the input that Bay Village has, but this resolution is necessary in order to ensure that Bay Village has appropriate access to federal grant funding in the future.

**Fire Chief Lyons** stated that it is required that all counties adopt these programs to mitigate potential disasters in order to be eligible for funding for emergencies such as Hurricane Sandy. The Chief noted that he has been on the Planning Committee and it was an interesting experience to review natural and other disasters. The plan is a good plan and is recommended for adoption.

**FINANCE AND CLAIMS COMMITTEE -D. Tadych, P. Winzig, T. Kelly, D. Clark.**

### Tax Rate Resolution for 2023.

**Mr. Tadych** advised that he will introduce the resolution accepting the tax rates for 2023. The millage remains the same as it has for many years.

### Tax Advancements Resolution for 2023.

**Mr. Tadych** will introduce a resolution requesting property tax advances from the county on a timelier basis rather than annually.

**PLANNING, ZONING, PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE -P. Winzig, L. DeGeorge, M. Greco.**

**Mr. Winzig** is excused this evening as he is recovering from hip replacement surgery.

**PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS/STREETS/SEWERS/DRAINAGE COMMITTEE -L.**  
**DeGeorge, T. Kelly, P. Winzig.**

Safe Routes to Schools Infrastructure Project by Ohio Department of Transportation.

**Ms. DeGeorge** will introduce an ordinance this evening to move forward with the Safe Routes to Schools Infrastructure Project by the Ohio Department of Transportation, to coordinate with the Safe Route to Schools Plan passed by City Council two years ago. The ordinance includes the five intersections affected, a Consent of Cooperation statement, Authority to Sign, Utilities and Right of Way Maintenance and a section for open meetings and emergency measures.

**Director of Public Service and Properties Liskovec** confirmed that the Safe Routes to Schools Infrastructure Project is 100% funded by the Ohio Department of Transportation.

The agreement includes a breakdown of the costs for each intersection.

Reconfiguration of Wolf Road/Cahoon Road Intersection by Ohio Department of Transportation.

**Ms. DeGeorge** stated that the agreement for the Reconfiguration of the Wolf Road/Cahoon Road Intersection is 80% funded by the Ohio Department of Transportation. The price has most probably been increased since the original discussion in early 2020. Final figures are not yet available. The ordinance will be placed on first reading this evening.

Ms. DeGeorge noted that an explanation of what would happen with the intersection describes narrowing of the intersection.

**Mr. Liskovec** stated that the current, west-bound right turn lane from Wolf to Cahoon will be eliminated as a result of the NOACA Connectivity Study. The crosswalks will be reconfigured and the turning radius of the northwest corner will also be reconfigured to provide better passage.

Mayor Koomar stated that the goal is to tighten the crosswalk and shorten the distance which will adjust the timing for pedestrians to cross, as recommended by the NOACA 2017 plan, tying into the Master Plan from the standpoint of being a walkable, bikeable community for getting into the park.

Ms. DeGeorge advised that information concerning both of the plans addressed by the ordinances to be introduced this evening is on the City website.

**RECREATION AND PARK IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE –S. Byrnes Maier, M. Greco, D. Tadych.**

**Ms. Maier** had no report this evening.

**SERVICES, UTILITIES & EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE –M. Greco, S. Maier, L. DeGeorge.**

Mr. Greco had no report this evening.

**AUDIENCE**

There were no comments from the audience this evening.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

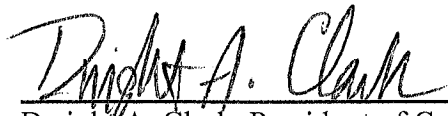
The next meeting of Council will be held on Monday, September 19, beginning with the committee meeting at 7 p.m.

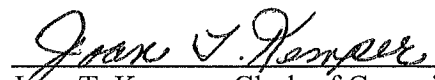
Mayor Koomar stated that he has been in discussion with Councilman Winzig remotely regarding the adjustments being made to the Tree Ordinance, and its relation to the Storm Water Management Plan. A draft of the ordinance is being prepared and will be shared with Mr. Winzig prior to moving it to committee.

Mr. Greco will be absent at the September 19 meeting due to a family commitment.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss this evening, the meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

  
Dwight A. Clark, President of Council

  
Joan T. Kemper, Clerk of Council