

SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

May 19, 2008

Members of Safety Committee present: Doug Joseph, Ron Stake, Leslie Kelly, Fred Deskins, Jr.

Other members of Council present: Antoinette Newman, Donna Shirey, Council President William L. Hills. Councilman Mel Clemens was absent.

Mr. Joseph: I'll call the Safety Committee meeting to order at 7:31 p.m.

The second item on the agenda is the approval of the agenda. Are there any changes, additions or deletions to the Safety Committee agenda tonight? Seeing none - the agenda will stand approved.

Item three is the approval of the minutes of the May 5, 2008 Safety Committee Meeting. Are there any additions, deletions or changes to those minutes? Seeing none, those minutes will stand approved.

Item #4: Discussion: Code Compliance Procedures, listed for discussion at direction of Chairman Joseph at the request of Mr. Stake. Councilman Stake - since this was your request, I'll let you go ahead and ask whatever questions you have of Administration or anyone, along those lines, on this issue tonight.

Mr. Stake: Ok. Thank you Chairman Joseph. Mayor, and would you be addressing this or is somebody else going to....

Mayor McCloud: Depending on the question Mr. Stake it would be either me or Mr. Hopper or Mrs. Boratyn.

Mr. Stake: Okay and I - you know - my intention here tonight was to try and shed some light on what I guess a lot of our citizens are expected to comply with in regards to our Code. I know I've gotten a number of enquiries lately, and I've mentioned to some of the other Council members, about high grass and trash in the yards and various things, so really I just kind of have a general question, if maybe you could give us an idea of maybe what you're finding out there a lot and what the procedure is. Do you give somebody a warning, or do you cite them right away, and how much time do they have to comply, and what's the followup.

Mr. McCloud: Thank you Chairman Stake. Let me start off with maybe the most common violations that we see and that is obviously this time of year we see a lot of high grass, trash cans and debris on the sides of houses is very common particularly in some of our older established neighborhoods, and then from there the gamut from gutters and downspouts in disrepair. Those are the most common, probably the most common infractions in addition to parking infractions. The occasional parking in the grass or an inoperable vehicle or a vehicle that doesn't have proper tags, proper licenses or tags. The Code requires in so far as grass that there be a notice provided, a seven day notice, and then upon that seven days we can order it cut, we can then assess, which we do, the property owner actually, and put it on the tax duplicate, the cost of that service. What were some of the other things you were asking?

Mr. Stake: Well, what's the procedure if you do find a Code violation? What's the next step? How

are you finding Code violations? Are the Code Compliance Officers out there finding things on their own, or are they just responding to complaints, or are they doing both?

Mr. McCloud: It is both. It is complaint-driven; it is also an initiative. We have our Code Enforcement Officers out daily. The process is that there is a written notice of violation served to the home owner, to the resident, asking them to comply and we set forth specifically what the problem is. Whether it's debris, or an inoperable car, high grass. Upon that period of time, we then have the option of citing them directly to Mayor's Court. Our goal is compliance. So if we can get compliance, that really is all we want anyways, but failing that, we do cite directly into Mayor's Court and we have some pending now. In discussions with the City Attorney, I'm trying to come up with a process that's a little more streamlined. As it is now, in order to cite someone directly into Mayor's Court, there needs to be, we need certain specific information that people don't want to give us, like their Social Security number. That often entails a personal service process by a police officer, which is another Human Resources challenge. So I would like to arrive at a way that we can do that a little more quickly and have maybe a little stronger hammer to get these folks that won't comply, into Mayor's Court faster. I think that, in a nutshell, is the process.

Mr. Stake: Do we have a procedure to, I mean I guess if we give somebody a warning, how are we following up on that?

Mr. McCloud: They do log those. There'll be a specific, finite number of days that they have to comply, that the resident has to comply with that, and it's ticklered on their calendar to go back after whatever that date, whatever that number of days is - 10 - 20 - 30 days, and then to go back. Let me ask Mr. Hopper for some of the more specifics about that process.

Mr. Stake: Okay.

Chief Building Inspector Chet Hopper: We currently have a program that we've used for a number of years. It piggybacks the permit program, our Building Inspection Program, provides us with homeowner information if it's currently available, but our Inspectors will log a complaint into the Program. They'll go out and do an inspection. If it's a true code violation, they will give it a certain number of days and depending on what the code violation is, it could be a seven day compliance issue, it could be a 14 day, or a 28 day. The program automatically asks if we want to schedule another inspection. It understands that depending on what violation is existing how many days we're looking for them to get it brought into compliance. We simply say "yes - we want to schedule another inspection". If it produces another inspection seven days out, fourteen days or twenty-eight days out, on the day that inspection is due, the Code Enforcement Officers will print out a Tickler Report that tells them what has come up that day and they'll go out and reinspect. If it's still a violation, there's procedures that, again like the Mayor said, we're trying to streamline and get the process nailed down so that things can move quicker through the system.

Mr. Stake: Chet, what percentage of those that I guess you give, I don't know if you give them a citation, you warn them first and then give a citation, how's that work?

Mr. Hopper: We give them a Code violation notice, which basically is a warning stating that this is

the Code sections that they're in violation of. We try to tell them what they need to do to bring their violation into compliance. There's some disclaimers on the notice that says that they can appeal it, if they would like to appeal it to the Building and Zoning Appeals Board, and once we've done a reinspection, it could possibly be that we send a letter out. We've tried a number of different things, you know, and we are trying to write more citations. We've written 11 or 12 so far this year and have served six, so we are having a little more success with the citations.

Mr. Stake: And I appreciate you giving folks an opportunity to comply and trying to get compliance. What's the percentage of those that don't comply I guess, on the citations you're giving?

Mr. Hopper: On the citations it's - we haven't.....

Mr. Stake: On the whatever you give them.

Mr. Hopper: On the first notice. I don't know, I think probably without going back and trying to find that information, I would say eventually we probably get 95% compliance.

Mr. Stake: Okay. Chairman Joseph I'm done for the moment. Thank you.

Mr. Joseph: I got just one question and I took this from an article I read talking about the number of violations that were written up. We jumped significantly from, looks like some 900 in 2007 and we've roughly got this number so far this year. What do you attribute the significant jump in the shorter time frame. Is it just greater effort on behalf of the employees, or is there some other issue that is resulting in a greater number of citations being written in a shorter period of time?

Mr. Hopper: I would attribute it to greater effort on the two code enforcement officers we have now, plus the fact that at that point in time that we had run those numbers it could be that we were between Code Enforcement Officers, and we realize that we've had seven different Code Enforcement Officers in three years. We've been averaging about ten months worth of work out of each Code Enforcement Officer. So we've obviously had some highs and lows and so it's really hard to tell what numbers other than the fact that we are really trying to do a better job.

Mr. Joseph: Okay. Yes, Mrs. Newman.

Mrs. Newman: Mr. Hopper, do you all ever leave with your notice of an infraction, the little booklet that you all made up telling the home owner exactly what his responsibilities are and that kind of thing. Do you ever leave a copy of that with him when you leave your notice?

Mr. Hopper: We have in the past. We're currently trying to make some revisions to that pamphlet we have.

Mrs. Newman: I think people would do a better job of complying if they really just knew what they were supposed to do a lot of time.

Mr. Hopper: That's an educational thing that, you know, with lack of full time staff, we have to set our priorities. Right now, our priorities are trying to address Code violations, but eventually, yes,

we would like to do some education.

Mrs. Newman: Okay. So you are revising it now you say?

Mr. Hopper: That's correct.

Mrs. Newman: Do you have any idea when it will be ready to be printed, and the new ones printed?

Mr. Hopper: As our workload allows us to. We've made a couple of revisions, and the Mayor's asked us to do some other things to it so, as we get an opportunity.

Mrs. Newman: Okay. Thank you.

Mr. Joseph: Typically, how long's it take for our two officers to cover the entire City before starting over again?

Mr. Hopper: They're on a two week schedule. Doesn't mean they hit every street. Right now we're probably not even inspecting every street of the City, because we're basically on a complaint-driven basis with the high grass issues right now.

Mr. Joseph: Okay but when it's not a high grass issue time....

Mr. Hopper: Every two weeks.

Mr. Joseph: Every two weeks, okay. Is there any particular part of the City where the high grass tends to be a bigger problem?

Mr. Hopper: Not particularly.

Mr. Joseph: Okay. Just all over?

Mr. Hopper: Yes.

Mr. Joseph: Any other questions or comments for the Mayor or anyone in Administration on this tonight, from Committee or Council? Okay. Thank you very much.

Mr. Hopper: Thank you.

Mr. Joseph: Item#5: Discussion: Authorization to apply for grant from NACE - the National Association of County Engineers - for reimbursement for upgrading of traffic control signs. Mr. Ward.

Street Superintendent Larry Ward: Good evening. We're asking permission to apply for this grant. Federal Highway Administration has passed new regulations requiring higher reflectivity on traffic control signs. That, on average, is an increase of 20% on signs. Through this Grant we're not sure exactly how much we will get reimbursed, but we want to apply for the full amount of the

signs that we need to replace this year and then once we do submit the application then they will let us know how much we qualify for.

Mr. Joseph: Okay. The, you've ordered 369 signs. How many total signs are going to need to be replaced ultimately?

Mr. Ward: We have almost 3,100 signs, traffic control signs plus well over 1,100 street name signs, which all have to be replaced within the next seven years. Last year we replaced around 400 which were with new materials, because we knew the change was coming; so we've still got close to 2,500 signs.

Mr. Joseph: We would not be reimbursed for anything in the past?

Mr. Ward: No. This was just something that I ran across a little over a month ago and I had to join that organization in order to apply for the grant.

Mr. Joseph: Is this an annual reimbursement program that we can apply for every year?

Mr. Ward: This is a one-time reimbursement and the signs have to be installed within six months after the grant is approved.

Mr. Joseph: Okay.

Mr. Ward: So that's why I didn't order more, because we'll be lucky to get all these up.

Mr. Joseph: When you say they got 20% more reflectivity you said...

Mr. Ward: The cost of the new material is on average 20% higher than the old material.

Mr. Joseph: Do the signs largely look the same or are they significantly different?

Mr. Ward: No, at nighttime there'll be much more reflectivity from the headlights. That's the reason the Federal Highway Administration has gone with this new material. For many, many years we used the cheap grade out there called "engineer grade".

Mr. Joseph: Okay.

Mr. Ward: This usually has a seven year life and this new material has a ten year guaranteed life to meet the minimum requirements.

Mr. Joseph: And there's no difference in appearance during the daylight hours.

Mr. Ward: Not much. If you look close, like on the stop signs, the white part of the stop will be, will have little diamond shapes in it, but overall most people won't notice it.

Mr. Joseph: Okay. Any questions tonight by members of the Committee, Council. Okay. This is

merely a motion. When will you start the next set of signs for the next 369. When would we get those in?

Mr. Ward: I have those on order. Probably within the next couple of weeks.

Mr. Joseph: How long does it usually take to get them up?

Mr. Ward: Again, it depends on the overall workload. Mowing grass, street sweeping, the other things. We will probably send out a schedule to try to do a certain percentage each week, or a certain number each week, so that we do get them all up before that six months is up.

Mr. Joseph: What do we do with the old signs? Do we recycle them or....

Mr. Ward: If the aluminum is in real good shape, sometimes we will save that to make up signs that we may need temporarily. A lot of those we do recycle, and with aluminum prices up, we get pretty good return on that.

Mr. Joseph: Okay. Alright. Yes, President Hills.

Mr. Hills: Those questions made me think of something. Larry, was there a time that we used to make our own signs. Are still doing that or are we now ordering...

Mr. Ward: We still make quite a few, the last two years we've been two employees short so it's, to make the signs, to make a few at a time, it works out great, but when you're doing a large quantity like this, it's much easier just to order it from the manufacturer.

Mr. Hills: What we can make, do we have the ability to make it at this higher intensity than...

Mr. Ward: Yes, we can buy the aluminum blank with the material on the blank and we have found over the years after we got our sign machine that was the best way to go. We originally started out just ordering the aluminum blanks and then putting material on ourselves. It was very labor intensive so once we checked out the pricing of having the company put the material on, it was only a few cents more per blank, so we saved money in the long run. All the street name signs that we're going to replace this year, we have made ourselves, but the large quantities we usually order.

Mr. Hills: Thank you. Thank you.

Mr. Joseph: Any other questions tonight from Council or Committee. Okay. Thank you Mr. Ward. I'll make a motion that we go ahead and send this on to Council. Is there a second? Second by Councilman Stake. All in favor say "Aye". (All voted "Aye") Opposed. (No response) Motion carries. That was our last item on Safety Committee tonight so I will close the Committee at 7:49 p.m.

Safety Committee

- - -Nancy C. Frazier, Clerk of Council

5-19-08

(Transcribed/S. Cochran, Ass't. Clerk of Council)

SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

May 19, 2008

Members of Service Committee present: Leslie Kelly, Donna Shirey, Fred Deskins, Jr.
Councilman Mel Clemens was absent.

Other members of Council present: Doug Joseph, Antoinette Newman, Ron Stake, Council
President William L. Hills.

Vice Chairman Kelly: I'd like to call the Service Committee Meeting to order at 7:48 p.m. The first item on the agenda is approval of agenda. Do I have any additions or deletions. If not, it'll stand as submitted.

The next item on the agenda is the approval of the minutes. Are there any additions or deletions to the minutes of the May 5, 2008 Service Committee Meeting. If not, they'll stand as distributed.

Item #4: ORDINANCE TO AMEND VARIOUS SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 959 STORMWATER SERVICE FEE CREDITING MECHANISM- -first rdg. 5-12-08. Are there any additional comments or questions. Seeing none, I move to send item to Council for the second reading. Is there a second; second by Councilperson Shirey. Any further discussion. All in favor say "Aye". (All voted "Aye") Opposed. (No response) Motion carries and it will be sent to Council for a second reading.

Item #5: ORDINANCE ACCEPTING UNRECORDED DEED OF EASEMENT (sanitary sewer easement) (1.479 ac.) FROM DISTRIBUTION LAND CORPORATION, a Delaware corporation- -first rdg. 5-12-08. Are there any other additional comments or questions. Seeing none, I move to send this item to Council for the second reading. Is there a second? Second by Councilman Deskins. Any further discussion. All in favor say "Aye". (All voted "Aye") Opposed. (No response) Motion carries and it will be sent to Council for a second reading.

Item #6: ORDINANCE ACCEPTING UNRECORDED DEED OF EASEMENT (waterline easement) (.796 ac.) FROM DISTRIBUTION LAND CORPORATION, a Delaware corporation- -first rdg. 5-12-08. Any additional comments or questions. Seeing none, I move to send this item to Council for the second reading. Is there a second? Seconded by Councilperson Shirey. Any further discussion. All in favor say "Aye". (All voted "Aye") Opposed. (No response) Motion carries and it will be sent to Council for a second reading.

Item #7: ORDINANCE ACCEPTING UNRECORDED DEED OF EASEMENT (waterline easement) (30' wide) FROM TATA CORPORATION (Blacklick Office Park)- -first rdg. 5-12-08. Any additional comments or questions. Seeing none, I move to send this item to Council for the second reading. Is there a second? Seconded by Councilperson Shirey. Any further discussion. All in favor say "Aye". (All voted "Aye") Opposed. (No response) Motion carries and it will be sent to Council for a second reading.

Item #8: ORDINANCE ACCEPTING UNRECORDED DEED OF EASEMENT (sanitary sewer easement) (15' wide) FROM TATA CORPORATION (Blacklick Office Park)- -first rdg. 5-12-08. Any additional comments or questions. Seeing none, I move to send this item to Council for the second reading. Is there a second? Seconded by Councilman Deskins. Any further discussion. All in favor say "Aye". (All voted "Aye") Opposed. (No response) Motion carries and it will be sent to Council for a second reading.

Item #9: ORDINANCE ACCEPTING UNRECORDED DEED OF EASEMENT (sidewalk easement) (.039 ac.) FROM TWO REYNOLDSBURG COMPANY, LLC, an Ohio Limited Liability Company (Shoppes at East Broad)- -second rdg 5-12-08. Any additional comments or questions. Seeing none, I move to send this item to Council for the third reading with recommendation for adoption. Is there a second? Seconded by Councilperson Shirey. Any further discussion. All in favor say "Aye". (All voted "Aye") Opposed. (No response) Motion carries and it will be sent to Council for a third reading.

Item #10: ORDINANCE ACCEPTING UNRECORDED DEED OF EASEMENT (sidewalk easement) (.085 ac.) FROM TWO REYNOLDSBURG COMPANY, LLC, an Ohio Limited Liability Company (Shoppes at East Broad)- -second rdg 5-12-08. Any additional comments or questions. Seeing none, I move to send this item to Council for the third reading with recommendation for adoption. Is there a second? Seconded by Councilman Deskins. Any further discussion. All in favor say "Aye". (All voted "Aye") Opposed. (No response) Motion carries

and it will be sent to Council for a third reading.

Item #11: ORDINANCE ACCEPTING UNRECORDED DEED OF EASEMENT (waterline easement) (.058 ac.) FROM TWO REYNOLDSBURG COMPANY, LLC, an Ohio Limited Liability Company (Shoppes at East Broad)- -second rdg 5-12-08. Any additional comments or questions. Seeing none, I move to send this item to Council for the third reading with recommendation for adoption. Is there a second? Seconded by Councilperson Shirey. Any further discussion. All in favor say "Aye". (All voted "Aye") Opposed. (No response) Motion carries and it will be sent to Council for a third reading.

With no other business to come before our Service Committee, I will...

Mr. Hills: Councilman Kelly, first I would like to commend you - very nice job on a relatively long agenda, but I would just like to take the opportunity to note Mel Clemens is not here tonight. For those that don't know, Nancy passed away Saturday morning. There will be calling hours tomorrow at Cotner Funeral Home from 5 to 9 p.m. The funeral will be Wednesday morning and I'm sure that I can speak for Council, City Officials and employees that the Clemens family will be in our thoughts and prayers. Thank you.

Mrs. Kelly: Thank you. Any other business? If no other business to come before the Service Committee I will adjourn at 7:54 p.m.

Service Committee

- - -Nancy C. Frazier, Clerk of Council

5-19-08

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FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

May 19, 2008

Members of the Finance Committee present: Ron Stake, Doug Joseph, Antoinette Newman. Councilman Mel Clemens was absent.

Other members of Council present: Donna Shirey, Fred Deskins, Jr., Leslie Kelly, Council President William L. Hills.

Mr. Stake: I'll call to order the Finance Committee Meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Item #2 is approval of the agenda. I do have some changes to the agenda. I've got a request to hold some items. The Mayor would like to hold Item #8. The City Auditor would like to hold Item #9 so I'd like to amend the agenda to hold #8 and #9. Do I have a second. Second by Councilwoman Newman. Any discussion. All in favor say "Aye". (All voted "Aye") Opposed. (No response) Motion passes.

Item #3 is approval of the minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held May 5th, 2008.

Are there any changes to those minutes? None being heard, they'll stand as submitted.

Item #4 Discussion: Confirm Mayor's recommendation for Parks and Recreation Director. Mayor McCloud.

Mayor McCloud: Thank you Mr. Stake. Just here to ask Council to confirm my recommendation of Jason Shamblin to be the next Parks and Recreation Director.

Mr. Stake: And he was recommended to you by the Parks and Rec Commission, correct?

Mr. McCloud: That is correct.

Mr. Stake: Okay. Are there any questions or comments in regards to that from the Mayor - for the Mayor. Councilwoman Shirey.

Mrs. Shirey: I apologize that I haven't been here. Been having some medical issues, but I know you guys have probably already discussed this in Executive Session and everything. There's two things I have to ask. Number 1 - noticing that the gentleman that you're inquiring about to fill the position is currently not a resident of Reynoldsburg, why did we decide to fill that for somebody who's currently not a resident when we already have someone who's currently working for the City; and due to the fact that he's not living in Reynoldsburg, is it required that he does have to move here?

Mr. McCloud: The Charter says the Director of Parks and Recreation shall become an elector of the City within six months of his or her appointment. The Parks and Recreation Commission did the entire process, the screening process, the interview process - I was not a part of any of that. Their final four recommendations were none of whom lived in the City of Reynoldsburg. If that is responsive to your question.

Mrs. Shirey: Okay. I was just trying to figure out if we already had somebody acting in that position and currently live in Reynoldsburg, why was it not presented to that individual and why did we go outside of Reynoldsburg when we're trying to keep as community-based..

Mr. McCloud: And I cannot answer that question Mrs. Shirey simply because I was not a part of those proceedings.

Mrs. Shirey: Okay.

Mr. Stake: Are there any questions or comments for the Mayor. I see an emergency on this, correct?

Mr. McCloud: Yes please.

Mr. Stake: Any problems with that for the Finance Committee or members of Council? Then I will make a motion that the Finance Committee recommend Jason Shamblin as the Reynoldsburg Parks and Recreation Director and authorizing an annual salary of \$67,000. Do I have a second. Second by Councilman Joseph. Also as an emergency. Any further discussion. All in favor say

“Aye”. (All voted “Aye”) Opposed. (No response). Motion passes.

Item #5 Discussion: Authorization of contract for Council Chambers audio-video equipment and transfer of funds. This does come from the Safety/Service Director.

Mrs. Boratyn: Thank you Chairman Stake, members of the Committee. This is a contract that we have an emergency on as well, because we want to replace 20 year old equipment that's been here in the Chamber and it's very close to quitting on us at any time. I know that Nancy would like to not have to listen to that whine while she tries to decipher everything that's been said and at this time we thought we would also take a look around and see if we might modernize this a little bit too. So that's what you have in front of you from Metro Audio/Video and Joe Taggart is here. He came in tonight to help answer any specific questions that you might have. He's the one that's been working with Metro and he's also going to be working to make sure everything's in place and all the cables and all the video projectors and everything else is correct, but what we would be doing is entering into the contract with Metro, \$9,388. Part of that money - \$1,500 is going to come from our IT, authority budgeted to our IT Department for part of the computer equipment. The rest we would be purchasing at \$7,888. We have the money and we have the account there where the money would come from. We'll be replacing - it won't be the same type of equipment that Nancy now has. It will be modernized and there'll be video monitors that you'll have by the microphones up there. You'll be able to see things that will be put up on the screen. We'll have a projector that will come from up here and the audience will be able to see what's on the screen and be able to see it on the screen that comes down behind you. Well, actually behind you is where it will project. You'll be looking at the ones in front of you and this will be here for other slide shows if someone wants to see those. But you have it in front of you and Joe and I will answer any questions that you have. That's in general. I just wanted to give you the big picture of what we're trying to do.

Mr. Stake: Okay. Mrs. Boratyn, I appreciate the work you've put into this, and Mr. Taggart; and all the way over here I can hear that machine squeaking and you never know when it's going to give out. I know we've had some of the equipment held together with duct tape for quite awhile. It says a lot for duct tape I guess, but this is long overdue and there are several meetings - public meetings, and I think recording those properly is very important and also being able to have a venue where you can project things and let the public know what's going on also is very important. So, but I guess what we want to do here is enter into a contract with Metro Audio/Video and totally this will be \$9,300...

Mrs. Boratyn: Total amount paid would be \$9,388. It's coming from two different accounts. One out of the Service Account and one out of the IT Account.

Mr. Stake: Okay. Are there any questions or comments for the Safety/Service Director from members of the Finance Committee or members of Council. We'd like to get this going as soon as possible.

Mrs. Boratyn: Yes, we'd appreciate it if you would move forward so that you can take it up at Council, and it's done before the equipment quits on us and then we're going to be in trouble.

Mr. Stake: Okay. If I don't hear any questions then, I make a motion that we authorize to enter into a contract with Metro Audio/Video LLC, 6475 East Main Street, Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068 in the

amount of \$9,388 to purchase new audio/video equipment for Council Chambers and transfer \$7,888 from Acct # 110.595.5361 to Acct#110.595.5631; \$1,500 is contained in Account #110.584.5639, as an emergency. Do I have a second. Second by Councilman Newman. Any further discussion. Councilman Joseph.

Mr. Joseph: I have one additional question here. I was reading through here and under the monitors for up here, I believe it says that there's going to be five. How will those be structured so that everyone can see five, because there's a lot more than five people up there.

Mrs. Boratyn: Joe. Want to step up here and tell them how they're going to be structured?

Mr. Taggart: Basically, they're going to be in between two of you. Nineteen inch wide screen monitors. We didn't want to put them in front of each person, because then you won't be able to see out in front of you so you put them in between. There's actually going to be six. There'll be one for Nancy and then five here.

Mr. Joseph: When they're not in use, can they be folded down or can they be somehow stored, because I mean there'll still be blockage, assuming that there's one here and one here. Is there any way to fold those down or something?

Mr. Taggart: Yes, they will fold. I'm not sure how far down they'll go.

Mr. Joseph: I'm assuming the only time they're going to be used is when there's something being projected, correct?

Mr. Taggart: Or eventually if you want to put the agenda on there.

Mr. Joseph: Okay. So we can use it for other things too.

Mr. Taggart: Oh yeah.

Mrs. Boratyn: Oh yes.

Mr. Joseph: Okay. Thank you.

Mr. Stake: Okay. Any other discussion. All in favor say "Aye". (All voted "Aye") Opposed. (No response). Motion passes.

Item #6: Discussion: Mowing assessments for 2007 - Franklin County. You're on again.

Mrs. Boratyn: Yes, thank you Chairman Stake. These are the standard mowing assessments. As you know we are in the season where we're cutting grass. This is for 2007 and you'll have two - Franklin County and Licking County. These are people who did not pay so we went out. These are those we gave notice to. They didn't cut their grass. We went out. We had somebody go out and cut it and then we charged them the cost for cutting that grass and we have an administrative fee that goes on every time. Then we send that bill out to the person and we ask them to pay it and those who didn't pay - you have the list in front of you. For Franklin County we have a total of \$11,467. Those will go down to the County Auditor in Franklin County. We have the same thing in Licking

County - about \$2,400 and some - those will go to the Auditor in Licking County. So we've athe last time people paid - we had a few people pay in February and March. The last person that paid was last month, over a month ago, it's unlikely that they're going to get more people in now unless they realize that they're going to be sent down and put as an assessment to their taxes and they'll come in and pay them. This process is - if we start now and then we can go through the entire process. They just have to be at the County Auditor's by September 11th to go on to their taxes.

Mr. Stake: And as you said, there has been ample time to pay these. They have been notified. All that good stuff.

Mrs. Boratyn: And we've followed up with many of them and tried to make collections that we could. These are ones that just haven't and we'll send them down as liens.

Mr. Stake: And they, one of the problems that we were discussing earlier - high grass and I'm glad to see the City's out if people aren't responding, the City is out cutting the grass so the neighborhoods look halfway decent so are there any questions for Safety/Service Director from members of Finance Committee. Councilman Newman.

Mrs. Newman: Mrs. Boratyn I'd like to know when these amounts are paid, are they paid the next time when taxes are due - are they billed actually on that tax bill, or do you have to wait until the property is sold?

Mrs. Boratyn: They go as a lien on the taxes and I think they're supposed to pay them. Can you help me out?

Mr. Harris: Those will be put on and they'll be put on in September to be paid with the January or February taxes depending on Licking County's different months and Franklin County. You don't have to wait until it's been sold now. If it's a property that is unoccupied or in some form of foreclosure, then obviously it gets put down on the list until money becomes available to pay it, but if it's someone living there or it's a company that owns it or the bank owns it or whatever then it will be collected with the next taxes that come due in January.

Mr. Stake: Okay. Are there any other questions. President Hills.

Mr. Hills: It's just an unusual question. I was just looking through - their addresses are Dublin, Ireland and there's a number of different places of registered owners, but I did happen to notice one that is an individual living here in Reynoldsburg that work performed on 6/1/07 and work performed on 7/11/07. So I guess that would just post twice to his thing. Am I to assume from this that this man mowed in May and some in July and August. Two times we mowed and he just hasn't bothered to pay?

Mrs. Boratyn: Correct.

Mr. Hills: Okay.

Mr. Stake: Any other questions. Just want this to go the normal route, correct.

Mrs. Boratyn: Yes, just go the normal route and not an emergency and as long as we get it down to them by September 11th, maybe somebody else will come along and pay.

Mr. Stake: Okay. I'll make a motion that we send these mowing assessments for 2007 for Franklin County to Council for it's first reading. Do I have a second. Second by Councilwoman Newman. Any further discussion. All in favor say "Aye". (All voted "Aye") Opposed. (No response). Motion passes. And then we have the same thing for Licking County, right. It's the same thing for Item #7 Licking County. Are there any questions for Mrs. Boratyn, members of the Finance Committee or members of Council. I'll make a motion that we send the mowing assessments for 2007 for Licking County to Council for it's first reading. Do I have a second. Second by Councilman Joseph. Any further discussion. All in favor say "Aye". (All voted "Aye") Opposed. (No response). Motion passes.

I'll adjourn the Finance Committee at 8:10 p.m..

Finance Committee

- - -Nancy C. Frazier, Clerk of Council

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