



**SAFETY COMMITTEE
MONDAY MARCH 16, 2015**

COMMITTEE MEETING:

**PLACE: COUNCIL CHAMBERS
7232 E. MAIN ST, REYNOLDBURG, OH 43068**

1. Call to Order

Safety Committee Meeting Called to Order by Chairman Long at 7:30 PM.

PRESENT: Kelly, McGrady III, Clemens, Cotner, Long, Skinner, Joseph

ABSENT:

2. Approval of Agenda

Agenda Stands Approved

3. Approval of Minutes

1. Safety Committee - Committee Meeting - Mar 2, 2015 7:30 PM

Minutes Stand Approved

4. Discussion

1. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN ODOT COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.--- Long. Safety.

Mr. Burd: Thank you Chairman Long, members of Council. This winter we think is coming to an end but we're here tonight to talk about preparing for next winter already. Last week, Keith and I participated in a conference call with the Ohio Department of Transportation regarding their road salt purchasing program. ODOT plans to do a salt bid in April and this would allow communities who participate in on that bid to replenish their salt supplies during the spring and summer months and in order to participate in this, we would need to pass this Resolution as an emergency next week because ODOT is requiring that all Resolutions be in by April 3rd. Right now we don't really have any other options to us to buy salt now in the spring so we believe this will be beneficial for us. We currently have around 640 tons of salt on hand so it will become imperative that we have more between now and the end of the year. Passing this resolution does commit us to buying salt on the bid, but we get to determine the amount that we buy, so we'll purchase an amount that can be afforded with existing funds in our current snow and ice control budget so there won't be any new appropriation associated with this purchase. If you have any questions, I'll be happy to answer.

Mr. Long: Nathan, you mention in here in your write up that the Resolution does not restrict our ability to purchase salt through other purchasing, it basically opens up the opportunity for us to take advantage of competition correct?

Mr. Burd: Yeah, we can still purchase through our other consortiums, *** we can still, a few weeks ago, we bought from just a random vendor that showed up with extra salt. Participating on the state's bid doesn't keep us from buying elsewhere, so this is really just one more option for us and the way last year went with us only being able to buy 475 tons out of the 3000 we normally buy, we like the idea of opening up our options a little bit and seeing if there are more opportunities.

Mrs. Kelly: If we had another year similar to this year next winter, and we're in a similar boat where we are not able to buy the 3000 that we normally do, we only buy the 470, how in danger would we be in having a really good short edge.

Mr. Burd: Well, like right now we have 640 tons left, but if you recall, a few weeks ago we bought 500 tons. Had we not been able to buy that 500 tons we'd be looking at around 100 tons, which there's still a few weeks to go in March, could be problematic. Now thankfully, it looks like the winter weather is hopefully in the rear view mirror, but it's important that we buy as much salt as we can through the year because the salt you buy in the spring and summer is actually what gets you through the following winter. So we were able to start this winter with about 1400 tons on hand, had we not had that much on hand last fall, we would have been in a bind, so that's kind of the reason behind this, is to try to get back up to that level so that we're in the same position. This winter actually was a little less than average, February was not, but the winter as a whole was a little less, but the previous winter was double what we normally have, so you never really predict it but, you know as Service Director, my biggest nightmare is running out of salt and so this, we think, working with ODOT will be a good thing for us.

RESULT:	REFERRED TO COUNCIL [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 3/28/2015 9:00 AM
MOVER:	Chris Long	
SECONDER:	Dan Skinner, At Large	
AYES:	Kelly, McGrady III, Clemens, Cotner, Long, Skinner	

5. Adjourn

Meeting Closed at 7:34 PM.