

SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

March 3, 2008

Safety Committee Chairman Doug Joseph called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

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

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

The agenda was approved without objection.

Minutes of the February 19, 2008 Safety Committee Meeting were approved without objection.

Discussion: Liquor Permit Request - New - Aldi, Inc. Ohio dba Aldi, 8301 E Broad Street, Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068 - -Chief Suci said they had found no reason to request a hearing. Liquor Permit Request to be returned without a request for a hearing.

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING EMH&T TO PROVIDE ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR ROSEHILL ROAD RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT PHASES 1 & 2 - -Mr. Joseph said there had been some questions about sidewalk maintenance, and some other things, and asked if answers were available. Mr. DeBolt said an email had been received from the County that discussed the \$750,000 that the city would be receiving from them, stating the funds would be received in installments, with \$250,000 being given to the city this year, and the remaining \$500,000 being given to the city next year during construction. Mr. DeBolt said regarding the Community Development Block Grant, there had been some language that the money had to be used during a time frame that was in front of when the construction was actually going to be done, but upon checking he found the language was just standard and he had confirmation there would be no problem.

Mr. Clemens asked who was going to be responsible for maintaining the leisure path. Mr. DeBolt said the city would be responsible for the maintenance. Mr. Clemens asked if that would be put in writing; Mr. DeBolt said that it would be. Mr. Joseph asked if there was a known cost for the annual maintenance for the leisure path. Mr. DeBolt said the city would take care of snow removal, and putting salt on the path; that he had not looked into any other costs, but would put something together, if desired. Mr. Joseph asked what the distance of the path was from one end to the other, but Mr. DeBolt did not have the figure available.

Mr. Stake said the item would need to be referred to Finance Committee either later in the evening, or at the next committee meeting. Mr. Joseph said he would refer the item to Finance.

Mr. Joseph said there had questions about the sidewalks on the west side of Rosehill, and asked if there was a final determination. Mr. DeBolt said the City of Columbus would not contribute to the construction of the sidewalks on the west side (Columbus area), so if those were to be installed, the City of Reynoldsburg would be responsible for the costs. Mr. DeBolt said since there were students that walked to the school, he thought there was inclination to go ahead and install the sidewalks. Mr. Joseph said there had also been questions as to who would be responsible for such sidewalks, and asked if we would have any ability to assess costs. Mrs. Newman asked if we could abandon the right of way, and then it would fall on the homeowners to do what they should be doing anyway. City Attorney Hood said that was the first that question had been asked, and he had not thought about the pros and cons of abandoning the right of way;

that he was sure it would have other effects on the project, because it was planned to put the utilities in the right of way. Mr. Hood said as far as assessing, on a maintenance schedule, he had contacted the Franklin County Auditor, and had spoken with the person who was the head of the Assessment Division, and was informed this had never been an issue in the past. Mr. Hood said he had been consulting the Code, and hoped to have some answers in the near future. Mr. Joseph said that could be a sticking point, because without sidewalks, a crossover would have to be created.

Mr. Joseph asked if it would be possible for the city to be sued because there were no sidewalks in that area. Mr. Hood said he did not think it would open the city to any further liability than it normally had.

Mr. Joseph asked if the city would lose any points if the sidewalks were not constructed in that area, as there had been some mention of losing points if the leisure path was not done. City Engineer Jim Nolen said the removal would have to be presented (inaudible). Mr. DeBolt said he thought the discussion had been that it would not affect this particular project, but it could potentially affect future projects. Mr. Clemens said the project was being done for safety, and he thought it would be ridiculous if the sidewalks were not installed; that the city had always had sidewalks on both sides. Mr. Clemens said he thought it was important to have sidewalks on the west side, and it should be worked out with Columbus. Mrs. Newman said there were some Columbus students who attended the Rosehill School. Mrs. Newman also said she thought when Taylor Road was being improved, that someone mentioned we were not allowed by law to improve another entity's property. Mr. Clemens said the sidewalks go in the right of way, and that was what was being discussed. Mrs. Newman said then perhaps we would be obliged to improve the right of way. Mr. Joseph asked if perhaps those Columbus homeowners could be approached to see if they would voluntarily agree to assist in the maintenance of sidewalks. Mr. DeBolt said he had not looked into that. Mr. Hood said he believed Columbus had a sidewalk ordinance that was similar, if not identical, as far as maintenance; so if we would not go so far as assessing property, the issue may become clearer, and a little cooperation from Columbus may go to maintain those sidewalks sometime in the future with them enforcing their ordinance.

Mr. Deskins asked if there was any further information as to the cost of placing utilities underground. Mr. DeBolt said there was no new information at this time. Mr. Joseph asked if any information was expected. Mr. Hood said as far as this project was concerned, he thought the way the utilities lie in the city's right of way, it had been engineered so the utilities would go on overhead poles, still inside of the city's right of way, without acquiring any additional property. Mr. Hood said the previous City Engineer, Jim Miller, had said, if the city wanted to undertake putting the utilities underground, then re-engineering of some of the sanitary sewer infrastructure would probably be needed to accommodate such action.

Mr. Joseph said while additional answers were being obtained, he would move to send the legislation to Finance for funding, and on to Council for the second reading. Mr. Stake seconded; all voted "Aye". Motion passed.

Safety Committee meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Safety Committee

- - -Nancy C. Frazier, Clerk of Council

March 3, 2008

SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

March 3, 2008

Service Committee Chairman Mel Clemens called the meeting to order at 7:44 p.m.

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

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

The agenda was approved without objection.

Minutes of the January 22, 2008 Service Committee meeting were approved without objection.

Discussion: City's Recycling Program- -Mr. DeBolt referred to the materials that had been submitted along with the legislative request, and said there were currently 1500 households that used the larger bins with wheels, which had been supplied by SWACO in the initial program; and while these had contributed to more recycling, extra bins used by the city to replace damaged bins, were almost gone. Mr. DeBolt said the program could be expanded, or a purchase of some replacement bins to provide the same level of service was needed.

Mr. Clemens: The \$630,000 that we have, and we've built this up before; last time we gave back three quarters for the people didn't have to pay, and we were able to do that twice, a few years ago. And also that additional money could be used, but when we bid it out this next time, to cut the percentage down, the increase goes up; to cut the percentage down, we'd pick up a portion of it, with this money we have saved by doing this. Since we've had done the pilot program, if it means buying twenty to twenty-five to thirty bins for replacement, I would have no problem with that. I think I would have a problem with going with the cost for the whole city. I see the program going now - you drive along and you see all these bins being used in the other homes around the city, probably more so in our community than you do in any other, cause I drive through Pickerington and so forth, and our's is much higher than these other communities. It shows people are recycling; it's just a matter of whether you have a big bin picked up the truck; if that happens, that saves tipping fees for Rumpke, which is really putting money in their pocket; it's not putting money in our pocket. Although I do realize they started this pilot program and they helped us out, but I can see in the long run when you go for grants, that the expense to the city in the long run would be enormous, plus the people that would be making the money would be the people, Rumpke, or whoever's handling our trash because of the tipping fees they'd be saving. If they want to pick up the whole cost of it, I have no problem with that; that way they can do away with their help on these other trucks; put their new trucks in and collect the city in probably less than half the time - I have no problem with that. But, to _____ a cost to the city that's going to save money for them in their tipping fees, and we don't even know whether that would help as far as when the contract comes up; at the present time _____ maybe when we get working on the contract, we could get a better vision of it with them, or whoever's going to bid on it, and maybe two ways we could bid it, that they do the whole city; they supply the containers and do the whole city and they save money on their tipping fees, and that should save money as far as cost to the city. I think there's two ways you can look at it; I do feel if we're doing the program, we do have the containers in the section you're talking about, we probably do have to buy more to supply the ones that have been damaged.

Mr. DeBolt: I would point out that the ones that we would purchase - there were some problems

with the other ones because the content of them didn't have enough rubber in it, and they tend to be brittle in this type of weather - the new ones definitely are of better quality, so we shouldn't have these problems in the future.

Mrs. Kelly: How many households right now in Reynoldsburg, do we have that actively participate in recycling?

Mr. DeBolt: We have .. total number of households in the city that are...8500 are the regular ones; 1200 are the senior ones. Now, how many actually do it; the only way we could find that out is if we basically went around and checked how many were out - - and we don't have that kind of numbers. We don't have how many are actually doing it, but it's mandatory and I'd say the vast majority are.

Mrs. Kelly: And the survey - 85% showed they preferred to keep the larger bins; do you know how many people responded to that survey - of those 1500?

Mr. DeBolt: Basically that was a survey of the people that were bringing them in that said that they needed another one because the large one was broke, so basically that was over a period of a year or two, and we just started this year, so it was less than probably fifty or sixty that responded.

Mrs. Kelly: ...those fifty or sixty out of the 1500. How do we monitor whether or not - we said that it's mandatory, something that you're supposed to do in Reynoldsburg, everybody's supposed to do. How do we monitor that and make sure that they're doing it, because here's my concern. Because I will tell you, I think recycling is fantastic, I think we all should do it, I mean we have to be responsible; however, I'd hate to see us spend the money to get these big, large bins; people aren't doing it; they're using them for grass, or whatever, they're sitting in their garage holding soccer balls - how are we monitoring it and making sure that people are following through with that?

Mr. DeBolt: Basically, we don't have a standard enforcement, but we do have Property Maintenance Code. I would say that Property Maintenance Officers would be the best people to do that. We haven't seen the abuse of those; again, we have enough people that drive around the city, that I'm sure if that was happening on any regularity, that we would have noticed it. So I haven't had to enforce it and bring it to anybody's attention, so I believe it is being used the way it was intended.

Mrs. Kelly: What do you think calls for the decrease; we had the 27% of reduction with recycling in yard waste; 27.9, 30.67, 29.47.....

Mr. DeBolt: Yes, that's a combination of yard waste and recycling - that figure put together. The figure on the left is the total recycling, therefore it's a number of things. It's education, it's people becoming more aware of recycling, you know, it's partially a bigger bin than 15%, so all those things contribute to that increase. And SWACO said if you can get 1% a year, that's commendable.

Mrs. Kelly: Do you think if we had more people actively recycling, even using the red bins, do you

think it's possible we could that one percent; if we had more people using those red bins?

Mr. DeBolt: I'm convinced that we would have lots greater percentages; that's the point. Mr. Clemens made a good point; that we're doing the work, yet if Rumpke is getting the savings on the tip fees, therefore we should get part of that and that's what I proposed to a Rumpke representative the other day - that if we can make a commitment to increase recycling and it shows - because these numbers come from them - so if we can show over a period of time that those numbers are going up - and we negotiate a contract, we should be able to get a better rate. For instance, if we reached a 24%, let's say, recycling rate, once we hit that ceiling based on us purchasing more bins, the residents doing it, automatically maybe we get some money back; and that money we get back would buy more bins perhaps, or put it back in the fund and next time we have to raise prices, we don't have to do it as much, as Councilman Clemens mentioned. So, yes, I'm convinced that it would definitely increase.

Mrs. Newman: If I'm not mistaken, a few years ago, we discussed the excess funds in that account because we had been overcharging the citizens. We promised to....we decided to give all that excess back to the citizens, if my memory serves me correctly, we did do that with a third of it. Now, as far as I'm concerned, that's what should be done with the other two-thirds of it, because that's what we said we were going to do. I don't think we ought to run out and spend it on blue containers, because we would not be keeping our word if we did that.

Mr. DeBolt: I wasn't familiar with the discussion at that time...

Mrs. Newman: Well, that was before you came. And also aren't there some streets where these big containers can't be used, because the trucks can't get in the streets?

Mr. DeBolt: We were under that impression initially, but we've been told that just about every street - they can probably get into....so that was maybe an initial concern, but I don't think it is any more.

Mrs. Newman: Well, I'd like to hear what the other Councilmen think about our going back on our word as far as giving that money back to the residents.

Mr. Clemens: When we first set it up, we had a ten percent deduction that we received from Rumpke, or whoever had it, and I don't remember, been years ago, that we would do the billing out; we would do the billing and so forth, and after their bid came in, they increased it ten percent and we got that ten percent..we saved that ten percent. And after all these years, it built up a fund - it was too much - we didn't know when we started out, how much it'd be to the billing and so forth; we got a good billing department, and it works out real well; so it wasn't costing us - we built the fund up to, I forget what it was, and Toni's correct on this, that we did repay the public twice by letting...

Mrs. Newman: I thought it was only once..

Mr. Clemens: ..and we talked about doing it again, if we built the fund up; we skipped a quarter and let everybody...paid them back, I forget what it was, two or three hundred thousand dollars it

cost us, but we had the money there. And we said if the time came again, we would do the same thing. Because our billing doesn't cost that much; we've got it down to a system now. Now everybody pays for recycling, and it's supposed to be mandatory, and I think probably, I would think it'd be 85 percent done or more...if you drive around town, you'll see the red bins out, and on my street, when we first started, I didn't know if anybody'd do it or not...twenty-five houses - twenty-four people set them out the next day and I was really surprised and happy about it, and I think it's pretty well-handled that way. If they don't, there's a lot of things you can't beat into people's heads - you know what I mean? They're not going to do it anyway; there are certain people who aren't going to do anything to help anything. So, now, our percentage has went up, and we want to increase it, and we're doing our these percentages, and we're doing all these totals in recycling, and we're doing all tonage, we're doing all these figures, and it's all their percentages that we're working on. I don't know whether it's true percentages or not; at one time our recycling was twenty-some percent; I know it hadn't went down. So I suppose it all depends on how you want to do the figures, and how you want them to look like. But I think we look back maybe five years ago and you'll see recycling..it was like twenty-one percent; we were like third in the county; we were the first to start it. So I think that these kinds of things are worked out when it's time for contract negotiations, because as I read this, and I look at this, and like I said we're putting the money back in their pocket. I don't see anything that's coming back to us, if we do their bins, or we don't do their bins. The tipping fees are a reduction for them; that's where they make the money; the more recycling we do, the less tipping fees they have. So certainly, I mean, it's to their advantage for us to do more recycling.

Mr. DeBolt: And that's why I...

Mr. Clemens: And that's why I think they should be flipping the bill..

Mr. DeBolt: ..and I brought that to their attention that has anybody brought that up in the past to try to tie in a rate of recycling to get some of that tipping fee back, and he said I was the first one that ever had brought that up, and I said well we're in a contract negotiation time frame and then so it's something that I think could be put on the table.

Mr. Clemens: Let's split it fifty-fifty; we could use fifty thousand dollars or hundred thousand dollars or two hundred thousand dollars a year, if that's what they want to save, but let's make it cost wise for us too; I mean, I don't mind helping somebody, but let's don't put the pressure on us to make the percentage good, so they can put more money in their pocket. Let's get it back to the city for the people and then we can reduce the cost to the people. And that's what we have that money in there for really is to save the cost to the public, like Mrs. Newman said.

Mr. DeBolt: You could save...

Mr. Clemens: And I'm willing to think about it, don't get me wrong, this is the first...I don't know how other Councilmen feel about it, but I would rather do it from negotiations at contract time.

Mr. Hills: Just to follow up a little bit on Mel's...and I know that I'm not aware that we haven't made one of those commitments. What I do remember, is this last contract was negotiated with SWACO, Rumpke, a law firm out of Toledo, about everybody in the world, because it included the

grants, and everybody, please remember, any time you get a grant, it's gonna cost you money later. And that's what you're looking at right here. The grant came in - here's fifteen hundred, two thousand, fifty dollar bins; but what happens when the bin's gone? Nobody's standing there giving the bin back to you. And I think Mel is absolutely right; the benefit derived by greater recycling, under our current program, the benefit goes to Rumpke and SWACO. We're not seeing any of that benefit. We just put it out there on a trial basis, on their grants, and let's go do it; now, is it a good idea? It could be. We did it...as you said, it's only fifteen percent of our city. This isn't the time. I will fully agree that once we're out there on grants; the same as we've seen in the police department on radios; you have to maintain what you've got. And I think we need to be able to do that. How the structure continues, in a switch from the blues to the reds, or the reds to more blues, I think that's a contract negotiation. Where we're deriving some of the benefit by going with new, innovative, or whatever; we look at the track record - who did save money, where, and if we participate, where can we save some money? Now certainly the funds that are in there now are to be used, when the red bins go apart, we have to buy more of the red bins, unless they're still giving those to us.

Mr. DeBolt: Those are in the contract.

Mrs. Newman: I called Rumpke when I wanted an extra one, and they sent it...you know..just dropped it off.

Mr. Hills: Did they? Okay, cause they're here.

Mr. DeBolt: Yeah, we got them here...available.

Mr. Hills: Rest assured, it's in the Rumpke bill to pick up your trash somewhere; they don't give them all away. Somebody...the manufacturer probably gave out the grant for the blues, but I guess what I'm concerned about is if people...whether the blue or the red, they have adequate material in order to do their recycling, but I think we have to, once we're out there, Rumpke is maintaining them - blue ones -

Mr. DeBolt: Right.

Mr. Hills: ..so we have to be able to produce those blue ones that we got for free, if there is such a thing 'for free'.

Mr. DeBolt: Unless as you said, we negotiate something at this time...

Mr. Hills: Well, right now, we have to keep them maintained. But then as the contract comes due, it is time to negotiate, based on the history of this contract, and hopefully we don't have so many different players sitting in the contract..

Mrs. Newman: I'd like to point out the red ones don't need any maintenance except to be washed out every now and then.

Mr. Hills: I'm not sure the blue ones do either, other than they crack...

Mrs. Newman: Well...don't the wheels fall off of them, or something like that, too?

Mr. DeBolt: There was a problem with the initial batch, with the wheels as well; and that was a warranty issue that the manufacturer did honor, and if there's any that we have that do have a problem those...

Mr. Hills: Bottom line, just to finish up with what I'm saying is, it certainly I think - what we have out there, we have to be able to see that that homeowner has that same thing. The two different trucks don't go to the same neighborhood.

Mr. DeBolt: Right.

Mr. Hills: If you got your blue ones out there, you got Truck A; if you got red, you got Truck B, C, D, and E, so we have to continue to give the citizens exactly what they have right now, and then in contract renegotiation time, is when we see if there isn't a better participation with some of these savings, that are allegedly happening that we're not seeing.

Mr. DeBolt: That's what I'm looking for.

Mr. Stake: Steve, how many recycling bins, these blue bins, are broken that we need to replace at this time? Or should be replaced?

Mrs. Newman: Well, the red ones don't break.

Mr. DeBolt: We had sixty that we held back just in case there was damage and over a two-year period we're down to just hardly any left...one or two maybe.

Mr. Stake: So we don't know of anybody that needs replaced right now, we're down to about one or two, in case somebody does...

Mr. DeBolt: Yeah, and those, again, during the winter, that's when most of the breakage is, but I think because of the temperatures.

Mr. Stake: Okay. And...you know...we've talked about this and you know, what I've said was that if we're going to continue to pay for these, if we're going to pay for these bins, I think we need to expand this throughout the city, and I think there's a cost-neutral way to do it. I think Mr. Clemens hit the nail on the head when it comes time to negotiate for a new refuse contract, we put that in as part of the deal. And we see, maybe there is, maybe there isn't, but we see what kind of response we get in having whoever collects our trash provide those bins and pay for those bins. Obviously there is some savings to their tipping fees so that should be part of the equation.

Mr. DeBolt: I think if you look at the figures on the right, I think I put that in the memo, if you had the tonnage saved over the last couple years, we could say maybe that's because partially the blue bins, that comes to approximately I think, \$11,000 in savings, so that would buy enough bins to maintain all the blue ones we have for a while in itself. So that's something I brought to the

representative of Rumpke last week as well...

Mrs. Newman: How do those big blue bins get repaired? Who has the responsibility for having them repaired? Or do they get repaired, or are they just tossed out, how is that...

Mr. DeBolt: Depends how bad it is. You know, we're thinking that sometimes when they have a crack, even the resident would put duct tape around them, you know, that would probably suffice.

Mrs. Newman: But does the city have to do that or does Rumpke do that?

Mr. DeBolt: We go out and repair them when the wheels go bad and we get the supplies from the manufacturer. We repair them.

Mrs. Newman: Well, so that's costing us manpower, and gasoline, and on...

Mr. DeBolt: Again, those are the ones that, again, those were not the best, again, you get what you pay for, we got them for free; the new ones are better quality with wheels and _____ construction, so that won't be a problem with the new ones.

Mr. Deskins: Yes, I wanted to get back to what Toni said. Do I understand that we've got \$630,000 in the kitty, that's part of a promise that we...

Mrs. Newman: I don't know how much it is, but it was my understanding that we were going to give all of it back to the residents, and we only gave them a third. Now Mr. Clemens says we did that, we distributed the third two times, but I don't recall that, by not having them pay their trash pickup fee.

Mr. Harris: Mr. Clemens, the Solid Waste Fund at the end of 2007 had a year-end balance of \$670,000. Now, the one thing that we did do, when the last increase came, we took off the percent that we were charging for the maintenance, so it is going down a little bit; it's not going down dramatically, but it is going down a few thousand dollars a month, so there's still a fair amount of money in there for whatever Council would desire to do with it and....

Mrs. Newman: Well we said what we were going to do with it; we were going to give it back to the residents.

Mr. Clemens: The way it can be done, and I can't remember whether it's one or two years, I don't remember whether we gave it once or twice, but the way it can be done is when we get our contract back, we can pick up a percentage of it. In other words, we could pick up a percentage so the increase won't be so expensive this time. Say if it goes up three percent, or five percent, we'd be able to pick up maybe two percent or three percent, by using these additional funds that we have and that would be holding the costs down to the people.

Mrs. Newman: Reynoldsburg's just like every other government - once they get their hands on your money, they absolutely refuse to give it back.

Mr. Clemens: But don't you understand what I'm saying though?

Mrs. Newman: Oh yes, I understand...

Mr. Clemens: When we get our contract back, and we bid on it, maybe it'd increase two or three dollars, maybe we could pick up two dollars of that, until we use up the money we that have here. Mr. Hills, Mrs. Shirey is next, then you can speak.

Mrs. Shirey: I'm all for recycling and I feel we need to strongly encourage everybody to do it, I think to help the environment and everything, but one thing that was brought up two years ago that I'm really concerned about is the safety issue. If we're going to make this citywide, and these are big bins, how are we going to make it very convenient for the disabled, the handicapped, the elderly, I mean, we need to make sure that they're going to be able to take these outside to the curb and I think we're going to have some safety issues with that.

Mr. DeBolt: Well, one benefit that, and some of the people that I've talked to that they liked it, was the fact that since it's bigger, and if you're a single person, maybe an older person living alone, you don't have to take it every week; you can go maybe two, three weeks and just fill it up, and just take it, again sometimes neighbors help folks, and wheeling it rather than picking it, is sometimes easier for an older person.

Mrs. Newman: Rumpke will also pick it up if you can just put it outside your garage; I have some neighbors who leave their's just right outside their garage.

Mr. DeBolt: Right..if you can provide a doctor's statement, they will come and get it for you.

Mr. Hood: To address the existing contract as it stands now, Councilman Shirey, the contract does provide for pickup, like actual manpower pickup, for disabled persons; that is a list that is provided through the Safety Director's Office and I think we had somewhere near maybe a thousand residents who had taken advantage of that at last count maybe. A thousand residents in the city take advantage of that program at no additional cost. So we provided that service in the past and I'm sure we'll continue to provide that in the new contract, but Mr. Clemens, to address your concern earlier, I think that is right to assume that this contract will be increased, because we are working off an extension of the previous contract that was, I believe, negotiated two years ago. So we will see, and we've talked to both of these companies, who let us know to expect an increase. Now how much that increase is going to be, I'm not sure. But I think Mr. Clemens' concern is a good one, when we go next time to negotiate the contract, how much increase are we going to see, and how much should the city maybe offset with the surplus funds...

Mrs. Newman: Well if they find out we've got that much money in the surplus, it'll probably be a lot bigger.

Mr. Deskins: I would like just to make a statement that I totally agree with what you're saying with the increase coming up and everything, but I have a problem if what Toni said, if we promised our community that we're going to do something and we didn't do it....I have a problem not following through with that.

Mr. Clemens: Let me put it this way....if you find that in the minutes, you let me know.

Mrs. Newman: We're going to look.

Mr. Hills: (in response to instances of several members speaking at one time)

Mr. Clemens...and if I could...whoever the chair recognizes has the floor, and so if people want to say something, please just hold up your hand until you are recognized. Donna, I did not see you had your hand up, and I did not see where he was looking, or I would not have done that. I'm going to try to give a little historical perspective, because I've heard some things that are a little concerning to me tonight. Number one, prior to this last extended contract, so anything three years and back, there had been the ten percent fee, which the haulers tell us, if you're doing the billing, there's a ten percent fee that you're going to get to cover your billing. The city realized, after a few years, that it didn't cost them ten percent to do the billing. Now let's stop and think about it folks; you just got your water bill today; and it had water, sewer, storm sewer, and it had your recycling billed quarterly on it, your garbage pick up. So the city realized, wait a minute, it doesn't cost us that much money. At the next contract that was negotiated, when that became evident, that ten percent was taken out of there. We now are eating whatever the billing costs are and we do have a fund there. I am going to ask Mrs. Frazier to go back, because I've been here a while and I do not remember any commitment we made that we have not honored. And I think that if it's there, there's something that needs to be done. But, Toni, I'm going to ask for it to be found...

Mrs. Newman: I have already asked her..

Mr. Hills: And I've just done it publicly. But before we say it's there, let's find it.. And if there's something that needs to be adjusted, there's certainly funds to be there. You're saying one time; Mel's saying two; I think, I'm not aware that we're in any default on that. But that isn't going to be proven one way or the other here tonight, but how this fund got up was certainly because we do charge, and we are authorized to charge for the billing, and I would want to know how those funds have been expended rather than Mr. Harris saying there's this much in there, but he does say it's going down three to four, five thousand a year because of the cost of billing now, but we do purchase things out of there that do benefit the whole city, so...thank you, Mr. Clemens.

Mr. Clemens: Are there any other questions for Steve pertaining to this, because this is just up for discussion. I think what you would like to do is buy some new containers, am I correct?

Mr. DeBolt: To maintain _____ yes.

Mr. Clemens: To maintain...why don't you work up something like that and bring it back to us and we'll look at it?

Mr. DeBolt: Will do, thank you sir.

Mr. Clemens: Okay, I appreciate it, thank you.

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Discussion: Resolution of Services Available to property proposed for annexation of 3.5+/- acres

in Truro Township; Charles R. Wilson- -Mr. Clemens moved to send legislation to Council for adoption as an emergency measure. Mrs. Kelly seconded. All voted "Aye". Motion passed.

Discussion: Special Exception Use Permit - 1349 Suite B Brice Rd.; owner, Gradco Limited Partnership; present zoning, CC; existing use - vacant; proposed use - automotive repair; applicant, John Swartz. BZBA has recommended approval with conditions.- -Mr. Clemens said he did not quite understand the request for the Special Exception Use Permit, when it seems the business has already been in existence. Mr. Clemens said when reading the minutes of the BZBA, the gentleman said he would have the cars moved out by Monday, but they were still there - with no tags, and a junk trailer was also there. Mr. Clemens said he thought the gentleman should attend committee meeting and tell members what he plans to do. Mr. Clemens said the way it looks at the present time, he would not be supportive; that there were conditions placed on the permit by the BZBA and needed to be considered. Mrs. Kelly agreed that the gentleman should attend committee and questions could be asked directly of him. Mr. Clemens moved to send legislation to Council for the first reading and have the gentleman asked to attend committee. Mrs. Kelly seconded; all voted "Aye". Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Service Committee

- -Nancy C. Frazier, Clerk of Council

March 3, 2008

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

March 3, 2008

Finance Committee Chairman Ron Stake called the meeting to order at 8:21 p.m.

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

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

Mr. Stake moved to amend the agenda by adding Item 3a, Rosehill Road Engineering Funding. The amended agenda was approved with all voting "Aye".

Minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held February 19, 2008 were approved without objection.

Rosehill Road Engineering Funding - Mr. Joseph said the topic had been sent on to Council for the second reading, and answers to questions were still being obtained, but funding was also needed.

Mr. Stake moved to include an amount in the legislation of \$253,730 from the unappropriated CIP Fund, to be appropriated to account no. 410.121.5651 to pay for the requested services. Mr. Clemens seconded; all voted "Aye". Motion passed.

Discussion: Amend 84-06 and 85-06 (Sidewalk IV and V)- -Mr. DeBolt explained that a resident had questioned one of the assessments, and in researching it, it was determined that the resident had indeed paid for the work, and the assessment that had been placed on his taxes was not accurate. Mr. DeBolt said upon further research, it was found there were ten inaccuracies, which had something to do with the way the addresses had been provided, and they needed to be corrected. Mr. Stake moved to send legislation to Council with recommendation for adoption as emergency measures, if legislation was able to be provided by bond counsel. Mrs. Newman seconded. All voted "Aye". Motion passed.

Discussion: Approval of two appointments to Civil Service Commission- -*held 2-4-08 for two weeks at time of approval of agenda, at request of Mayor. Held 2-19-08 for two weeks at time of approval of agenda, at request of Mayor.*- -Mr. Stake moved to send the proposed Motion to Council with recommendation for adoption; Mr. Joseph seconded; all voted "Aye". Motion passed.

ORDINANCE TO MAKE A FINAL APPROPRIATION FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF REYNOLDSBURG, STATE OF OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2008 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY- -Mr. Stake thanked the Mayor for having the department heads, superintendents, and directors in attendance. Mr. Stake said a memo had also been received from the Mayor prior to committee, and invited comments as the budget was discussed. Mr. Clemens said he would like to have all the departments that have special engineering funds, reduce the amounts by 50%, and have those monies then placed in a separate account, as it may be needed in the near future. The funds would be there, if needed; that right now the different departments were carrying \$101,500 in engineering. Mr. Stake asked the Mayor if he was okay with the suggestion; the Mayor replied that he was.

Other items discussed and disposition:

Mayor will be sharing a secretary with the Human Resources Department.

Mr. Stake said he thought it was an oversight, but some of the comments on the departmental budget sheets had not been updated, and asked that those be changed to reflect proper reasoning.

Mr. Clemens said while he knew miscellaneous office supplies were needed, he would ask that consideration be given in the future to a Purchasing Agent to handle all supplies.

(Service Dept) Mr. Clemens asked if the city was billing for grass cutting as it was supposed to. Mr. DeBolt said that was being done; that last year had a late growing season, and the final bills were still being tabulated; that "we are getting funds back and putting on the taxes". Mr. Clemens asked if bills had been sent for last year. Mr. DeBolt said the bills had been going out, but the November bills were still being paid; that the city was giving people a chance to pay. Mr. Clemens asked if Mr. DeBolt knew how much the city received. Mr. DeBolt said he would

provide a report when he brought the new assessments to Council.

Mr. DeBolt asked the Mayor if 5213 (\$12,000 for maintenance supplies) would be added back in. The Mayor said yes.

(Development Dept) Mr. Clemens said concerning 5301 (Planning/Board of Appeal) and the transcription services, he thought this was an in-house deal; the city had secretaries, and there should be a secretary in attendance, and should do the transcription. Mr. Clemens said perhaps in the future, consideration could be given to this and money could be saved.

(Building) Mr. Stake said there was a vacancy in an Inspector's position and asked if the Mayor was planning to fill it. The Mayor said he had no plans to fill the position in the foreseeable future.

Mr. Clemens said (5105 Overtime) he did not mind paying overtime for a secretary to cover board meetings, and he thought the person should be present, and do the transcriptions.

Mr. Clemens said (5399 Misc Services) there was \$5,000 in the account for materials to board up windows in vacant property, and asked for an explanation, as there had been "0" in other years. The Mayor said he thought the contemplation was, with the proliferation of the foreclosures, and in addition to making code enforcement a higher responsibility and priority, that there were certain occasions where property would need to be boarded up, and we would be more aggressive about doing so. Mr. Clemens asked if the city was going to do it, or would it be contracted out. The Mayor said the city would do it. Mr. Clemens asked if the city would be reimbursed. The Mayor said it was his intent to have the same procedure as the grass cutting. Mr. Clemens asked if the city could legally go onto someone's property and board it up. Mayor McCloud said he thought that occasionally the city had a legal responsibility to, if it's known to potentially be an attractive nuisance, if there's reason to believe children are playing there, and that kind of thing.

(Parks and Recreation Dept) Mr. Stake said comments needed to be updated; that (5633) Machinery/Equipment had \$6,500 listed, and he'd been told it was for a mower replacement, but there were no comments listed. That (5639) Other Equipment - Athletic Equip had \$4,000 for 1 set of soccer goals, but that was from last year; that he thought it was currently to replace a tire swing at the playground at the Livingston House. Mr. Stake said it sounded rather expensive for a swing; Mayor McCloud said he would verify the amount/reason. Mr. Stake also asked (5361) for checking to be done to see if the reference to painting of the Livingston House had been done last year.

(Senior Center) Mrs. Kelly asked if replacing the roof was also to be a reason under (5361) Building Maintenance. The Mayor said that was correct. Mr. Stake said updated comments might be in order as he thought 'deck repair' was done last year.

(Police Dept) In response to a question from Mrs. Kelly, Chief Suci explained range mining. Mr. Stake asked the Chief if, other than the Sergeant's position and three officers that were authorized by ordinance number forty-three, were all other positions filled. The Chief said yes, excluding one that had a pending grievance. Mr. Stake said the four positions were still authorized, but were not funded yet.

(Human Resources Dept) Mr. Clemens asked what the reference to temporary clerical services meant. Mayor McCloud said he would check. Mr. Clemens also asked for clarification regarding the different drug testing references.

(Civil Service Commission) Mr. Hills said account no. 5631 had "0" listed for replace desk, and should probably be removed. The Mayor said he would remove it.

(General Administration) Mr. Stake said a memo had previously been received from the Mayor that stated the amount would be increased for Workers Compensation pretty drastically. Mr. Stake asked if there were some claims that would kick the city out of group rating. Human Resources Director Megan Kish said there were currently no claims that were kicking the city out of the group rating, but the city was dealing with claims managing for this experience period. Ms. Kish said she would obtain additional information. Mr. Harris said the total increase would not all be in General Administration; some would go to Street, Water, Wastewater; that numbers would be contained in the final budget document.

(Mechanic) Mr. Stake said 5213 - maintenance supplies, would be increased to \$70,000; and 5363 - motor vehicle maintenance, would be increased to \$30,000. Mr. Stake asked if the repair of the salt truck was included in the numbers; the Mayor said it was not. The Mayor said Street Supt. Larry Ward received the numbers as to the cost of repair earlier in the day. Mr. Ward said that cost would be \$15,284, along with some other repairs that the city's mechanic would also be doing, which would probably be an additional couple thousand dollars.

Mr. Hills said (5633) machinery/equipment line contained \$10,000 and asked what was to be purchased. The Mayor said it was for an air conditioning repair, and he would provide a copy of the memo.

Mr. Stake said the comments should be updated.

(Street Dept) Mr. Stake said adjustments were being made in 5102 - wages - staff; and 5104 - wages - part time; to include a full time equipment operator, and three quarter time equipment operator, which didn't mean anyone was being hired, but the funds were being included. The Mayor said that was the proposal.

Mr. Stake said under (5639) Other Equipment, \$12,000 was included, but there was no explanation. Mr. Stake said the amount would be for a sign cutter and plotter.

Mr. Stake thanked everyone for attending, and moved to send the legislation to Council to be read for the second time. Mr. Joseph seconded. All voted "Aye". Motion passed.

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$13,415,000 AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF HEALTH CARE FACILITIES REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2008 (GNMA COLLATERALIZED - WESLEY RIDGE) FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING AND REFINANCING COSTS OF HOSPITAL FACILITIES (AS DEFINED IN SECTION 140.01, OHIO REVISED CODE); PROVIDING FOR THE ASSIGNMENT OF REVENUES FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE BONDS TO BE ISSUED AND THE LEASE OF CERTAIN PROPERTY TO AND FROM WESLEY RIDGE; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A BASE LEASE, A LEASE AND A TRUST

INDENTURE TO PROVIDE FOR THE PAYMENT OF BOND SERVICE CHARGES ON THE BONDS, AND OF OTHER INSTRUMENTS AND DOCUMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH THE ISSUANCE OF THE BONDS; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF AN ESCROW AGREEMENT IN CONNECTION WITH THE CURRENT REFUNDING AND DEFEASANCE OF CERTAIN OUTSTANDING HEALTH CARE FACILITIES REVENUE BONDS; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A BOND PURCHASE AGREEMENT FOR THE SALE OF THE BONDS; AUTHORIZING THE USE AND DISTRIBUTION OF AN OFFICIAL STATEMENT APPROPRIATE FOR THE SALE OF THE BONDS; AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING RELATED MATTERS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY- -Mr. Stake moved to send ordinance to Council to be read for the second time. Mrs. Newman seconded. All voted "Aye". Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Finance Committee

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March 3, 2008