

SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

January 18, 2005

Members of Safety Committee present: Mel Clemens, Brett Baxter, Ron Stake, Preston Stearns. Other members of Council present: Antoinette Newman, Lane J. Beougher, Council President William L. Hills. Eric Gilbert was absent.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

Mr. Clemens: The first item on the agenda, approval of the minutes of January 4, 2005 Safety Committee meeting. Do I have any additions or deletions? (No response). If not, they'll stand approved.

Next item, approval of the agenda. I'd like to add as 3a, the report by Mrs. Reichard. Are there any other additions or deletions? (No response). If not, that'll stand approved. Mrs. Reichard.

Mrs. Reichard: Thank you Mr. Clemens, members of Council. I asked Mr. Clemens if I could report a little bit on Streetscape tonight to get started our Phase II reporting. Yesterday I had the opportunity to walk Phase II with EMH&T and AEP. And what we were looking at was the facilities that are up on, looking at all of the different businesses that may or may not need, we may or may not need to underground their electrical lines. Because they're already on the riser poles behind the businesses. This would be a way for us to cut costs without ruining the aesthetics of what we're trying to achieve out there. So we're looking at trying to keep those costs down.

We will have at some later point, I'm looking now at February 28, having a more complete report, time tables, funding, everything for you to go over. Also I wanted to let you know that on February 1 at 7 p.m. in these chambers, we're going to be meeting with the business owners in Phase II to apprise them of what we find and what we are going to be doing, giving the opportunity to ask questions, etc. We'll have everybody on board who can answer questions for us, and we would invite you to be at that meeting.

I also wanted to let you know that I did receive a letter from ODOT about the repaving for Phase II. They have it in their budget for Spring of '07 which means it would be done, they would actually be, the pavement would go down in the summer of '07. So that fits in our time frame. They have budgeted \$495,000 for that. That's an 80/20 split. So we'd have to come up with \$123,750.

Also, I just wanted to let you know that on February 14, I just asked your President of Council this evening, if we could have about 20 minutes on your agenda on February 14 to report with SWACO. I think you've read in the paper a little bit about what we're doing in terms of an anti-litter campaign. We're also talking about recycling. We pretty much finalized that report today and we would like to present it to you on February 14.

Mr. Clemens: Thank you, Sharon. I have asked Mrs. Reichard to give us a report in the near future on the progress of the Streetscape as far as the financial part of it and as part of plans and how things are moving along and to keep us updated on it in case there's something each Council

member would like to ask or we'd like to know as we go along. Because I think that's the best way to handle it. That way we know when it comes before us, for the money, we know what it's there for. Okay?

Mrs. Reichard: Okay.

Mr. Clemens: Sharon, you're the next item too. The next item, Discussion, **Motion to advertise for bids for the 2005 Fireworks display.** This is something we do annually and Mrs. Reichard has brought it to us now.

Mrs. Reichard: Yes. We're trying to do this on a more timely basis. Get this out now. You'll see the time frame for the notice to bidders. It's been checked by both the City Attorney and Chief Sharps. So we're ready to move ahead with that so that we can as I said, do it in a more timely fashion. Maybe get more bidders than we did the last time.

Mr. Clemens: Are there any questions for Mrs. Reichard from members of Council or members of Committee? Mr. Baxter.

Mr. Baxter: Mr. Clemens, thank you. Mrs. Reichard, one of the questions I have, it's going to go out to bid, the bids will come back in, when should we anticipate seeing the legislation for approval of the fireworks then? Is it going to be April, May? What time would you anticipate that?

Mrs. Reichard: Well, no. I would anticipate it before that. This passes, and since this is just a motion, we anticipate opening up those bids on February 21. So there would be something that would come to you the first week in March. We should be able to do this without an emergency by starting it this soon.

Mr. Baxter: Okay great. Thank you.

Mr. Clemens: Are there any other questions for Mrs. Reichard? Mr. Beougher.

Mr. Beougher: Thank you, Mr. Clemens. What time did you say the informational meeting was on February 1?

Mrs. Reichard: It's at 7 p.m. in this chambers.

Mr. Beougher: Thank you.

Mrs. Reichard: I thank you for allowing me at this time, I'm not going to be here next week or I would have made this report at a regular Council meeting.

Mr. Clemens: Alright. Thank you, Sharon.

Mrs. Reichard: Thank you.

Mr. Clemens: The next item on the agenda, **Authorization to purchase three cruisers**. This is authorization to purchase three cruisers. It's in the budget. I don't know whether the Chief is here or not to speak on this.

Lt. Suci: Sir, Lieutenant Dave Suci. I'm here on behalf of Chief Miller. Again, this is through the normal state bid process. So we have to have this bid in no later than March 1, is the reason for the emergency. And the sooner we can get our bid in and the authorization, the more we're guaranteed of getting those cruisers.

Mr. Clemens: Like I say, the money is in the budget and we know that it is an emergency. The only problem I can see with it Lieutenant, is the reason on the emergency part of it really. The reason it says, and I don't like this as an emergency, 'Need to get the vehicle as soon as possible to ensure that we get the most trade in value. The trade in's are high and the mileage is causing maintenance expenses'. I'd rather have that changed to the health, safety, and welfare of the community if that's alright with you.

Lt. Suci: That's fine sir.

Mr. Clemens: So if the Clerk would, we would change the emergency for the reason for the health and safety and welfare of the citizens of Reynoldsburg. Are there any questions for the Lieutenant? (No response). This is something that we're in dire need of and the Chief's wanted to get it done and I see no reason to hold it up. Are there any questions? Yes, Mr. Baxter.

Mr. Baxter: Just one question. What will this take our fleet to?

Lt. Suci: It'll maintain the fleet at our current level. We're trading in three, and we're going to pick up three.

Mr. Baxter: Did we not have some that were lost this last year due to incident, and are also going to be needed to be replaced?

Lt. Suci: We currently have 14 marked cruisers and this will continue to have, we'll have 14 marked cruisers after receiving these three.

Mr. Baxter: Okay. Very good. Thank you.

Mr. Clemens: Are there any other questions for the Lieutenant? Mr. Hills.

Mr. Hills: Mr. Clemens, I certainly agree that health, safety and welfare is better than protecting the trade in value. Because I have a feeling the trade in values, I saw two of them probably aren't operable any way.

Lt. Suci: (Tape inaudible).

Mr. Hills: The cut off date is March 1 but if a number of people are placing orders, they'll only manufacture so many.

Lt. Suci: That's correct. The sooner we get our order in...

Mr. Hills: The quicker you get on the list, the better. So Mr. Clemens, it wouldn't hurt to consider that also, to make a timely submission so that we can not lose out on the number that Ford's going to produce. Because they produce a fixed number.

Lt. Suci: That's correct, sir.

Mr. Hills: When they're gone, they're gone.

Mr. Clemens: We can add that in there. That is important. And it is important for the safety of the public. Are there any other questions for the Lieutenant? (No response). Thank you.

Lt. Suci: Thank you, Council.

Mr. Clemens: I'd like to make a motion to send this to Council for first reading with emergency clause. Do I have a second? Second by Mr. Stearns. All in favor, say aye. (All voted "Aye").

Nancy, let's drop back to item number 4. Did I send that to Council? The motion for adoption?

Mrs. Frazier: No. No you didn't.

Mr. Clemens: I'd like to drop back to item number 4 and make a motion we send this to Council for adoption. Do I have a second? Second by Mr. Stake. All in favor, say aye. (All voted "Aye"). Thank you.

The next item on the agenda, Discussion, **Engine or exhaust brakes**. I had brought this up, I had been contacted by residents as far as the noise. They're concerned with the trucks braking their engines instead of using their brakes. After I looked at this and checked other cities, and I have checked Pataskala and Lancaster, and there's other cities that, Westerville, other cities that do have this. The reason is, it is noisy. I know it gets to be a pain for all the public that lives along the roads that this happens to and that's one reason I brought it up for discussion. And I had asked everybody to look at it and think about it and see what they thought about it. If it's something that we should put it in our ordinances. If it is something that we should take a look at. Are there any questions? And also I'd asked Mr. Underwood to take a look at it and Chief Miller. I don't know whether, Bill had you looked at it or thought anything about it?

Mr. Underwood: Since it's not a state code type violation, you would have to post it since it does deviate from state code. My thought was, since it came to you from residents, maybe there are certain roads in town that it's a problem on. And maybe we ought to confine it to those areas.

Mr. Clemens: I agree.

Mr. Underwood: And I don't know what the roads are or where the problem is. If you could provide a list of those roads, it would certainly make it easy for the officers to enforce, and the Street Department to post those roads.

Mr. Clemens: I would think it would be roads such as Taylor Road and Livingston Avenue, Main Street and Brice Road. One's that we do have large trucks on. Concrete trucks and gravel trucks and semi's. But it is a problem and I know that it is used in other cities for this principle is to keep the sound down. Like I said, if it's an emergency, they're allowed to use their brakes. It states that in part of this that if it is an emergency, they can use their brakes. But I think it's something we should look into. It's important that we try to control the sound. If it is something that bothers our residents as far as the noise and living on these roads, and I'm sure it does. Because I checked into it with Pataskala and talked to them and they have a big problem with it. (Tape inaudible). I don't have a problem where I live. I mean, a big truck can't even get down my street to start with. But I know, when we do get to the ones that do have these three lane highways like Lancaster Avenue where people live right there, it is a problem. And it's a noise problem. And I think it's something that if you post, and I think most of these, they post it and once they see that it's posted, it does help. Because I did question the people in Pataskala about it. They said it has helped. Are there any other questions? Yes, Mr. Baxter.

Mr. Baxter: Just a quick question on cost. Would the only cost we would be looking at is signage?

Mr. Clemens: Yes. And we make our signs.

Mr. Baxter: But we're not looking for any additional service from the police to monitor these areas? It would be a by call or by incident?

Mr. Clemens: By incident. If they're there or by call. If it's a nuisance problem, that's something they could sit and check and find out what the problem is. It's not something that they would be there all the time. It's just something that if they would be reported, they could look into it. Yes, Mr. Stake.

Mr. Stake: Thank you, Mr. Clemens. And I appreciate you bringing this issue forward. I guess my only questions would be is, why we would want to limit this to certain roads or streets and not make it city wide for the sake of simplicity I guess? We have signs out there, I don't know if we have them in Reynoldsburg, but I've seen them in other communities saying 'No U turns city wide', and they're posted on the main drags. I just wonder how complicated the enforcement process might become by segregating where it can be and where it can't be. I would imagine anybody wouldn't want this to sound on their street.

Mr. Clemens: It could be city wide. Like I say, post it at our entrances of our streets as you enter the City of Reynoldsburg. It wouldn't have to be posted city wide. It would be handled city wide in that direction.

Mr. Stake: I would be in favor if it was city wide.

Mr. Clemens: This ordinance is something I'd have to get redrafted. But I wanted to make sure that members of Council thought this was needed and get support on it. If so, I will redraft it and enter it at the next committee meeting and try to send it on to Council. Are there any other questions from anybody pertaining to this? (No response). If not, I'll see that I redraft the ordinance the way that we discussed it and have it presented at our next committee meeting. Alright, thank you. I appreciate it.

The next item on the agenda, is **ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF REYNOLDSBURG, OHIO: SECTIONS 1339.01; 1339.04 Subsections (a) and (c); and 1339.05 Subsections (a) and (b) of CHAPTER 1339 OHIO BUILDING CODE**. It's had its second reading. It will be going to Council for its third reading. And I see that Mr. Beougher, you had sent in some amendments that you wish to address.

Mr. Beougher: Yes. Thank you, Mr. Clemens. Mrs. Frazier was good enough to put these together. And I'd like to just mention 2 and 3 and then come back to 1. When we, when Stephen and I had talked about this, we had anticipated revising our residential code at the same time. That has not happened yet. So the 1999 is the title of the chapter that needs to remain. Item number 3, we took out a couple of sections that should remain. And so 1339.05, the amendments to that section can be stricken or taken out of this document. Coming back to number 1, Adoption, it's the Ohio Building Code now and it's not known by the 2004 Building Code any more. Is that correct, Stephen?

Mr. Moore: That's correct.

Mr. Beougher: So I think I would ask that we do implement items 2 and 3 but not number 1 when we amend the ordinance.

Mr. Clemens: Alright. Are there any questions pertaining to the amendment that Mr. Beougher wishes to make? Yes, Nancy.

Mrs. Frazier: Do you want 2002 still stricken?

Mr. Beougher: No. It should just take the date out entirely. And then it'll just be adoption date, effective date March...

Mrs. Frazier: Do you want the 'Ohio Building Code', period?

Mr. Beougher: Yes. Exactly.

Mrs. Frazier: Alright. Thanks Mel.

Mr. Clemens: Okay. Would you like to make that amendment then?

Mr. Beougher: I would but I can't make that motion because I'm not a member of the committee any more.

Mr. Clemens: That's right. We did dump you didn't we?

Mr. Beougher: You dumped me, Mel.

Mr. Clemens: I'll make the amendment. I'd like to amend it to Mr. Beougher's amendments. Do I have a second? Second by Mr. Baxter. All in favor, say aye. (All voted "Aye"). This is up for going to Council for the third reading. Are there any questions for Mr. Moore before this is sent? Does Council have any questions? Anybody on the committee or anybody on Council? (No response). If not, I'd like to send this to Council for the third reading with a motion for adoption. Do I have a second? Second by Mr. Stearns. All in favor, say aye. (All voted "Aye"). Opposed? (No response). Thank you.

And that'll end the Safety Committee meeting at 7:50.

Mrs. Reichard: Could I just say something before you leave the Safety Committee? I think all of you know, hopefully you know, that tonight is Stephen's last night at City Council. This Friday is his last day with the City of Reynoldsburg. He's moving on to do, to build the department in Groveport. I want you to know that, I wanted to publicly state that I have really enjoyed working with Stephen. He is the ultimate professional. I think what he's done in that office has been admirable. Chet had a very good tutor, if you will, and he has been promoted to Stephen's position effective next Monday. But I wanted to publicly thank Mr. Moore for all he's done for the City of Reynoldsburg.

Mr. Clemens: I think we all do. I think we all hate to lose Mr. Moore. I discussed it with him, why he would do something like that and he said, everything was fine here, but Groveport did buy a new municipal golf course and therefore, it's going to make it much more pleasant to work down there. And I can see his reasons. We do thank you Stephen. You did a good job.

Safety Committee

- - -Nancy C. Frazier, Clerk of Council

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SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
(Committee of the Whole)
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Members of Service Committee present: Brett Baxter, Antoinette Newman. Eric Gilbert was absent.

Other members of Council present: Preston Stearns, Lane J. Beougher, Ron Stake, Mel Clemens, Council President William L. Hills.

Mr. Clemens: The next meeting is the Service Committee meeting. Mr. Gilbert's not here so I'd like to call Service Committee to order as Committee of the Whole.

The first item is approval of the minutes of December 6, 2004 Service Committee meeting. Are there any additions or deletion? (No response). If not, they'll stand approved.

The next item, approval of the agenda. I would like to remove and hold item number 4 (Election of Chairman; appointment of Vice Chairman) until Mr. Gilbert is able to be here. So I'd like to remove that from the agenda. Do I have a second on that? Second by Mr. Stake. All in favor, say aye. (All voted "Aye"). Okay. The agenda is approved.

The next item is Discussion, **Authorization for engineering services - Blacklick Creek erosion at Huber Bike Path, and appropriation of funds.** I think you received some pictures that were taken by our Street Department on our situation that we had. This is something that's happened over the last few weeks. It is a safety situation. I've looked at it. It is very, very unsafe and I think it needs taken care of immediately. The process should start. From our engineers, we do have a plan on what they intend to do. They submitted their cost and so forth. Evans and Mechwart has given us what their services would be for preparation of plans, specifications, cost estimates, advertise for bids and the repair and stabilize the stream bank at Blacklick Creek. And the appropriation will be \$46,000 from the Storm Water Fund to account 740.737.5331, Engineering Services. Larry, would you like to speak on this?

Mr. Ward: Good evening. To give you a little bit of background, this is a problem that really has been ongoing for several years. Right after we started the Storm Water Utility, we were aware of the situation but it was a very small erosion problem at the time. Over the years, as we've had flooding and as the creek has risen, it continued to eat away at the bank. In 2003, I believe it was in July when we had the heavy rains and we had the parking lot here at City Hall that was flooded, there was some additional erosion at the time. But this year with all the rains that we have had, the bank just couldn't hold up to the saturation and it just continued to give way. Just twice this month alone, we had two areas. One that was about 30 or 40 feet wide that fell. And then a few days later, there's an area about 25 or 30 feet that slid completely into the creek. I guess in some ways it's a little unfair to really talk about the bike path. Because weather or not the bike path was there, the creek bank was eroding and the problem would have to be fixed one way or another. Under EMH&T's proposal there were two options. The one that they really recommend is to install pilings down near the waters edge and then to backfill it. They say with this approach that it would encroach less upon the flow of Blacklick Creek. It would accomplish what we need to do which would allow us to apply for the permits that we would need and the hydrology studies through FEMA and other organizations. Option "b" would be to start at a point closer to Main Street and build an entirely new bike path and then take it down and then back up to meet the existing bike path. But that would involve acquiring some easements and some other technicalities there. So their recommendation would be on the first page of their proposal in the paragraph that starts 'the erosion has resulted'. It's the one that's about the third sentence. It says _____. So that is the approach they would like to investigate and to bid out and see what it would cost us.

Mr. Clemens: Larry, it is a bad situation. As I looked, and I went down and looked at it, it looks to me like if we're going to get into it and do it, and it certainly needs done, the section that the bike path runs directly along the creek where it turns back into the park which is up by the swimming pool, all the trees along through there are eroding back under the bike path and back under the ditch really. As a matter of fact, there's a section that's out down about 50 feet from where the one we're talking about is. It completely fell out. So if we're doing something like this, we're going to do it and do it right. My thought would be that they look at the whole section that's there so we don't have to come back in at a later date and do the same situation that we're talking about. Because we should do it and have a fence up along there like you have. Because it is an unsafe area. But if you go down, and I'm sure you have, and you know what I'm talking about, as you go

along that bike path until it makes the turn, all the trees underneath are almost down into the water and the roots are almost out underneath the bike path and it's pulling more dirt and stuff out. So I would think that we're getting into quite an expense. But to me, I think once it goes in there doing it, it would be cheaper to look at it how we could correct the problem there to where it makes the break. That's one way. To where it makes the break and goes back to the park _____. The second part would be to acquire more land and maybe widen our bike path and move it over a little bit. The swimming pool has a fence along there and the other people have a fence and the property's not used for anything. It just fills up with water. The pool is quite a ways from there. They have their fence. I don't know whether we talked to the owners about a possibility of getting 10 foot there and moving their fence back maybe without any expense. It's something we could look into. The property's not worth anything to them really other than to flood. But my thought would be, and I would want you to look at it and I would want the engineers to look at it. The section that goes down where it makes the bend. All along that creek is going to come in. If we just go down and do one section, another two years we're going to be down there doing another section. I would think possibly, we would have to go through the permit issue for expenses and the expense of going down there and doing it. Maybe the proper thing to do would be to take care of that that's right along the creek there. Because I don't know how long it will be, but it's not that long before it makes the curve and goes away from the creek. Stays away from it. But that would be my thought. Are there any questions for Larry pertaining to this? Mr. Stake.

Mr. Stake: Thank you, Mr. Clemens. Larry, how long has that bike path been there? The one that we have right now.

Mr. Ward: It was there when I came to the city almost 21 years ago. So I'm not really sure how long it's been there.

Mr. Stake: And picking up on what you said Mr. Clemens, about maybe moving the bike path over for now so we can re-evaluate the whole situation. I think I'd like to look into that further as well.

Mr. Ward: We could ask the engineers to do that. Sure.

Mr. Stake: Okay. Thank you.

Mr. Clemens: It's a situation that's going to be an expensive situation to do what we're talking about.

Mr. Ward: Right. And I knew that. And with a couple of the other projects that Council has been looking at, we are trying to take care of the worst area and the safety issue. But I can have the engineers look at this again.

Mr. Clemens: I think if Council members will go down and walk along that one section there, it is right on the creek. The blacktop is right on the creek. The edge of the bike path. And it's starting to erode away underneath it all the way along there. Not only where it's fell in but the trees are...

Mr. Stake: Mr. Clemens, and Larry, I'd like to keep the bike path open if possible. If it's quicker to move it maybe to the west a little bit to keep it going until we figure out what we're going to do there, that would be my preference.

Mr. Ward: We do have it fenced off about half way across the width of the bike path for safety reasons. Because you can see where the blacktop is starting to give way. I spoke with Paul Walsh and between the Parks and Recreation Department and my department, we're trying to keep an eye on it. And if it gets any worse, if we have to block it off because of safety, we will. But we want to keep it open because there is a lot of use for it. But we're just keeping a close eye.

Mr. Stake: Well, if we can re-route it a little bit further west to be able to make it safe and keep it open, I would be in favor of that.

Mr. Ward: Well it would be hard for us to widen it as it is. Because as soon as you get past the blacktop, then you have a big drop off. So it would be a matter of hauling in a lot of dirt and trying to blacktop it and do all that. It could be done in spring. It would be hard to do this time of year.

Mr. Clemens: The safety part of it is the part that bothers me. Because there is another drop off that's open down from where you fenced off.

Mr. Ward: We'll go down there and take a look at it. If we need to put up some more fence, we can.

Mr. Clemens: There's a possibility that possibly you should, I know you've ran that fence there, that possibly you should run that fence all the way along there. The section that runs right along the creek. Because any of it could go any time the way it looks. Another big rain like that, it's just eating away underneath is what it's doing. I think that it's something, you discussed it with the engineers and I think that's something maybe before they do their finalization on it or maybe before they get started on it, maybe they could meet with members of whatever Council would like to meet with them and just go down there and take a look at it. Everybody can look at it and see what kind of an expense it's going to be and how far we'd like to go with it. But if we're going to maintain that bike path, which everybody seems to like and it is good that we've ran it clear down from the school down to it, I think we want to make it as safe as possible. If we're going to fix it, we're going to keep it there, we don't want to have to go back in again. Because then we have to go through the permit issue and all those issues again. And maybe we can possibly solve the whole thing by doing one permit and doing the whole thing at once. It may cost us quite a bit of money to do it but in the long run it would be saving us money and saving us time and maybe saving a safety issue.

Mr. Ward: I agree. That would be great.

Mr. Clemens: Are there any other questions for Larry? Yes, Mr. Baxter.

Mr. Baxter: Mr. Clemens, thank you. Looking at the area, I'm looking at it from a standpoint that you've got the park right behind that. It would make more sense to me, at least from the safety

standpoint, if we would reroute that around the problem area and bring it through the park and let it reconnect. At least temporarily until we can do the appropriate decision on what's the best way to solve this. When I look at the request here from EMH&T I scratch my head and go, how long is this going to last to repair? Is it a 5 year event, or a 10 year event when we get a flood again? Is it going to then have erosion again right on the bend there so you would expect continual erosion? So my concern is, I don't want to revisit this again three years from now, four years from now. And moving it over seems to be again, just a quick way of doing it. There's not really a clean way. Knowing that park is just right around the corner there, if there's another way to reroute the path, I think I'd be more willing to look at that than to try to continually work up against the creek and continually run into these issues. So first I look at, how long is this going to last? I would want to ask EMH&T the repairs they are talking about. What good are they and how long are they?

Mr. Ward: I can ask them that. But I would assume, well I shouldn't use that word but, you would think that it would be a very long term situation.

Mr. Baxter: Are we talking about just this area that's falling apart like Councilman Clemens said? Or is it all the way down the pike along the creek there? And I would assume not. Just the area that's falling apart is what we're looking at. Correct?

Mr. Ward: Well, yes. And the area from Main Street to about where the swimming pool is. The bank is pretty high there. And with the curves, that's where the water, when high water situations, that's where it erodes the bank. Once you get down to the swimming pool, then the bank is much lower. And then, of course by the time you get down to the Senior Citizens Center, there's an area there when the water gets high then the water comes out into the park. So we're only talking, I'm guessing, but I'm saying it's probably 1,000 feet. Maybe 1200 feet of area all together that you're looking at.

Mr. Baxter: Okay. Thank you.

Mr. Clemens: Because then it moves away from the creek really. The bike path does.

Mr. Ward: Yes.

Mr. Clemens: Moves into the park.

Mr. Ward: But again, I'd like to stress that even if the bike path wasn't where it is currently, there's an erosion problem that would really have to be taken care of. Because as that bank washes away, eventually the creek then could get over into that low area between the bingo hall and the bank. So regardless of the bike path, it's something that needs to be taken care of.

Mr. Clemens: The bike path does turn and go up into the Senior Citizen's blacktop area.

Mr. Ward: Yes. By the swimming pool it starts to make a turn back to the _____.

Mr. Clemens: It does turn and go up. So if they have to bypass it for a while, we can turn and go

up there, make a walk up there and make a walk down to Main Street, cross the light, and get back on again. I think we did that before when we fixed underneath the bridge or we were working on something.

Mr. Ward: Paul Walsh and I discussed this a couple of weeks ago. If we did have to close it off for safety reasons, we could. Right there at the south side of the Main Street bridge, there's that walk way that comes back up to Main Street. And then they could go down Main and down Davidson. Then at the Senior Center, they could get back on to the bike path there.

Mr. Clemens: Alright. Are there any other questions for Mr. Ward? (No response). If not, this is asked as an emergency. I think it will have to go to Finance Committee. Am I right?

Mr. Ward: Mr. Clemens. If you would like EMH&T to look at the rest of this and include that, I would rather hold off on this and talk with them and see. Because their scope of services may change if we want to add any additional.

Mr. Clemens: That's up to you. _____ we ought to get started. I don't want to hold them up as far as moving along.

Mr. Stake: Mr. Clemens.

Mr. Clemens: Yes.

Mr. Stake: I guess we're talking about engineering right now. \$46,000. Do we have an idea what the total project cost might be on this?

Mr. Ward: No. That was included in the scope of services. But I do have an e-mail from Dave Parkinson that there may be, in this 46,000, there may be some leeway to do a little bit of additional study in it.

Mr. Stake: That's for the engineering. I'm talking about any estimate on the cost of, what it might cost to repair this.

Mr. Ward: That would be in part of this 46,000. Their fees. Of course, 16,000 of this would possibly be the permits and the studies.

Mr. Stake: So in order to figure out an estimate of what this might cost, we need to secure the engineering _____ \$46,000.

Mr. Ward: That's true. And saying that it possibly, if they have to get more in depth, it could be a little bit more.

Mr. Stake: I'm not sure I'm comfortable with that right now Mr. Clemens. I'll be real honest with you.

Mr. Clemens: Mr. Hills.

Mr. Hills: Mr. Clemens, I would like to note that this comes to us as an emergency in January 12 and I'm assuming that it's because of the flooding we just had recently. Because this engineering estimate is dated October 31, 2004. So EMH&T has proposed to the city to do this study. But if what you're saying is, there may even be additional areas, I'm not sure that, and I think you've said Mr. Ward, this estimate may or may not include those areas. But I realize it came to us here as an emergency because of just the instant, the erosion we had within the last 2 weeks. And I think we as a city, absolutely I agree with everyone here on Council, and the safety factor, you need to be sure that the eroding is not being used _____ for use by our public. And it looks like you've done that. But it comes in as an emergency now with an estimate from way back in August. And now we're asking EMH&T, well go take your August estimate and add more to it. If we're comfortable with it being safe and you're comfortable, it's as safe as it can be right now isn't it? By being blocked off? Because the emergency that we're being asked to pass is only to do the engineering services. It's not to fix the project.

Mr. Ward: Correct. When I called Mr. Gilbert to discuss this last week, I intended to wait and bring this in on February 7. And he told me under the situation, he would call Mrs. Frazier and have it added on for tonight.

Mr. Clemens: My thought would be Larry, if we would hold it up and have a further discussion, and I think it possibly needs more discussion. Because I think there may be more there to do than what is in the engineering estimate. Because my whole feeling is, if we're going to do it, we're going to do it right. I don't want to go back in there two years from now, four years from now, and have to get permits again and go through the whole rig-a-ma-row with the federal government which is a pain to start with. And have to go through all that junk. If we can do it all at once and get it done and take care of it, maybe that's the way we want to go. And maybe we could discuss that more in Eric's committee. I'm just handling it for him since he's not here. Maybe we should go back down and take a look. Maybe there should be more fence put in. I'd feel much safer if possibly the fence was running all along the creek right there. Because it is right next to it. Kids ride down there, walk down there. Little kids. They can slip and fall in a minute. Because there's nothing really to stop you until you get to the fence. Until you get to where it cuts away. Possibly we could run the fence like you did there. Just run the fence all the way down through there. And that would keep everybody away from the creek and keep it safe for everybody. And that would give us time, Council time, and engineers time, and you time, to maybe look into this more and possibly even discuss it with the people that own the pool. Getting some help as far as the property is concerned right along there since it's not used for anything. And work some things out in detail if you think that would be acceptable.

Mr. Ward: Yeah. I just thought too, I have some engineering money in my Storm Water Account. So if it does run a little bit over this, I would have some funds there that we could use for any additional engineering.

Mr. Clemens: How does Council feel about that? Which direction do you think we would like to go? Would you like to hold this and have more discussion with the engineers? Mr. Baxter.

Mr. Baxter: I'd like to recommend that we look at this at two fold. One, we have a safety issue because of the bike path being along the creek. But there's a second issue as a protection as it's written here in the document from EMH&T. "The protection of the unofficial levy and stream bank and holding the creek in it's current position". These are two of the three issues they have on here. Maintaining the bike path and the functional and safe conditions, the third. So I see this is two separate issues. One, being the issue with the creek bank and maintaining it as well as keeping the creek in it's current position. So with that being said, if we would allow this to move forward, we may suggest to pull the bike path off of it all together and revisit that separately and look how to bring the bike path back into use. Maybe later as we can get a better estimate on it. But still move forward with the protection of the levy and the creek. Let's look at it as two separate areas rather than try to keep them together.

Mr. Clemens: That's what I'm saying. But the only problem is, I'm talking about more of than what's in this estimate.

Mr. Baxter: I agree.

Mr. Clemens: That's why I think maybe we could hold it for two weeks and let the engineers come in and talk to them about how much more it would cost to extend the location of it and how much more to take in. Because like I said, there's no sense going back two years from now or a year and a half from now. The trees are over like this now. When they go in, all their roots pull the dirt out from underneath the whole _____. So why don't we hold this for two weeks for discussion when Dave can be here and possibly then Council members can go down and take a look if you would. It's all the section behind the swimming pool and the bank, and walk along there and see what you think and we'll all have a good idea what it's about, and we'll have further discussion on it. But in the meantime, I would feel safer if you could find the opportunity to put that fence along there.

Mr. Ward: Sure. The next couple of days we'll be busy with snow storms. But as soon as we get to it, we'll get down there and get to it.

Mr. Clemens: I understand. When you get the opportunity. So if that's alright with members of Council, we'll hold this for two weeks for the next Service Committee meeting. And like I said, we'll all have the opportunity to go down and, if you get the opportunity, meet with Larry and I'm sure he'd be glad to meet with you and go down and look at it and discuss the situation with you, or even Mr. Parkinson and we'll see what can be worked out in two weeks. Thank you, Larry. I appreciate it.

The next item on the agenda is Discussion, **Acceptance of .475+/- acres, Truro Twp. (Stevenson)**. This is something that we handle all the time and it's just something that we move on. It's an annexation into Reynoldsburg from Truro Twp. Is there any discussion on this? (No response). If not, I'd like to send it to Council for the first reading. Do I have a second? Second by Mr. Baxter. All in favor, say aye. (All voted "Aye"). Opposed? (No response). Fine.

And we'll call the end of the Service Committee meeting at 8:15.

Service Committee (as Committee of the Whole)

-- Nancy C. Frazier, Clerk of Council

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FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

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Members of Finance Committee present: Ron Stake, Mel Clemens, Lane J. Beougher. Eric Gilbert was absent.

Other members of Council present: Preston Stearns, Brett Baxter, Antoinette Newman, Council President William L. Hills.

Mr. Stake: I'd like to call the January 18 Finance Committee to order at 8:16. The next item on the agenda is the approval of the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held January 4, 2005. Are there any changes to those minutes? (No response). None being heard, they'll stand as submitted.

Item number 3 is approval of the agenda. I don't have any changes to the agenda. Does anybody else on the committee have changes to the agenda? (No response).

Item number 4 is Discussion, **Transfer of funds**. This basically is a house cleaning measure. Ordinance No. 125-04, Authorize the transfer of \$6,666.67 from the DUI Education Enforcement Fund 293 to the General Fund 110. Fund 293 had a balance of 3902.62 which was then transferred. This funding should come from the Law Enforcement Fund 290. Transfer \$3,902.62 from the General Fund 110 to the DUI Education Enforcement Fund 293 and transfer \$6,666.67 from the Law Enforcement Fund 290 to the General Fund 110. This is just to clean up something that we had done last year by mistake. Are there any questions to this by members of the committee? (No response). Members of Council? (No response). Okay. And I believe we're looking for an emergency on this so we can get this cleaned up as soon as possible. Do any members of Council have a problem with that? (No response). Okay. Then I will make the motion that we send this on to Council for recommendation for passage as an emergency. Do I have a second? Second by Mr. Clemens. Any further discussion? (No response). All in favor, state aye. (All voted "Aye"). Opposed? (No response). Motion passes.

Item number 5 is Discussion, **Then and Now, SBC invoices**. And I believe this comes from Mr. Whitney. I guess we had inappropriate timing between the opening of purchase order and invoice date. And this requires a Then and Now Certificate from the Auditor. Since it is in excess of \$3,000, it needs to be approved by City Council. Members have had an opportunity to look at the SBC invoice. Do I have any questions from members of the committee? (No response). Members of Council? (No response). Again, I think we need an emergency on this for the timeliness of this. We need to get this done soon. Thirty days. And I got it on the 6th. So 30 days from the 6th of January. Any questions from any members? (No response).

Anybody else? (No response). Okay. Then I will make a motion that we send this on to Council for recommendation for passage as an emergency. Do I have a second? Second by Mr. Clemens. Any further discussion? (No response). All in favor, state aye. (All voted "Aye"). Opposed? (No response). Motion passes.

Item number 6 is **ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN INCOME TAX SHARING AGREEMENT WITH THE LICKING HEIGHTS LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT PURSUANT TO THE OHIO REVISED CODE SECTIONS 5709.62, 5709.82, AND 5709.83.** It had its first reading on 1-10-05. This is just another piece of the Victoria's Secret Direct puzzle. Are there any questions from members of the committee? (No response). Members of Council? (No response). Okay. Hearing none, then I will recommend that we send this on for its second reading. Do I have a second? Second by Mr. Beougher. Any further discussion? (No response). All in favor, state aye. (All voted "Aye"). Motion passes.

Item number 7 is **ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF REYNOLDSBURG, OHIO: CHAPTER 160 EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION, SECTION 160.02 "AUTHORIZED POSITIONS, PERSONNEL, CLASSIFICATION AND PAY GRADE" SUBSECTION (a) "ADMINISTRATIVE", TO ADD THE POSITION OF ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY AND ELIMINATE TWO PART TIME LEGAL INTERN POSITIONS.** A little history on this. This did have its second reading. Rule suspension and adoption had been recommended, but not enough votes were received for the rule suspension. So it's back before us again here tonight before our committee. Do we have any questions or comments from members of the committee? (No response). Members of Council? (No response). Mr. Underwood, do you have anything else to say?

Mr. Underwood: There's nothing new.

Mr. Stake: Nothing new? Okay. Then I will send this on for its third reading with recommendation for passage. Do I have a second? Mr. Baxter, do you have a question?

Mr. Baxter: I'm sorry. When you said members of Council, you didn't see me over here raise my hand.

Mr. Stake: Oh, I'm sorry.

Mr. Baxter: Thank you. Questions that I have here is, do we have a roles and responsibility for this new position, and recognize what the expectations are for that new position? Since it is a new position and we don't have an HR Director here, do we have....

Mr. Underwood: When it was originally turned in, it had a job description with it.

Mr. Baxter: And has that gone back to our consultant to be reviewed?

Mr. Underwood: Yes.

Mr. Baxter: And it's been approved then?

Mr. Underwood: Yes.

Mr. Baxter: Alright, thanks Bill.

Mr. Stake: Okay. Are there any other questions from members of Council, or comments? (No response). Okay then. I will send this on for its third reading with recommendation for passage. Do I have a second? Second by Mr. Clemens. Any further discussion? (No response). All in favor, state aye. (All voted "Aye"). Motion passes.

I will adjourn Finance at 8:22.

Finance Committee

- - -Nancy C. Frazier, Clerk of Council

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