

**City of Broadview Heights
Work Session Meeting Minutes
January 27, 2020**

Mr. Boldt called the **WORK SESSION** to order at 7:33 p.m.

Mr. Stelmaschuk led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Robert A. Boldt (Ward 4 Councilor, President)
Mr. Thomas Pavlica (Ward 1 Councilor)
Mr. Brian Wolf (Ward 2 Councilor)
Mr. George Stelmaschuk (Ward 3 Councilor, President Pro-Tem)
Ms. Jennifer A. Mahnic (Councilor At-Large)
Mr. Glenn R. Goodwin (Councilor At-Large)
Mr. Joe Price (Councilor At-Large)

OFFICER(S) PRESENT: Mr. Samuel J. Alai (Mayor)
Mr. Vince Ruffa (Law Director)
Mr. Dave Pfaff (Finance Director)
Mr. David Schroedel (Service Director)
Lt. Steven Raiff (Police Lieutenant)
Chief Jeffrey Hajek (Fire Chief)
Mr. Gary Yelenosky (City Engineer)
Mrs. Amy Jo Washabaugh (Human Service Director)
Mr. Joe Mandato (Chief Building Official)
Mrs. Helen Dunlap (Clerk of Council)

OFFICER(S) ABSENT: Mrs. Paula Horner (Parks & Recreation Director)
Ms. Kristina Sorensen (Economic Development Director)

1. Discussion from the Human Services Department. Mrs. Washabaugh

a. Accepting Donations

Mrs. Washabaugh stated that the two items that she has this evening are donations. The sheet that she provided is for the whole year but they are coming here to accept those donations from June on. One thing that she would like to point out is Officer Money with the Broadview Heights Police Department did sell the Human Services van for them for \$5,291. They paid \$2,000 for that van. All of the transports that they did in that van cost the city nothing. She was really happy to point that out. All of their donations to date for 2019 total \$12,630.76 which are unsolicited donations.

b. UH Grant

Mrs. Washabaugh stated that this item is for the Lifeline program from University Hospitals. They call it a grant but technically it is a donation. She didn't have to apply for anything.

2. Discussion from the Police Department. Lt. Raiff**a. Purchase of vehicles**

Lt. Raiff stated that he is looking to purchase 5 police vehicles which consist of 4 cruisers and 1 administrative vehicle. They are looking at Ford SUV's because the Dodge Chargers were not on state bid this year and a Dodge Durango for the administrative vehicle. They will also come with additional 2 tires that they keep for each vehicle. They are looking at getting rid of 5 vehicles which are between 80,000-100,000 miles and by time this is all done they will have another 10,000 miles on them. They usually sell them on gov.deals and they usually get around \$7,000-\$8,000 but these are AWD so they are looking to get a little bit more out of them.

b. Agreement with Stephen Campbell Associates

Lt. Raiff stated that they would like to have this agreement with Stephen Campbell for the Support and Maintenance package for their recording equipment. This is done every year.

3. Discussion from the Service Department. Mr. Schroedel

Mr. Schroedel stated that he would just like to say that Jeff Money from the Police Department does do a great job with the gov.deals. He sells a lot of the Service Department stuff too and brings in top dollar for what they don't think that they are going to get too much for.

a. Apply for a Cuyahoga County Community Recycling Awareness Grant

Mr. Schroedel stated that this is a yearly grant that they have through the Solid Waste District. This year they upped the grant amount by \$1,000 so it is a maximum of \$6,000 and we are going to go for the maximum. We are going to use it towards a city calendar which we will do instead of the Towne Money Saver calendar along with 2 shred days. We will also be applying, there is no charge for this but we will be distributing the grocery bags, the reusable bags that people take grocery shopping with them, we will be requesting 1,000 of those to hand out to the community.

Mr. Pavlica asked if there is going to be any grant money to purchase any recyclable containers or anything.

Mr. Schroedel stated that he is skipping ahead of him.

b. Apply for a Community Event Sponsorship Grant

Mr. Schroedel stated that this is through NOPEC and the Mayor's Office is actually applying for this. He believes that it is for \$3,500. It would most likely be used to support the concert series.

c. Apply for an OEPA Recycling Grant

Mr. Schroedel stated that this is an Ohio EPA Recycling Grant. He has the grant pretty well written. It is under review right now and he is planning to request the maximum amount which is \$200,000 to put towards 65-gallon recycling carts for the community. Hopefully he can get enough to give every single family and duplex home their own recycling cart at no cost to them. Right now the estimate for the carts is in the ballpark of \$300,000 so at the worst case we would have to match with \$100,000 to get from

\$200,000 to \$300,000. He does know of one other grant that if this grant comes through that he is planning on applying to help defer some of these costs too. He thinks that it would be a benefit to the community and increase recycling with the convenience of a container. It would also come along with an educational program that we would be doing through flyers, give aways, website, Mayor's Message to try to educate people on what to recycle and how to recycle and it will also greatly decrease the amount of trash blowing around in the community because recycling is generally light and people put it out there and you see the blue bags and the papers on a windy day all over the place. So something with a lid on it would be a great benefit to us.

Mr. Boldt asked Mr. Schroedel if he has spoken to Rumpke about this at all.

Mr. Schroedel stated that he did. He worked with Rumpke and Solid Waste District to some extent

Mr. Boldt asked about the containers that we thought about purchasing.

Mr. Schroedel stated that it would be compatible to the automated system. If we wanted to go on our next bid to fully automated, if you remember it was about \$1 million more to go fully automated because of the cost of the carts so at least the recycling carts would be paid for and if we wanted to go fully automated then we would just have to look at the trash carts.

Mr. Goodwin asked if these would be upright containers rather than the ones that Rumpke gives now to residents that lose their containers or get damaged and then they complain because the one that he actually sees in his neighborhood on a windy day are the ones that they are handing out right now that are only about 2' high.

Mr. Schroedel stated that he has not seen those. These would be the garbage cans with the lid on them on wheels that you could wheel out, 65 gallons which is the middle size and 96 gallons which he would get as the rubbish containers.

Mr. Goodwin stated that would be great because he knows that Rumpke is doing a favor by making residents happy that lose their container but unfortunately those very shallow containers, the wind blows the stuff and up and down the street he sees it every week.

Mr. Boldt stated that he doesn't think that we would invest in buying the short ones. He thinks that it is common sense that we would buy the ones with the lid on them. The automated ones as he was discussing prior. He thinks that the biggest catch here is that if you are able to get it for the residents that would be beneficial to them and then Rumpke can lower their cost on picking up the recycling in Broadview Heights and keep our costs down so that it is a win win situation.

Mr. Schroedel stated that he has requested 2 quotes and he has received 1 in and it was about \$283,000 he believes was the quote for about 6800 carts and they are identical to the carts that Rumpke uses.

Mr. Pavlica stated that it is a great idea and he is glad to see us move forward.

Mr. Wolf stated that this would be great since we have lost our supply of blue bags.

Mr. Schroedel stated that he used that information in the grant as to the fact that Cuyahoga County got rid of plastic bags being used at check out at the stores.

d. Shade tree ordinance

Mr. Schroedel stated that he would like to remove this item. There was some confusion over the Tree City requirements this year and they wanted a new Tree Ordinance but no one really knew what a new Tree Ordinance was but we do not need it. They were looking for the ordinance that established the Tree Commission.

e. Pump Station Repairs

Mr. Schroedel stated that he has a quote from Nerone & Sons who we have worked with in the past. We have some pump station repairs that need to get done. Avery Road has 3 very large pumps in the pit and there are a couple shut off valves, one going in and one going out which you would shut off when you had to pull the pump. Just beneath the outflow, the shut off valve from the outflow there is a very large back flow preventer that prevents when the pump turns off the water coming out and flooding the pump. They are very old and our mechanics have welded them over the years. The date stamped on them is 1985. All three of them are leaking and two of them are leaking and one of them when the pump is turned on it shoots across the station. All three are ready to be replaced. The quote on that from Nerone is \$28,200 and that would be to replace all three. It is really more efficient to do all three at the same time because they have to go down and setup scaffolding and they have to bring in a large hoist to hoist these things up out of the pump station and we would save. If we did it separately they would charge \$2,000 each time just for setup. He would appreciate if council would approve that. Then at the Chippewa Pump Station there is some pumping in there that is ductal iron that is leaking and he would like to remove that and replace that with PVC Pipe so that once we do that we should never need to go back in there and do it again. That total is \$5,500.

Mr. Stelmaschuk stated that Mr. Schroedel stated that we have worked with Nerone before.

Mr. Schroedel stated yes, they have done some big jobs for us.

4. Discussion from the Fire Department. Chief Hajek

a. BWC Grant Acceptance

Chief Hajek stated that the Fire Department would like to accept the BWC Grant for \$21,817 to go towards the replacement of their 30 year old jaws of life that will cost us \$36,952.50. We will be responsible for the difference.

5. Discussion from the Engineering Department. Mr. Yelenosky

a. MOU with Cuyahoga Soil and Water Conservation District

Mr. Yelenosky stated that this is for services that we do annually.

b. Street Light Assessment

Mr. Yelenosky stated that this is the annual street light assessment for various subdivisions.

Mr. Stelmaschuk stated that there is a light in Country Lakes that he has reported 3 times and it still doesn't work and it has been out for over a year and he knows that they are charging us for it so is that something that he can help them with.

Mr. Schroedel stated that he can help with that.

Mr. Price stated that there is one in Cherry Hill that never goes out.

Mr. Yelenosky stated that he presented the Catts Construction amendment to the agreement at the previous Work Session and they did pass the Bills Resolution to pay it but they didn't have the legislation for the amendment to the agreement and he is just making council aware that it is on the Special Council meeting this evening for a vote.

6. Discussion from Council President Boldt.

a. **Summer Schedule**

Mr. Boldt stated that this is the summer schedule and most of it is generally the same as always. The only point that stands out is the September 7 Monday is Labor Day so that the meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 8th.

7. Discussion from the Finance Department. Mr. Pfaff

a. **Hiring Municipal Financial Advisor**

Mr. Pfaff stated that this was discussed in the Finance Committee.

Mr. Stelmaschuk stated that this was discussed in Finance and he thinks that they are all in agreement on that one.

COUNCIL OPEN TO THE RESIDENTS

None this evening.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION

Mr. Stelmaschuk stated that he just wanted to ask Mr. Pfaff regarding the street light assessment. Once they vote on this the bills will be coming out. Is there any way that they could put some information on the bills to let the residents know that the city is not responsible for the lights and if there is a malfunction to give them a number to call? He thinks that a lot of the residents are under the assumption that it is the city's responsibility and he thinks that maybe that would get rid of some of the confusion if we could put some of the verbiage on there to explain that if there is a light problem call whomever with the phone number.

Mr. Pfaff stated that he will check with Chris in his office since she does the utility billing and the street light billing. He believes that is possible but he will verify that with her and then let him know.

Mr. Price stated that he just wanted to let council know that the BZA Meeting that was scheduled for February 5th has been cancelled due to no items on the agenda. He also stated that he was on another community's webpage today and they had a Help Page that offered a contact and phone number to call, the electric company if your power goes out, the gas company, all that information with contacts is all on one block and maybe we could something like that if we haven't already.

Mr. Pavlica stated that the Planning Commission met last Wednesday and they had 3 items on their agenda, the Drees Homes on Route 82 received Preliminary Approval, the lot split on Hawthorne Trail was approved and a permit to allow micro blading cosmetics was approved.

Ms. Mahnic stated that she knows that some of council has discussed with the Brecksville-Broadview Heights School System, sometimes in the community they see that the Broadview Heights section left off. Whether it is the Brecksville Wrestling Tournament or the Brecksville Robotics Club or the Brecksville Baseball Teams, somehow Broadview Heights keeps getting left off. She reached out to Kathleen Mack and she showed her some publications that she noticed she decided to respond and read the following letter at a Board of Education meeting and she wanted her to read it out loud for all of you and she also posted this on all of her social media accounts.

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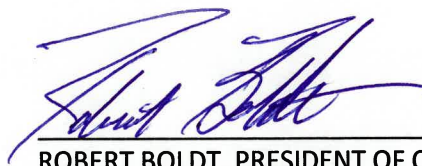
ADJOURN

Mr. Boldt stated that with no further business to come before council, the meeting is adjourned.

The time was 7:53 p.m.



HELEN DUNLAP, CLERK OF COUNCIL



ROBERT BOLDT, PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

From: Jennifer Mahnic
Sent: Monday, January 27, 2020 7:54 PM
To: Helen Dunlap
Subject: Schools Memo

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