

**City of Broadview Heights
Work Session Minutes
March 28, 2022**

Mr. Boldt called the **WORK SESSION** to order at 7:45 p.m.

Mr. Stelmaschuk led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

COUNCILORS PRESENT: Mr. Robert 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)
Mr. Glenn Goodwin	(Councilor At-Large)
Mr. Joe Price	(Councilor At-Large)

COUNCILOR ABSENT: Ms. Jennifer Mahnic	(Councilor At-Large)
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OFFICERS PRESENT: Mr. Samuel J. Alai	(Mayor)
Mr. Vince Ruffa	(Law Director)
Mr. Dave Pfaff	(Finance Director)
Mr. Joe Mandato	(Chief Building Official)
Mr. David Schroedel	(Service Director)
Ms. Amanda Hutcheson	(Parks & Recreation Director)
Mr. Gary Yelenosky	(City Engineer)
Chief Jeffrey Hajek	(Fire Chief)
Mrs. Helen Dunlap	(Clerk of Council)

OFFICERS ABSENT: Mrs. Kathy Parsson	(Human Service Director)
Chief Steven Raiff	(Police Chief)

1. Discussion from Fire Department. Chief Hajek

Chief Hajek stated that he would like to apply for the three grants listed.

- a. **Apply for ODPS EMS 2022-2023 Priority One Grant**
- b. **Apply for a SAFER FY22 Grant**
- c. **Apply for FEMA Fiscal Year 2022 Grant (AFGS)**

Mr. Goodwin stated that he doesn't have any questions on these but he has another question. Does the Chief have a date for when we might have a presentation on the Fire Department Levy.

Chief Hajek stated that he doesn't have a date yet. They have to get everything finished up. It should be in the beginning of April.

Mr. Goodwin stated that he has also sent an email out.

Chief Hajek stated that they are putting it all together for everybody so that when they have it all together, everybody will get it.

2. Discussion from Engineering. Mr. Yelenosky

a. Continuation of Services for Stormwater Technical Assistance

Mr. Yelenosky stated that this is with the Cuyahoga Soil & Water Conservation District. It is just an annual renewal of \$10,000.

b. Apply for Recreational Trails Program Grant

Mr. Yelenosky stated that this is to reapply for this grant. That is for the trail around the campus here. It is the trail that is currently here. We have been trying to apply with the ODNR for a couple of years now. That is the asphalt grinding path around the campus. We are seeking to get that paved.

c. Apply for Cuyahoga County 2023-2024 County Road 50/50 Funding for Harris, Wyatt, Avery

Mr. Yelenosky stated that he wants to apply to the county for 2023-2024 50/50 program for Harris, Wyatt and Avery Roads. Those are repaving applications.

Mr. Price asked if we are going to include sidewalks.

Mr. Yelenosky stated that currently we are not.

Mr. Pavlica asked if we are going to include bike lanes.

Mr. Yelenosky stated that we will evaluate those to be part of that application.

Mr. Boldt asked if the map was Avery to have this.

Mr. Yelenosky stated Avery South, yes.

Mr. Boldt stated that they will talk after because we need to put at least bike lanes on Avery South. It is part of the legislation and we have to move forward with that one.

Mr. Price stated that we also have legislation that we wanted to require sidewalks when we are redoing these roads.

Mr. Yelenosky stated that he thinks that the legislation is only for bike path.

Mayor Alai stated that maybe he can clarify for the funding, it is just for the paving of the roads. He is not saying that we are not thinking of doing the other. It is just that the funding from the county is only for the road itself.

Mr. Boldt stated that he understands that but legislation says that when we redo these roads that we would put a bike lane in.

Mr. Pavlica stated that is correct and Harris Road should be partly bike lane to Wyatt.

Mr. Boldt stated that he doesn't remember the map. He knows that Avery South was on that map.

Mayor Alai stated that it is from Avery to Wyatt on Harris. We are aware of that.

d. Apply for Cuyahoga County 2023-2024 County Road 50/50 Funding for Akins

Mr. Yelenosky stated just to apply with North Royalton for 50/50 program for Akins Road.

e. Street Light Assessment

Mr. Yelenosky stated that this is the annual Street Light Assessment and it decreased for 2021.

3. Discussion from Parks & Recreation. Ms. Hutcheson

a. Recreation Center Bathroom construction and repair

Ms. Hutcheson stated that this is the proposal from the Mechanical Piping Systems for rehab of an existing locker room into two. They will be doing various parts of construction and we will also utilize some of our staff to do other parts of the construction as well.

Mr. Pavlica stated that this is going to consist of putting a wall in the ladies locker room dividing that in half.

Ms. Hutcheson stated that is correct.

Mr. Pavlica stated that they will be adding a commode and a urinal and then it is going to be dividing the showers also.

Ms. Hutcheson stated that they have eight total so there should be four on each side.

Mr. Pavlica stated then we will be painting the existing lockers. We are not replacing the lockers.

Ms. Hutcheson stated that Mr. Pavlica is correct. The staff has agreed to help with the painting.

Mr. Pavlica asked what funds we are going to be using.

Ms. Hutcheson stated that is what Mr. Pfaff will be explaining with the amended appropriations because they had utilized those funds for the skate park that she had set aside and the skate park had cost a little bit more than what she was planning.

Mr. Price asked if this is in the new facility or the newer facility.

Ms. Hutcheson stated no, it is in the old facility. It is the old locker room next to the fitness center.

Mr. Boldt stated that he has a separate question which came from a resident that asked about the splash park. Is it resident only or anyone can come to the splash park?

Ms. Hutcheson stated that anybody can come to it. It was a Nature Works grant so we have it open to everybody.

4. Discussion from Finance Department. Mr. Pfaff

a. **Amended Appropriations.**

Mr. Pfaff stated that this is to amend the annual appropriations. The first item is to add \$4,500 to the Building Department and that is the difference from what was originally budgeted and what the vehicle that we purchased came in at. The next item is in the Parks & Recreation Facilities Fund. This was the Bond Fund that we established when we did the Recreation Center. During that process we had to deposit the interest on that money in that fund. We had accumulated that interest but it can only be used for similar purposes to what the bonds were issued for so that was the money that we used to build the amphitheater and the amphitheater rest room but we got grants for some of that so some more money has come back in so this is appropriating \$61,233 and that fund for this year which is the current balance because there is some work left to be done on the amphitheater rest room and we could use some of those funds for the rest room renovation if anything was left. The third item is appropriating \$54,000 increase in the recreation 800 fund and that is the money that Ms. Hutcheson mentioned where we added funds to the skate park project that wasn't in the budget but we did have the rest room project in the budget but we used those funds for the skate park so now this is just replenishing those.

COUNCIL OPEN TO THE RESIDENTS

None this evening.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION

Mr. Boldt asked Mr. Yelenosky about the Road Program. When are we going to start discussing this year's Road Program?

Mr. Yelenosky stated that if we can discuss that at the next Work Session.

Mr. Boldt stated just for the record, Bill Aiello from Oakwood has a mailbox issue. He knows that he has been trying to contact a few of the councilmen and he and Mr. Schroedel are going to go out there and find out a new spot for it. Every time he moves the mailbox it keeps getting hit by the weight of the snow when the plow turns the corner. Everybody is on board with that.

Mr. Boldt stated that he appreciates all the Council At-Large for their responses to the Boulderwood issues. He thinks that he has talked to every single At-Large and he knows that they have either emailed, met in person with the group. He wanted to thank them for that.

Mr. Boldt stated that the last one goes to Mrs. Parsson. He asked the Mayor to find out, he was talking to a resident that used to attend a SMILES class and if we will be doing that again in the future. He believes that it is a lower impact class.

Mayor Alai stated that Ms. Hutcheson can answer that.

Ms. Hutcheson stated that they have been meeting with the seniors and we let them know that because she has taken over and they are trying to transition everybody into the Silver Sneakers program which they have a lot of low impact classes. We have had Open Houses and tours and free classes for them to join and then giving them all the information if they want to do that or if they want to get a Senior Membership. There are classes that are very comparable to what SMILES used to be. What is nice is that there are certified instructors. We didn't have certified instructors for that course and now there is. We have had a really nice turnout with the seniors that have moved over to that.

Mr. Boldt stated that is great to hear. The person that he was talking to wanted the lower impact classes and they thought the Silver Sneakers was maybe a little too much.

Ms. Hutcheson stated that it is not. You will see that there is cardio and it is very laid back and tailored to what their needs are. Please, whomever that is, tell them to come in and she can give days and times and they can take care of that.

Mr. Wolf stated good luck to Mr. Giomini.

Mr. Price stated that an interesting question was brought up at the Shade Tree Commission Meeting tonight and he will report on that at the next Council Meeting but a reminder that we are coming up on a centennial and it is literally 4 years and 9 months away but they stated that the city was founded in 1926 so when he looked up it said December 16th they voted to cede from the township and that the first mayor was seated, Mayor Harris in January of 1927 so which date are we using?

Mayor Alai stated historically it has been 1927.

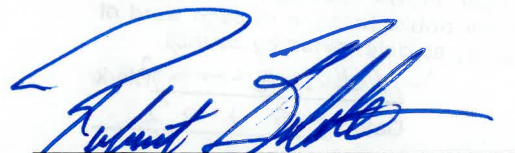
Mr. Price stated didn't we used to have it on the signs, founded in 1927. It is just a reminder that it is just over 4 years and 8 months away so something to keep in mind because it will creep up on us fast.

ADJOURN

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

The time was 7:57 p.m.


HELEN DUNLAP, CLERK OF COUNCIL


ROBERT BOLDT, PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL