

SERVICE-SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

MAY 13, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman John Kevern. Committee members present were John Kevern, Tom Mackin and Mike Olmstead. Also present were City Administrator Bridgette Kabat, Law Director Mathew Beredo, Service Director Jon Eckel, and City Engineer Doug Dariano.

CITIZENS' CONCERNS

Doug Kuhlman, 421 W. Fifth Street, was present to express his concern about his neighbors who recently installed two beehives in his backyard. He said he did some online research and found that each beehive holds an estimated 50,000 bees. He said that the beehives are 50' from his backyard. He contacted Animal Control and the Planning and Zoning Division and was told that there is currently nothing in the Code that prevents them from having these bees. Mr. Kevern questioned what a nuisance is if not a swarm of bees. Mr. Beredo stated that it is up to a court to determine what constitutes a nuisance. Mr. Olmstead asked if Mr. Kuhlman had spoken to his neighbor about this issue. Mr. Kuhlman said that he has not. Brody Walters stated that the Animal Control Officer spoke to the neighbor and they have indicated that they are not going to do anything with the bees. There was discussion regarding whether this should be addressed in the section of the Code that deals with restricted animal species or in the Planning and Zoning Code under specialized animal raising and care. Ms. Kabat acknowledged the seriousness of this issue and said the Administration will gather some more information as there will surely be proponents, and we do not want any unintended consequences. She said that she will bring a recommendation to next month's meeting.

Diane Friess, 311 West Indiana Avenue, said that they have been patient with the construction that has been going on for years but they have been left with a mess. She said her front porch is black, and she thinks the City should have someone professionally clean their house. Mr. Eckel explained that an area near the Friess' property has been used as a staging area for the last several sewer separation projects. Mr. Kevern asked if there is anything in the contract with the construction companies that would cover this. Mr. Eckel said there is not anything in the contract, and it has been multiple contractors that have used the staging area. Ms. Kabat asked if Ms. Friess had any photos or visuals. Ms. Friess said that she doesn't think photos would show it. Mr. Kevern said he does not think this is an unreasonable request. Mr. Eckel said that he and Mr. Dariano can meet with Ms. Kabat to discuss it administratively.

PERRYSBURG TOWNSHIP ROAD IMPROVEMENT MUO

Ms. Kabat stated that the Memorandum of Understanding with Perrysburg Township regarding road improvements for roads that are subsequently annexed was distributed at a previous meeting. The Committee agreed 3-0 to recommend approval of the memorandum of understanding.

JEFFERSON STREET IMPROVEMENTS AND EXTENSION

Ms. Kabat stated that there is money in the 2013 budget for the design of the Jefferson Street extension. We are working with Perrysburg Township on jointly applying for a grant through the Department of Development. This extension and improvements will help retain jobs and eliminate safety issues. This was an informational item only.

SELECTION OF DESIGN FIRM FOR SR25/ECKEL JUNCTION ROAD INTERSECTION

Mr. Dariano requested permission to hire Proudfoot to do the design of the SR25/Eckel Junction Road intersection at a cost not to exceed \$149,000. Some of these improvements will be used as part of the Mercy project; they have contributed \$349,837 towards the improvements. The overall project will be done in phases and will be driven by development. The Committee agreed 3-0 to recommend approval to enter into a contract with Proudfoot.

PURCHASE OF NEW MEDIC FOR FIRE DIVISION

Deputy Chief Wade Johnson requested approval to purchase a new medic for the Fire Division. He said there is \$250,000 in the 2013 budget for this purchase. He said the International midsize chassis will be purchased through the State Purchasing Program from Finley Fire for \$237,000. Ms. Kabat stated that we had three medics in our fleet. One is completely out of service and our newest one is out of service more than it is in service. She stated that we've been experiencing a significant increase in times we request mutual aid in the last two months. Ms. Kabat said we have had 12-15 medic runs that we've called the Township to handle because the medic has been out of service. Mr. Mackin asked why we are buying it from the same dealer as the last one if we've had problems. Deputy Chief Johnson said it is a Ford problem, not a dealer problem. Mr. Mackin asked how long before the new medic would be in service, and Deputy Chief Johnson said probably nine months. Ms. Kabat said that Chief Klein is checking with some other Fire Divisions to see if we could work something out to use their back-ups that are currently not being used. Mr. Kevern said we should encourage the Chief to explore this option. The Committee agreed 3-0 to recommend approval to purchase a new medic unit.

RADIO COMMUNICATIONS GRANT

Ms. Kabat stated that the Administration is exploring the opportunity of jointly applying with Perrysburg Township for an AFG grant for radio communications. This is an 80/20 or 90/10 State/Federal grant based on population sizes and the size of both entities, that typically becomes available mid-summer. Most of our mutual aid and automatic aid partners have switched to a 700/800 megahertz system, except for Perrysburg Township who, like the City, is on a VHF system. She stated that we do not want to miss out on this opportunity because the Township has indicated that they are switching systems with or without the grant. If we receive the entire grant we are applying for, which is one million dollars, it would allow us to buy an ASR unit which is a large scale repeater that will plug into the controller at Lucas County. This will allow us to tie into their system and utilize their channels and frequencies with no monthly fees. The grant would also cover the costs of programming and installation as well as enough

radios for each Fire Division to operate. Ms. Kabat said we are going through the pros and cons of the new system with Perrysburg Township and Motorola and are trying to find a total cost of ownership. She acknowledged that the new system is more expensive to maintain and said that they are looking at the anticipated maintenance costs versus our current costs and will have a summary sheet for a future committee meeting. Mr. Mackin asked if the Police Division would be impacted by this switch. Ms. Kabat stated that the Police Division is currently on a UHF system as is the Wood County Sheriff's Department. She said that fire activities such as a structure fire make it crucial for the firefighters to be able to communicate with each other directly, whereas with police activities there is usually a command post that is established for communications. With the ASR unit, others could tie into it in the future which could give the City and the Township an opportunity to recoup some of their dollars spent. The Committee agreed 3-0 to recommend approval to apply for the grant.

PERMISSION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH STRAWSER CONSTRUCTION FOR MICRO SURFACING

Mr. Eckel requested permission to enter into a contract with Strawser Construction through the State Purchasing Program to micro surface South Boundary Street at a cost of \$116,540. Mr. Eckel said that micro surfacing can be applied to a road that has deteriorated to a certain point, but cannot be done after that point, and it could add 10+ years without having to do any major work. Mr. Eckel said that in conjunction with the micro surfacing, the school zone will be marked and in collaboration with the Schools, the solar speed limit sign will be re-installed. Mr. Eckel stated that we will be putting Reclamite on every road we resurface this year and a few that we did last year. This product will add another five to ten years on the life of the roadway. The Committee agreed 3-0 to recommend approval of entering into a contract with Strawser Construction for micro surfacing.

PERMISSION TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT FOR THE RPR AND OVERSIGHT OF THE 2013 RESURFACING PROGRAM

Mr. Eckel requested that this item be tabled until the next meeting.

PERMISSION TO PURCHASE A NEW PLOW TRUCK CHASSIS THROUGH THE STATE PURCHASING PROGRAM

Mr. Eckel requested permission to purchase a new plow truck chassis from Nollenberger through the State Purchasing Program at a price of \$82,384. He said that it is identical to the last one we purchased. The Committee agreed 3-0 to recommend approval of this purchase.

PERMISSION TO PURCHASE PLOW AND BODY PACKAGE FROM HENDERSON TRUCK EQUIPMENT

Mr. Eckel requested permission to purchase the plow and body package for the new plow truck from Henderson Truck Equipment at a cost not to exceed \$55,000. Henderson offered the package to us at a price lower than the State Purchasing Program. The Committee agreed 3-0 to recommend approval.

PERMISSION TO HIRE WOLFE'S ROOFING FOR THE SHINGLE PORTION OF THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING ROOF

Mr. Eckel stated that the roof project was broken down into two separate projects. There was \$80,000 in the budget and \$35,466 was used for the flat portion. Wolfe's has agreed to put on new plywood and shingles for \$39,810. The Committee agreed 3-0 to recommend approval of a contract with Wolfe's Roofing for the shingle portion of the Municipal Building roof.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Kevern asked about the status of the breakdown of fire calls that had previously been requested. Ms. Kabat said they are waiting on Pro Phoenix because as it stands, the reports would have to be done by hand. Chief Klein and Gary Kleinfelter have been meeting with Pro Phoenix about reports and about instructing us on how we can construct reports ourselves. She said she will check on the status and follow up with the Committee.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Kevern, Chairman
Service-Safety Committee