

## **MINUTES OF A COUNCIL CAUCUS**

**Tuesday, July 5, 2011 at 8:00 p.m.**

**Mayfield Village Civic Hall**

The Council of Mayfield Village met in Caucus Session on Tuesday, July 5, 2011 immediately following the Special Meeting of Council in Mayfield Village Civic Hall. Council President Buckholtz called the meeting to order at approximately 8:10 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Present: Mr. Buckholtz, Mrs. Cinco, Mr. Marrie, Mr. Marquardt,  
Mrs. Mills and Mr. Saponaro

Absent: Dr. Parker

Also Present: Mayor Rinker, Mr. Wynne, Mr. Diemert, Mr. Cappello,  
Chief Edelman, Chief Mohr, Mr. Marrelli,  
Mr. Metzung, Mr. Dinardo, Mr. Thomas, Mrs. Kalina,  
Mr. Esborn, Mrs. Wolgamuth and Mrs. Betsa

### **IN COMMITTEE (STATUS)**

#### **. Safety and Service Committee**

Mrs. Cinco reported that everything we did in Safety and Service tonight is on the agenda.

#### **. Community Economic Development Committee**

Council President Buckholtz reported that the Committee met this morning. Mayor Rinker added, we will be meeting again next Monday.

### **BUILDING DEPARTMENT**

In case you have not seen it, Mr. Marrelli reported that the building at 500 SOM was demolished today. There's a big difference in the view.

### **MAYOR**

Mayor Rinker stated, we had a good Fourth of July, all the way through. The sky stayed clear until about 10:15. Kudos to not only the volunteers, which is always important, but the staff all the way around. People really had a good time.

To make the fireworks that much more interesting, Zambelli is the same outfit that put on the City of Cleveland fireworks last night. These guys are real pros. Dave was on the computer and we thought we were at a comfort level with a storm. It was passing in Canada, but the canucks invaded and I got a call about 8:30, 8:40 that this thing's taking a right turn, we have to do something differently. They were able to adapt. We fired 20 minutes early and the 20 minute show was compressed into 15 minutes, so we had a great Grand Finale for a longer period of time. I was standing at the gazebo as the winds were howling and people were holding their blankets, but they didn't want to leave yet, and then as soon as it was over, ran to their cars, and I think we got just about everyone in their cars just before the rain hit. Timing is everything. It was a very fun Fourth of July on the 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Mrs. Mills thanked Randy Hyde and the Fire Department. They do an excellent job. Randy works very hard to get Zambelli up to speed with the Fire Department.

Mayor Rinker agreed. Zambelli is really a truly professional group. Dave has talked about this. They were in sync from the very beginning and I don't think our safety personnel had any qualms whatsoever about the way they handled themselves. Dave, I don't know if you want to add to it.

Chief Mohr agreed. They work hard. Kudos to Mike Girbino who puts his heart and soul into this. It's a process that starts next week for next year.

Mayor Rinker stated, we can smile and kind of laugh about the fun, but it was really making sure that this thing went off so that we weren't endangering anybody. The drift is an issue. Remember many years ago that terrible event in Independence. Setting up our perimeter, all the way around. We have gotten to a point where it's pretty easy to pull off, but it's not without a lot of attention. It's made it a lot of fun. It was good.

Mr. Marrie stated, I hope the people don't think we are going to have a finale like that every year.

Council President Buckholtz asked, when a storm takes a right turn, exactly who calls you?

Mayor Rinker replied, I received the call from Dave. It was heading east and then it went south on us.

Chief Mohr passed around a copy of the radar for that evening which showed that the storm was on its way.

#### **ADMINISTRATION**

Mrs. Wolgamuth asked Chief Mohr, were you going to talk about the photoelectric alarms tonight, or shall I?

Chief Mohr replied, you can go ahead. I was going to wait until the Council meeting.

Mrs. Wolgamuth stated, Lieutenant Girbino is writing an article for the *VOV* on the photoelectric smoke alarms. We are looking at purchasing them in bulk and selling them to the residents. The only real question remaining is, will the Village want to subsidize the purchase of them in terms of if a resident purchases three, it would be buy two, get one free? I assume that is the appropriate discussion for the Finance Committee? Is that where I would take it next?

Council President Buckholtz replied, I would, yes. Get the facts and figures.

Mrs. Cinco asked, he was also trying for a grant?

Mrs. Wolgamuth replied, I think the grant was for the apartments.

This item will be referred to the Finance Committee for discussion.

## **FINANCE**

### **. Maturity of the \$3,400,000 Various Purpose Improvement Notes**

Mr. Wynne reported that our Various Purpose Improvement Notes for \$3,400,000 are maturing on September 1<sup>st</sup> so I am starting to work with our legal counsel and underwriter now and am getting ready to market the new Notes. Based upon what we have budgeted, we will be paying that down by \$500,000 and the new Note value will be \$2,900,000 which will mature a year from now.

### **. 2012 Workers' Compensation Group Rating Enrollment Fee (CompManagement, Inc. - \$10,860)**

Mr. Wynne reported that we received an invoice from CompManagement who manages the pooled program that we are in with Workers' Comp through the Ohio Municipal League. Our dues are \$10,860, which is about \$50 higher than last year. I think we all know that being a part of this pool saves us thousands of dollars every year on our Workers' Comp claims.

Council President Buckholtz asked if there were any questions. There were none.

## **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Chief Edelman reported that the final part of Senate Bill 77 went into effect specifically addressing the DNA collection of people arrested for certain crimes. What that mandates is that anyone falling under this category is required to submit to a DNA sample. Up to now, it had

been our understanding that the Sheriff's Department was going to undertake this for us. We just found out Friday that they are no longer going to do that. Per Prosecutor Mason, it falls under the job of the local police departments, so we are currently writing policy and undergoing training to do just that.

Council President Buckholtz asked, will there be purchasing of equipment involved?

Chief Edelman replied, all of the equipment is free from the Bureau of Criminal Identification. Training is free as well.

Council President Buckholtz asked, that's Senate Bill 77?

Chief Edelman replied, correct.

. **Solar Sentinel Speed Sign (U.S. Traffic Controls, LLC – not to exceed \$4,000)**

Chief Edelman reported, this actually came to me in the form of a complaint from a resident who lives on Wilson Mills just east of Hanover regarding speed complaints. He has a young child. He moved into town in about 1995. He loves Mayfield Village but is always concerned about speeders on Wilson Mills and the safety of his child. In the past we have addressed it with our mobile speed trailer. We put it down there for a few weeks along with our data collection device. We can pretty much determine when and what direction the high speed cars are going. That's when I had our cars give special attention there to write some tickets.

He has always been very pleased with that response. This year however he is adamant about wanting the Village to install a permanent device in that area, not necessarily in front of his house but in that area. He feels that the safety of the residents in that area is paramount and he is not satisfied with just having a temporary stop gap measure. I did some research and I found a unit that is self-contained, solar-powered, relatively small compared to our current unit that would be pole mount. It would be sort of permanent, meaning that if we needed to move it somewhere else, we could.

Chief Edelman spoke to the resident again this morning. He is adamant that he would like something permanent down there. I brought this to Safety and Service tonight to get the opinion of the Committee and also of Council this evening. As a matter of fact, I expected him here this evening. He was going to come to address his concerns with all of Council, but obviously he's not here yet. My opinion is, and this is what I shared with him, is that if you put something down here permanently, unless I have an officer down there all the time, it's unenforceable. Over a period of time, people ignore the sign. As a temporary measure, it does an extremely good job of slowing people down. It's an excellent deterrent, but over time, just like with any other sign that you post, people ignore it. That plus the fact that if we have one resident demanding such a device in front of their house, where do we say no to people? Where do we say we can't do that? We have to address all of our residents, not just one. I explained that to the gentleman. He is still adamant and wants to address Council with his concerns.

Mrs. Cinco added, we had a nice discussion in Safety and Service. Chief did pretty much elaborate on what we all felt. Again, we thought, it will be a main road, so if other residents wanted one, we could say it's not necessarily a residential street. But the fact remains that after a period of time, it's inefficient. So we said, well maybe just put the big one down there and leave it there until we need to move it somewhere else, especially during these months when you tend to have more speeders.

Chief Edelman replied, I have offered that solution to him as well. It's great the steps we have taken, but he is still adamant about having a permanent solution there.

Mayor Rinker stated, there are probably two issues that we are looking at collectively. Number one is the equipment itself because I thought there was some problem with the trailer mounted unit.

Chief Edelman stated the trailer is out of service for repairs.

Mayor Rinker stated, so we have both the unit and the trailer. With the pole mount at least it has a little bit more ease of use, better longevity. I guess what I am saying is, I think Council should be looking at that regardless of the policy.

The other consideration is the reason we have a police department and trained professionals is to be able to give us some advice and undertake a process of being able to establish what are good techniques. What struck me in just this presentation tonight is that when you have it on a temporary basis it can be very effective. Seemingly it sounds more effective than not, so I think the question I would ask is would we not want to put something in, monitor it, we can pay closer attention. I think there's only so much we can do to satisfy individual tastes. On the other hand, we don't want to turn a blind eye to a safety issue and this sounds like a way that we could manage it pretty effectively. Ultimately the decision, it sounds like you have already done a good bit of anecdotal account but more data over time are either going to show either the pattern, the trending and I think that's what we really look to collectively as we try to make decisions based on good information.

Chief Edelman stated, it's not only anecdotal, we have hard data.

Mayor Rinker replied, thank you.

Council President Buckholtz asked, where exactly are you talking about putting it?

Chief Edelman replied, right now we are looking at the speed trail around that area. We would put it on the southeast corner of Hanover and Wilson Mills.

Council President Buckholtz asked that a map be marked of this location. People who aren't familiar, pretty much everybody is, but when you cross SOM, fairly quickly that road, you are

used to this wide 5 lane road zipping along and then all of a sudden it goes down to two but then all of a sudden it just goes into this dead man's curve kind of thing. Is that his house specifically or is he farther down? Hanover is farther down.

Chief Edelman replied, he's farther down.

Council President Buckholtz agreed that we could use a secondary piece of equipment, a more updated piece of equipment, but that's where I think it makes sense to have that sign. Even myself, when I am driving, I know that it curves, but if I am thinking about a million things, all of a sudden, I remember there's a curve. That's where it needs to hit people.

Chief Edelman stated, once you cross SOM on Wilson Mills going eastbound, there's only one speed limit sign until you get to the bottom of the hill and that is just about where the houses begin and after that people don't pay attention to that 35 sign. Being a downhill grade, they naturally pick up speed in that area.

Council President Buckholtz suggested, at the risk of residents being distracted, the double blinking yellow light kind of like you see by railroad crossings. To me, that would have a tremendous effect for somebody coming in to that area. It's almost after the fact. I would hate to see anything happen along in there. Like when we were discussing sidewalks, that was exactly what we were talking about and we said, we are surprised that more problems haven't happened there. We don't want to start.

The gentleman who wished to address Council arrived at the meeting.

Council President Buckholtz advised the gentleman that we are discussing the signage on Wilson Mills. If you would like to step up to the podium and please state your name and address.

Steven Prengler

6980 Wilson Mills Road

First of all, I would like to thank you for inviting me here to this meeting. I have been a resident at that property since 1995. I have been there about 16 years. I love living there. Unfortunately over the years for various reasons the traffic on Wilson Mills Road has increased tremendously. I think one of the reasons were years ago Mayfield Road had the freeway they were working on and a lot of people detoured themselves through Wilson Mills. Obviously it's a lot more scenic with a lot less lights, so that added to the traffic. Then you take into the fact that a lot of people like to travel Chagrin River Road so we get a lot of ragtops, we get all the motorcycles.

Unfortunately people don't realize that people live on that street. Especially over the last 5 years there has been an increase in speed. If you start off at Yours Truly and go down towards my house, Hanover Woods, down that area, heading towards Chagrin River Road, you are going downhill and if you don't look at your speedometer, you can pick up speed pretty quickly. I drive it every day and sometimes I look at my speedometer and I am right at 35, 39 miles an

hour. Just over the last few weeks we have seen cars going down, I am not clocking cars, but at least 60 miles an hour. I have a little daughter right now. She's 16 months old.

Also in the past 5 years I have had my mailbox taken out three times, my neighbor's mailbox taken out three times. I should have brought pictures tonight but I didn't have enough time. Not only did they take out my mailbox, but they took out half my lawn.

I want to stay in Mayfield Village. I love living here. The police department has been incredible. Unfortunately over the last 15 years my alarm has gone off a couple times in my house and literally within a minute the police are in my driveway. I love living here, but it's a safety factor. I have been in constant communication over the last couple years with Mr. Edelman. I have reached out to the Mayor a couple times. I just think something needs to be done. If you go to Yours Truly, there's one sign that says 35 miles an hour. You go all the way down, there's no more signs. Unfortunately, people know when the police are there. The police department has set up speed roadblocks down Wilson Mills and they have done a great job curving the problem, but I can't expect them to watch and guard the street 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, so what I was suggesting, if it's possible, is if they could get one of those flashing lights that clocks people's speed. People for the most part that are obeying the traffic laws that see that flashing light will slow down. If you are looking to break the law nothing's going to help.

But I want to stay. I don't want to move. Other than this I don't call the Mayor's office ever in 15 years. I have no problem with the community. I just want my daughter and my wife and I to feel safe living there and right now we don't feel that safe living there. That's where we are at right now.

Mayor Rinker stated the Chief had explained to us and you have related collectively pretty much the same account so I think that Council has a pretty good handle on that. You have added a little bit more information that I think is useful for all of us. I think at the end of the day, there's a warranting issue as far as signage, but I think you indicated previously, we might be able to add some more fixed signs. The discussion on the agenda for Council tonight, and Council doesn't act tonight so this is really sort of an open discussion, was the Chief has talked about a device that will provide the kind of doppler effect, but it shows the speed to get attention, but he's also said what evidence has shown, that a sign like that over time, it loses its effect, in fact having some portability is an effective device and that was right where you came in. We were on that discussion because I think we all want to make sure we can improve the safety, what's the most effective way to do it and that's where we are trying to ask for the dialogue between us to give us the chance to try something that we think will function. It won't necessarily be permanent. I understand your concern that if it's not permanent that when the cat's away the mice will play basically. That when it's not there, it's going to be a problem.

Mr. Prengler stated, well I have seen these flashing lights. I own rental property in Mentor. There's flashing lights that clocks people's speed. Again, there's no one million percent effective item that's going to do it. Do I think it will help a lot? Yes. Because I go to my rental property every once in a while over 15 years. It flashes. I go down to Chagrin Falls every

Sunday with my wife. They posted them on the road. When I see those, again if you are a citizen that wants to obey traffic laws, you are going to look at it and you are going to react. Is it going to work for everybody? No. But doing nothing is not the answer anymore.

Mayor Rinker stated, no one suggested doing nothing, just so you know.

Mr. Prengler continued, it's getting out of hand over there. In fact, I don't know all parts of Mayfield Village, but I am assuming Wilson Mills has got to be up there as one of the top five busiest streets in Mayfield Village. Again, this isn't to complain about Mayfield Village. I love living there. I need to assure my wife in some way that Mayfield Village is not sitting on their hands here and they are going to do something proactive to make it a safe environment, not just for me. I can't believe there's nobody that has called the police department and has complained because there are other children on Wilson Mills Road. Maybe not infants such as my daughter, but I know there's children. I've seen them.

Mayor Rinker suggested, you have hit the nail on the head. I don't think anyone else has but you have been consistent and insistent and we've been listening. No one's sitting on their hands. This is on the agenda tonight and you can take credit for the fact that it's something that collectively we are looking at. The harder question to answer is just what's the best way to do it? We are talking about that kind of device or a newer device than the one we have had. Over time, it's going to be how we utilize it.

Mr. Prengler stated, I will chip in and pay for it. That's how much I feel that it's necessary.

Mayor Rinker replied, we appreciate that.

Council President Buckholtz stated, what we were saying when you walked in, just so you know, often Council will defer to the professionals. These guys know traffic and they know what signage is out there. We are going to look at several different things. We are going to react quickly. We are not going to drag this thing out.

Mr. Prengler wanted to finish, with all due respect to everybody here, I live on that street. Nobody knows that street better than I do. Anybody that doubts the veracity of what I am saying can park at Hanover Woods one Saturday or Sunday afternoon and just watch the flow of cars that are going by and the rate of speed they are going. It's not a secret or a mystery what's going on over there.

Mrs. Cinco stated, I live on Echo, so I am down that street all the time.

Mrs. Mills was at her son's house on Glenview over the holiday. There are a lot of little kids who live on that street. What those residents do on Glenview, they actually yell at people, "Slow Down!" That street is a fast street and it goes nowhere, it goes to Beech Hill. So where are they going in such an all-fire hurry? Also, where I live, it's a cut-off to go to Thornapple, get on to SOM. In the morning and at night, I think the police department could make some good money

there. Sometimes residents just don't come forward. But I think if they would see a sign like this gentleman suggests, which is a good thing, to see that he had a permanent sign and they don't have a sign, they are going to want a sign. We really have to study the whole situation.

Mr. Saponaro stated, the *Voice of the Village* is going to be coming out and I think it would be a good time for us to put something in there, maybe a large, whether it's an article or just a large ad if you will that basically addresses this issue and tells the residents to slow down, this is an issue and however you want to spin it to put it out there.

Chief Edelman thinks that's a good idea, but it would only address our residents. Unfortunately, most of the people going eastbound on Wilson Mills are not residents.

Mrs. Cinco walks Thornapple and Patsy's street. Any number of times you've been back there and I have been told those speeders are generally residents.

Chief Edelman stated on the side streets, but not Wilson Mills.

Mayor Rinker replied, that's a main drag.

Mrs. Cinco agreed. She's talking about the residential streets.

Council President Buckholtz asked Chief Edelman, is that still part of the State Route?

Chief Edelman replied, no, it's not. It's a County road.

Mayor Rinker replied, in the short term, we at least talked about posting some additional speed limit signs, correct?

Chief Edelman replied, we are in the process of doing that.

Mayor Rinker asked, and then for Council, the consideration is, as was on the agenda tonight, at the next meeting, to look at the flashing mechanism.

Chief Edelman stated, and in the meantime, I still have my data collection device up at that intersection as well.

Mayor Rinker replied, that is a very good thing. Those numbers help us a lot.

Mr. Saponaro asked Chief Edelman, we put the unit out there before in the past, correct?

Chief Edelman replied, yes. Last summer we had the same issue. We put it out there for as long as we needed to until we needed it for somewhere else. During the time it's up there, it's a remarkable deterrent.

Mr. Saponaro asked, what's the effective time of keeping a device like that up?

Chief Edelman replied, I don't think there's any hard data to answer that.

Mr. Saponaro asked, how about if we move it but we move it up and down on that same street? Because your eye catches it at a certain time, so if it's portable we consistently move it every so often so that it's not always in the same spot. You are not looking for it there, maybe somewhere else, so it makes you think twice.

Chief Edelman stated, I understand where you're going with that, but the problem still becomes more of enforcement.

Mr. Saponaro replied, absolutely.

Chief Edelman continued, if drivers continuously use that roadway even though the sign is there and they notice it, if there's not a policeman there every day all the time to enforce that, it won't work.

Mayor Rinker replied, part of the data collection will show a pattern ideally. Part of it is that it's going to take some time to get that clearer picture, but it's something we've initiated.

Chief Edelman replied, that's the whole purpose of collecting the data.

Council President Buckholtz stated, moving forward, try to get us a little more information on that and the thing that I was mentioning, I have no idea what the pricing would be, but something before this gentleman's house, in addition to that. Maybe using that sporadically in locations by his house. We need something as soon as you cross SOM as soon as we get past the Deacon property. I don't know if just getting flashing lights right there would be good. We can at least price it out.

Chief Edelman will put something together.

Council President Buckholtz thanked Chief Edelman.

Mr. Saponaro added, the other thing, if there was a particular vehicle that you noticed or you knew, you can tell the police, they will reach out and make a courtesy phone call or knock on the person's door. It's a pain for you. It's not your job to do that. But if you can pass that information along, it is extremely helpful. The other thing I wanted to say was you are always invited to these meetings. These meetings are open. There's a forum for you to speak. No invitation is necessary. You are welcome to come to every meeting like every other resident. Just so you know that. You are always welcome.

Mr. Prengler wanted to say one more thing and then he will let everyone continue. There's a problem there. When would I know what is going to be the permanent fixture?

Mr. Saponaro asked, who's going to follow up with you, is that what you are saying?

Mr. Prengler replied, yes.

Mr. Saponaro replied, I don't know who the point person is going to be, if it's going to be Chief Edelman, but most likely the Chief would be following up with you.

Chief Edelman replied, yes.

Mr. Prengler asked, would it help if I went door to door and got a petition with all of the neighbors? I don't want the Council to think this is a Steve Prengler issue. It's not.

Mr. Saponaro agreed.

Mr. Prengler continued, it's a Wilson Mills issue.

Mr. Saponaro stated, I can only speak for me. I can tell you, I hear you. I think everyone else hears you. I don't think anyone else is sitting here saying it's your issue. I think they understand the seriousness. We understand Wilson Mills. It will be addressed. But I think that your point person would be the Chief unless someone else says otherwise.

## **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

### **. Alerting Radios for Mutual Aid Cities (Mad About Radios - \$6679.50)**

Chief Mohr reported 9 communities that make up Hillcrest Fire Chiefs are looking at a minor monitor which is an alerting radio and would allow a dispatcher in the event of a large fire or an incident where mutual aid was requested, rather than using a telephone, one button on her dispatch console would alert all 9 communities at once, alerting them if there was an incident where mutual aid was being requested. It's a speed issue. The idea is that if there was a large fire in Mayfield Village, we would immediately request Highland Heights, Willoughby Hills and Mayfield Heights to assist us. This pager, this tone that would set off this pager, instead of having to dial individual phone numbers for those departments, all she would have to do is use a radio after the tone alert and give one message and the radio would do the rest. What I am proposing is that we have a radio account that we have administered for over 20 years in which all of the communities in the Hillcrest area plus Willoughby Hills has participated in a radio fund so the funding for this \$6600 and change would come out of this fund and not Mayfield Village's. So we are all sharing this.

Council President Buckholtz asked if there were any questions. There were none.

**SERVICE DEPARTMENT**

- **Purchase of crack sealer and equipment rental for various areas in the Village Street (DJL Materials – not to exceed \$9,000).**

Mr. Metzger reported, this is a typical yearly item that we do to fill cracks. Nothing unusual. Just not to exceed \$9,000 this year. The pool parking lot is in need of it, and some of the turnouts on SOM, will be addressed and other areas.

**PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT**

Mr. Esborn reported, exciting news. There's a partnership that has developed on Beta Drive between two prominent and neighboring companies. It's really a situation of complimentary product. Preformed Line Products in 2009 purchased a solar energy company. As a result, Preformed expanded their product lines to include ground based racks for solar rays. e-QED which is the new offshoot company of QED produces microinverters which I understand are devices that allow for smaller and more portable applications for solar. These two companies have gotten together and are looking to create a demonstration unit for e-QED inverters on the Preformed Line ground rack. They are looking to do that by this Fall. It's a great story. Not only are they neighbors, but one has been on Beta for decades and one just a few years. It's a great story that they are combining and collaborating like this.

**PARKS & RECREATION**

- **Co-Op Program – Teen Adventure Camp (City of Mayfield Heights - \$15,685.00 – pass through)**

Mr. Thomas reported, this is our annual pass-through for Teen Adventure Camp. We work very closely with Mayfield Heights. This is the money that we collected from participants in that program.

**HUMAN SERVICES**

- **Senior Snow Removal Program 2011-2012**

Mrs. Kalina reported that this item was discussed in Safety and Service. You will be hearing more about this.

Mrs. Cinco replied, they are requesting to go out to bid for contractors. This will be on the Council agenda. At that time we are going to determine the opt out and see what things come in as. We have left it on the Safety and Service agenda for further discussion after the bids come in.

Council President Buckholtz asked Ron, have you been involved in looking at those numbers in terms of what it is costing?

Mr. Wynne replied, yes.

Council President Buckholtz suggested, it might be one of those things we keep an eye on.

**ENGINEER**

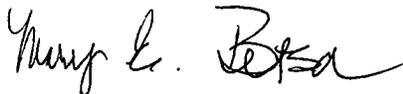
Mr. Cappello stated, the road program is out to bid. We should have the results by the next Council meeting.

**ANY OTHER MATTER BEFORE COUNCIL**

Council President Buckholtz asked if there were any other matters. There were none.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary E. Betsa, Clerk of Council