

MINUTES OF A COUNCIL CAUCUS
Monday, October 3, 2011 at 8:00 p.m.
Mayfield Village Civic Hall

The Council of Mayfield Village met in Caucus Session on Monday, October 3, 2011. Council President Buckholtz called the meeting to order at approximately 8:05 p.m.

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

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

Absent: Dr. Parker and Mr. Dinardo

GENERAL

. Administration of Oath of Office to John R. Argie as Full-Time Patrol Officer for Mayfield Village

Council President Buckholtz has the distinct pleasure of turning it over to the Mayor for a bit of in-house business that we are all excited about.

Mayor Rinker stated, much better than outhouse business. I have to tell everyone, this is a real step up for me. Last week I had to swear in a puppy dog. We are really rising up in the world. Officer Argie has been with us now for about 6 years. We are now very pleased to swear him in. He's a very dedicated, a very competent officer and I know that his peers agree. In fact, it's the recommendation of a lot of your peers that weighs very much in your favor. Come on up here and let's make it official.

Mayor Rinker administered the oath of office to John R. Argie as full-time patrol officer for Mayfield Village.

Council President Buckholtz noted that there were cookies for the audience to help themselves.

IN COMMITTEE (STATUS)

. Records Commission
- Off-site storage update

Mrs. Mills reported that we have been discussing some off-site storage locations. We did have one company in mind, but we were able to go and visit another company, Cintas. Four of us went down there to tour the facility. We were quite impressed. It's a very large operation. We need to make some definite decisions on how and when we are going to start off-site storage.

In your packets you had some information. Joe Diemert and his office staff are looking over these contracts. As we visited there, the security was very good. Their ceilings are 30 foot high. There are shelves from the floor to the ceilings. When they bring in your storage boxes, they don't keep all of the boxes in one area. They disperse them through the building. They do a lot of municipal work. They do a lot of hospital work with x-ray films and things like that.

We also toured the shredding area. All of this was under very very tight security. What we have to do is look over their contracts and see if there's anything you want to discuss at Council. The young man who's in charge could not be here tonight or he would have given us a presentation.

We were very very impressed with their way of doing business. Their security is just unbelievable there. When they pick up our boxes if we do choose them, they transport in unmarked trucks so no one knows what's in the truck. That's a different kind of thing because most times when you see these shredding trucks they all have shredding on it and whatever. They do the same operation as the other company, but what they do is once they get these big bales shredded, they send it to Georgia Pacific and they don't play with the paper market, when they shred, their shredding is out of the building within 72 hours. We were there a couple hours. It was a very nice tour. We were very impressed with it.

Mr. Saponaro asked Mr. Diemert if he had a chance to see this.

Mr. Diemert responded, yes.

Mr. Saponaro is concerned with some of the language.

Mr. Diemert replied, we have quite a few concerns with the language which we will take care of working out with the other side. It looks like a boilerplate thing but a lot of it's not something that we could agree to.

Mr. Marrie has his marked up too.

Mrs. Mills stated, it may be different because we are a Village. A city would have a lot more to contend with than we do as a Village. But if we all read that contract over and mark the places that we have concerns and I know that Joe will do a good job.

Mr. Diemert suggested that an e-mail be sent if anyone has any particular concerns. It looks like we have covered, most every paragraph has a problem in it that we saw.

Council President Buckholtz asked, this is the same company that's in laundry and uniforms?

Mr. Saponaro replied, yes.

. **Safety and Service**

Mrs. Cinco stated for the Police Department we have repairs and upgrades of the traffic signal pre-emptive system at the intersection of SOM Center and Wilson Mills Road. That is going to be \$3,048. As the Chief explained to us, we had a problem with the one before and so we have been on a loaner for long and now we can't get the parts for the old so this is a new system just at that intersection. That item will go to Finance. The Service Department discussed installation of a plow on the new pick-up truck. You are looking at \$4,120. Also, he's got another item for the two and a half dump truck. The salt grate. He will have that item on the agenda for Monday's Finance Caucus. We had a discussion of flooding issues. Doug can talk about that later on. We also discussed Hunt Circle landscaping.

Council President Buckholtz asked, any other highlights from committee reports?

. **Citizen's Advisory**

Mr. Marrie reported, I just had one quick one. We will give a full report on Citizen's Advisory at the next meeting, but I wanted to report that Brenda Bodnar has been elected Chair of the Citizen's Advisory Committee obviously because Jim Mason has left us to Highland Heights.

. **Community Economic Development Committee**

Reporting on the last meeting of the CEDC, Council President Buckholtz reported that one of the items we discussed was the anti-poaching agreement. I don't see it on the agenda anywhere else. I will do my best with the help of Diane to discuss it. I don't know if everybody had a chance to read it. Basically, it's a strong suggestion coming from the County Executive in terms of trying to start some kind of a regional activity or dialogue between all of the communities. Ted or Diane, do you want to talk about it?

Mr. Esborn reported, there are a couple different aims of the anti-poaching agreement. One is to set up a central resource post at the County level that all of the cities and the County can utilize. The other is to try and target the practices whereby cities lure companies from other cities. What the agreement does is it sets up protocol for situations in which that has the potential to happen. It has been revised over the last few months with the feedback of cities. It's in a state now where it's a strong pool to give the County Economic Development effort a lot of teeth.

Mayor Rinker added, I think the other feature that, the impression I have gotten just from reading through this is that the Executive is trying to incentivize communities to join in, that there is really not so much punitive and there's a lot more sort of the sense of inclusion that two things I saw kind of salient is one, that the County can serve much more as a mediator to bring people together. It's a clearinghouse for information. If it's in on the game early, there's probably better opportunity for the County to use its good offices and then I think coupled with that, Bill you have had some insights on the meetings that the Executive has had with the County in creating a fund, a very significant fund. We are talking \$100 million which by analogy is making the County more of a banker and a broker so that if there are real dollars available for communities to disincentivize them to go out and seek revenue sources that would be competitive in that way. I think he's trying to get people to transition.

Finally, it seems that the kind of quieter message in there is it's better to join now, and be more likely to have a place at the table in the future. So I think it's all very positive. It looks like he took the feedback to heart. When we got this we really got kind of short notice to do anything by the end of the month. The *Plain Dealer* article talked about trying to have something by the end of September. So the hope is that maybe by the next Council meeting everyone would have had enough opportunity to review it, ask questions, and that Council would be able to make some kind of formal vote. Even though a formal vote isn't essential, it seems to me that it makes sense that we ought to weigh in on it in some way.

The final point is we are trying to get Jack Schron in. Diane has made contact with his office. He's our County Rep. To see what kind of comments he may have. Stay tuned.

Council President Buckholtz asked, do we have any comments or questions on this? I would like to see it on the agenda for the Regular Meeting. Again, everybody's read the article in the paper. I know that Ed Fitzgerald toned it down quite a bit. From being around the Administration Building and the things he said in his campaign, things that he's put out in front, this is one of the top three or four things that he wants to do in terms of \$100 million economic development. It's kind of like what the Port Authority did which I was totally unaware of for most of my life, how they were funding projects and being involved. I think he wants the County to step up.

We talked quite a bit about it in the meeting and we got some input from Ron as well. There's nothing in here that can really hurt us. It's not that dynamic of a change. It's just the idea, I think, of communities talking to each other. Like if you are courting a business, it's not that you can't do that, it's just how you treat the other community with respect and keep everybody moving. But he is dangling that economic incentive in front of the people that sign on.

If there are no other further questions, any other committee reports? There were none.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Mr. Marrelli reported that the Village Plaza seems to be taking a little longer than it should. It is supposedly wrapping up in 6 weeks according to the builder.

Also, if you haven't noticed, the High School is a mess. They are in full swing. They are knocking walls down and making a big mudhole. If you have to go to the high school for any reason, just be real careful because the traffic pattern as the Chiefs know keeps changing. They are working on four sides of the building at one time. Be cautious.

Mayor Rinker stated, the weather has cooperated.

Mr. Marrelli replied, yes, as usual.

Mr. Marrelli continued, the Library project is about to kick off formally on October 20th at the Planning and Zoning Board workshop. That will be Thursday night the 20th at 7:30 if you are interested in seeing the whole unveiling.

Council President Buckholtz stated, that is a public meeting.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

. Repairs and upgrade of the traffic signal pre-emption system at the intersection of SOM Center and Wilson Mills Roads (Signal Service - \$3,084)

Chief Edelman reported that last Spring lightning struck at the intersection of SOM and Wilson Mills. As Mrs. Cinco pointed out, it will cost a little over \$3,000 to repair. The equipment that we have in there now is outdated and can't be repaired because there are no longer any parts available for it. We have to upgrade the equipment. Unfortunately, it's a pricey item. It's just for that one intersection. But as Chief Mohr can attest to, it's something that is a necessary.

Mayor Rinker asked, traffic counts for that intersection?

Chief Mohr replied, I can tell you there's between 15 and 20 ambulances going to Hillcrest via that intersection.

Mayor Rinker remembers we checked when we were looking at Raleigh. Wilson Mills is around 16,000-17,000.

Council President Buckholtz stated, move this item on to Finance.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief Mohr reported, Ron, Rich and I attended the Council of Council meeting last Saturday at Highland Heights. I requested some information for Council to look at regarding Code Red Response. Other communities have the Reverse 911 which I am opposed to because of cost and I feel that it's obsolete technology. But this Code Red is intriguing. I have requested some information to pass out and will give to you folks once I receive it.

SERVICE DEPARTMENT

. Bid Results: Parkview Pool Slide Superstructure Project

Mr. Metzger reported that the bids were opened on Thursday. I received them this afternoon and have not had a good chance to look at them. Bill Thomas happened to come in to my office and handed them to me. The two bids, one was at \$19,000 and the other was \$28,727. I haven't had a chance to look at these two contractors, but Bill said that the apparent low bidder did work for Beachwood and they were very satisfied. I will contact them to make sure. They appeared to be the bid winner on that project.

. Installation of plow on new pick-up truck (Best Truck Equipment - \$4,120)

Mr. Metzger reported that last Thursday we received all three of our new trucks. A little unusual that we get our trucks from two different vendors on the same day, but the much-anticipated new one and a half ton dump trucks that took us two years to purchase. We bought those trucks off a lot. They were brand new trucks. We saved \$20,000 a piece. We had them outfitted. They are complete except for the aforementioned grates over by the salt area. We also got our new pick-up truck. The pick-up truck will need to get outfitted with a snow plow and strobe light, so the \$4,100 is for the plow. You can look at another \$1,000 for the strobe light. We expect it to be right in the \$5,000 range to complete the truck and get it ready for winter.

Before I get to the discussion of flooding, I also am gathering requests for proposals for the Gazebo. I have received two. I have been trying to get a third. After meeting with several top carpenters regarding that project, I thought we had come to a standard design that we wanted to use, a standard material design. I met with four different carpenters. Two of them had come to this one specific item. Two were using a similar item. So I thought, okay, that's what we are going to go with, that's what I requested everybody to bid. So, when the two contractors that did get bids back in, one of them had the agreed system in it. The other did not. We are having one of our gentleman investigate the other system. One is an AZAC, one is a Fairways Rail System that we have at the pavilion down at Service. We are looking to see which one of those is superior and that will help us decide on which contractor we want to use.

. **Discussion of flooding issues**

Mr. Metzger distributed packets, copies of which are attached to the Safety and Service Minutes of this evening's meeting. The front page is a picture of a leaky sewer. What we are seeing here in the Village when we receive our heavy storms, basically what we are getting is too much storm water into the sanitary sewer systems surcharging the sewer systems and the water seeks its level and it unfortunately is in people's basements. As we open it up, I have some drawings of the basic sewer system that you will see which is typical for Mayfield Village, a common trench for the laterals coming out of the house. Pretty typical for Mayfield Village also is the common trench or side by side mains out in the street. As you can imagine, having the mains that close to each other leads for water escaping one and getting into the other. It's pretty typical to have the storm sewer higher than the sanitary sewer. Storm water will find its way out of the storm sewer. If it finds its way out, it will find its way into the sanitary lateral. There's no getting around that.

I will be meeting with Cuyahoga County Sanitary Engineers on Friday the 7th to go over our areas of concern. I have sent them a list of the areas where we are most impacted the last storm. As the memo indicated, most of those areas had been impacted at least one other time this year so it wasn't just a one time thing, it was twice or maybe even three times. Those are the areas we are going to be covering first and foremost with the County. Part of that will be testing and locating, looking for the home run, the big one that's out there. I don't suspect we are going to find that. We are going to have to take incremental steps looking for where these leaks are. This first basic sewer system is a very good indication of what we have. I think we will use it in the future as we discuss with the County the improvements and where we are looking for these improvements.

The next page is a description of infiltration and inflow. And that's a term that you are going to hear an awful lot as we work with the County to locate our sewer problem. Looking for inflow would be someone that has a yard drain that is connected to the sanitary sewer or a downspout or a driveway drain or something in that nature. It's a direct connection of storm water to the sanitary sewer. Infiltration is much like the front page. It's water that leaks out of one sewer and finds its way or its ground water that finds its way into the sanitary sewer. It's slower but yet just as bad in conjunction when we have enough infiltration though it may take longer but it will do as much damage as inflow.

The areas that the County will begin, as I told you I sent them a letter. They have responded with some measures that they are going to take right away. They are going to be out sewer jetting in some of the areas. Some of the areas they have already done. We have already made those arrangements. They have those done beforehand. Ridgebury has already been completed. Oakwood has been completed. Patsy, I think you said you saw the truck there out in the Oakwood area sewer jetting.

Mrs. Mills replied, yes, it was.

Mr. Metzger stated, so that area's done. Hunt Circle, they are going to be sewer jetting and cameraing because it's such a short section there. To me the most perplexing one is the Ridgebury area that's been ongoing for years. All those roads that come down from the Heights they disconnected it from the old system and built their own new system on their side of the roadway. The Village residents are attached to the old system but yet you would think that would be plenty to handle just our system if they got hit as badly. That one has me fairly perplexed. I think we might find something wrong. It would be pretty obvious.

On the last page, an article written by Michael Scott from *The Plain Dealer* where he talks about global warming. The part in here that I am not going to argue is the signs of global warming. Statistically we are getting more of those 100 year storms every year. He talks about why that is with the air being warmer, it is able to hold more water so when it rains the rains are heavier and more frequent in nature.

As we work through these things, this I and I information, the first drawing of the house connections and the road connections I think we will be using to help describe what it is we are doing and to make corrections.

Council President Buckholtz asked, Tommy, you are working together in terms of just going over the data. You and I have worked on this before 10 years ago as far as the Ridgebury trouble and the cross-cut connections from Mayfield Heights.

Mr. Metzger replied, I don't have a good sense of what's happening there except we had an old storm sewer that runs through the tree lawns. I am thinking we will find a good soaker in that one that leaks.

Council President Buckholtz stated, the only thing to point out and we did talk about this in the committee the other day, just so people understand it, it's a really tough situation and a tough problem to fix because fixing it in one area may be ruining it in another because you allow the water to flow through and then it just hits the next neighborhood. We used to look at swales and I don't even know how many swales we would help clean out.

Mr. Metzger stated, that's more true. Sometimes you can redirect the problem to someone else. Sanitary sewers, if we can get it out of the sanitary sewers and keep it in the storm sewers, it's not as if we will be sending sanitary water to another area. Once we can eliminate storm water out of the sanitary sewers out of the system it goes down the creek somewhere else. It's good for everybody. It's good for the homes that are being affected. It's good for the County that they don't have to transport so much water. It's good for our Regional Sewer District because they don't have to treat so much water. Removing the water from the system is the way to go.

Mr. Saponaro stated, they talked about disconnecting your downspouts because the storm sewer overflow but it sounds like if you disconnect your downspout, the water is going to still find its way.

Mr. Metzger stated, depending on the situation. That's why I ask residents to call so that we can go out and talk to the residents and see what is happening. If someone has an individual home that's not part of a larger system failure where the whole system backs up, but we are dealing with one individual home, let's say the water is coming through the walls. We go back to our basic sewer system where we have our downspouts connected and get underground and they are connected to the downspout drains going around the house sometimes those are directly connected to the footer drains, they can leak to the footer drains. If the footer drain is not working as properly as it should, that water sits along your basement foundation. You will find a crack and it will get into your basement.

So when we tell people to disconnect their downspouts, what we are saying is let's get this roof water out of the system, out from the foundation of your home, let's get it out under the yard and let it spread out. So in individual cases that's a real good fix. It's not a fix for everyone. Sometimes we will have a house that will be more isolated and it will have sanitary water back-up. What will happen in many cases there is the system around their home will have some leaking issue. The storm water around their home is leaking. Most of the homes have some leaking of the storm water into the sanitary system unless they are awfully new. So, if they are getting water backing up from their sanitary sewer, what they may have is a little bit of a clog in their sanitary drain that as they get a heavy rain and they get a lot of infiltration on their own sewer and around their yard, it will back up in to their home. So in that case, I may recommend we get the County out there and make sure it's snaked out properly.

One of the areas as I told Safety and Service I am going to look at with the County is, right now we have a contract with the County Sanitary Engineers for our sanitary sewers. It does not include storm sewers. I am going to ask them, what is that dollar amount? What does it take to get us involved in storm water for them to come out and snake storm sewers and things of that nature because if somebody's having that problem that I just described where the water is leaking out of their storm sewer and in to their sanitary and in to their yard, well maybe if we clean their storm sewer, that water can go out without doing a major overhaul of their system. We would just have to maintain it and keep it clean and it will function for the most part and they won't have any problems.

There's individual problems. Again, that's why we need to know so we can help make those calls. Other times it's system failure per se.

Mr. Saponaro stated, it seems to me that there's a lot of information that the residents can benefit from and probably don't understand. This is a great diagram right here alone. It may be something where we want to at least put in the *Voice of the Village* or even considering having a seminar.

Mr. Metzger replied, we hope to have an article for the *Voice of the Village* with much of this information to the people and why they need to call us with problem areas that they could be looking for. If they have problems with their sanitary sewers, if they have a lot of trees, to get on a program. The County will allow you to get on a program to have your sewer snaked every six

months. Get on that program and be proactive because it's too late when the water is in your basement.

Council President Buckholtz thanked Doug for taking an active role on that.

PLANNING DEVELOPMENT

Mr. Esborn updated everyone that we did submit our application for DOPWIC Issue I Issue II funding on Friday. The application is for the installation of sanitary sewers on Eastgate and Meadowood as well as replacement of water lines on both of those streets. We will know on November 11th of the recommendations of the DOPWIC staff.

PARKS & RECREATION

. Pool Lift – to be ADA Compliant by June 7, 2012 (O.P. Aquatics-not to exceed \$4,000)

Mr. Thomas reported that all across the country all municipalities, organizations like the YMCA, have to be compliant with ADA in regards to accessibility for the pool. We have a 0-42 inch depth and that does help us as far as the main pool, but we have a diving well that will need a pool lift. We met with about 7 or 8 other organizations or municipalities at Mayfield Heights and we want to go in on a group purchase of all the lifts that we need for our pools. We will get a cheaper price. We are looking at a cost of about \$3,000 but with installation, approximately \$3,300.

Council President Buckholtz asked, what does it do exactly?

Mr. Thomas replied, pool lift. A handicapped person will be on a lift so they can lift into the diving well by themselves.

Council President Buckholtz asked, not to the diving board?

Mr. Thomas replied, no, it would be a lift that goes into the diving well.

Mayor Rinker asked, why do we need a lift to the diving well if they can't use the board?

Mr. Thomas replied, it is for those with disabilities for the diving well.

Mayor Rinker asked, why would they be accessing an area where they are going to be in the way of divers? That sounds like a safety problem.

Mr. Thomas will obtain further information on this and will report on it.

HUMAN SERVICES

Mrs. Kalina reported that today was the deadline for snow removal applications. We did have a flurry of activity. We have about 225 people who have opted in. A few have opted out already. We made it very clear that the deadline was today. We have had it on the marquee.

ENGINEER

Mr. Thomas reported that with regard to the road program, in the Aintree area they are done with the grinding and are doing base repair. If the weather improves they should be able to start actually replacing it. Half of it's already torn out but they can't do anything because of the amount of rain.

LAW DIRECTOR

- . **Legislation authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Development Agreement with Winfield Deacon Limited Partnership and Deacon's Chrysler Jeep Dodge relative to certain improvements**

Mr. Diemert reported that the Agreement has been signed by the Deacons. It's ready to go. We will have it on the agenda for the next meeting unless Council has any further concerns or questions. We hope to have it adopted and finalized before the election.

Council President Buckholtz does not know if everybody saw the Minutes from the Community Economic Development Committee meeting, but we talked a lot about it and this is critical that it was signed and I would just ask Joe, everything's in there in terms of that landscaping buffer to make it incumbent upon them to execute actually?

Mr. Diemert replied, the details of it are yet to be worked out after the election is approved, but the concept and the amount of land is yes, agreed to and signed off.

Council President Buckholtz replied, okay, very good. Thank you.

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 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary E. Betsa, Clerk of Council