

**MINUTES OF THE
SAFETY & SERVICE COMMITTEE
Monday, February 6, 2012 at 7:30 p.m.
Mayfield Village Conference Room**

The Safety and Service Committee met on Monday, February 6, 2012 in the Mayfield Village Civic Hall at the Mayfield Village Civic Center. Mr. Marrie called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Present: Mr. Marrie and Dr. Parker

Also

Present: Mrs. Mills, Chief Edelman, Chief Mohr,
Mr. Metzger, Mr. Wynne and Mrs. Betsa

POLICE DEPARTMENT

• **Equipment for new police cars**

Chief Edelman reported, this is for the equipment for the new police cars. You are aware we are getting Chargers this time instead of the Ford Crown Victorias. Unfortunately nothing fits from one car to another.

Mr. Marrie asked, you mean the lights and so forth? Chief Edelman replied, yes. The highest ticket item on this list is the overhead light bar. I could take the one from the Crown Victoria that would fit but it's very old. It's about 10 years old. It's a strobe light model. The new one is LED's which are much longer with power. It's going to hopefully save on some gas too. Unfortunately that's the highest ticket item on here. It will last for another 10 years if you allow us to purchase this.

Dr. Parker asked, they are real low profile too, right? Chief Edelman replied, very low profile.

Dr. Parker stated, I have heard that they are much less noticeable so they are harder to detect. Chief Edelman replied, they are less noticeable when they are off, but when they are on, the LED's have a tremendous light. Dr. Parker stated, right, when they are off, people don't realize it.

Mrs. Mills asked, that speed control flashing light down here on Wilson Mills, does that work all the time? Chief Edelman replied, yes. Mrs. Mills stated, because sometimes we go by and it's not working. Chief Edelman replied, it's possible it was a cloudy day. The battery has to recharge sometimes. Mrs. Mills stated, I get people asking me, what, is it broken already? And I said, I don't think so, I think it's solar.

Dr. Parker asked, have you seen any effect of it? Chief Edelman replied, judging from the lack of complaints I have gotten from the residents on Wilson Mills, I would say yes. My officers are down there doing radar. They are writing less tickets down there.

Mr. Marrie asked, you have a definite price on it? Chief Edelman replied, yes, I am sorry, I thought I gave you the price. I got the actual quote. Mrs. Mills replied, we need it for Finance. Chief Edelman replied, it's \$21,191.00 for all three cars.

Mrs. Mills asked, is there a warranty on the light bars? Chief Edelman replied, there's a one-year factory warranty and then there's an extended warranty from the dealer. Mrs. Mills stated, because a light bulb is a light bulb. Chief Edelman replied, that's another good thing about the LED's. They don't burn out.

Mr. Marrie asked, any questions? There were none. This will be passed on to Finance.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

. Hydrant usage – Cleveland Water Department

Chief Mohr stated, this is the annual hydrant fee we spoke of in January. That came in as expected, around \$7,200. It's \$50-\$60 more expensive than last year.

. Physio Control LifePac

Chief Mohr stated, this is a preventative maintenance contract to keep those units and AEDs throughout the community up to specifications. It's a liability issue as well as just doing business to keep those things turned up.

Mr. Marrie asked, so it's basically a maintenance contract? Chief Mohr replied, that's correct. It's around \$3,200.

. **Hillcrest Technical Team contribution**

Chief Mohr stated, this is like our SPAN dues. It's \$5,000. That's been that price forever. That is again coming due in February.

Mr. Marrie asked, and it's an annual fee? Chief Mohr replied, yes. That's for our regionalization.

Mr. Marrie asked, any questions? There were none. These items will be passed on to Finance.

SERVICE DEPARTMENT

. **Solid Waste and Recycling Collection**

Mr. Metzong stated, hopefully everybody had a chance to go through this. It really comes down to three items, whether or not we introduce the new 64 gallon recycling cart or not and if we do, do we consider going to bi-weekly pick-up of recycling?

Mrs. Mills asked, bi-weekly? Mr. Metzong replied, yes, every other week.

Mr. Marrie stated, I think if we go with the larger containers we should automatically go with bi-weekly. Very few people have extra boxes out there with recycling on it on a weekly basis. Myself, I probably have as much junk going out as anybody and I don't think I could fill a 64 gallon with recycling. Is the 64 the same as our garbage can now? Mr. Metzong replied, we have two out there, one's the 96 which is the typical refuge rubbish one and then you have the 64 which is the size smaller. We offered both. The bi-weekly pick-up presents a greater savings. You don't have an extra truck on the roadway every week. But you run into the people that are confused about the dates.

Mrs. Mills asked, is that an enclosed container? Mr. Metzong replied, yes. Just the same as your trash container. Mrs. Mills replied, that will probably be better. Sometimes the recycling is all over.

Mr. Metzong would say that the 64 gallon toter is becoming more and more standard in our area. The idea is the bigger the toter, the more people recycling. It promotes recycling. Highland Heights saw a large increase in their recycling. That's why we went with that bifurcated bid, the

bid that spells out how much to come and pick it up and how much to dump it and how much you would give us back for recycling. While they did recycling for nothing, their numbers for pick-up and disposal, we would need to increase our recycling by 10-15%. A very doable number. Probably likely that we will. But on the other hand, our savings are fairly minimal so you are playing a game of chance with your solid waste and specifically if you were to have some kind of a large flood event where people clean out their basements and a lot of people throw things out you could really get nicked for that because people would have a lot more solid waste they would be throwing out. You are taking a chance going with the bid in that nature where you are paying for the weight of the solid waste. Option 3 and 4.

Mr. Marrie stated, the comment you said about people throw out stuff, now you are not paying for it. It's automatically done. Mr. Metzung replied, we would not charge. The residents would know no difference. They would know nothing. They wouldn't know if we were using this method of payment or that method of payment. They don't know. They just know to put their trash out and it gets picked up and the Village provides that service. It's internally, do we want to have it in a situation where we pay for the service for them to come and pick it up? That's \$9-\$10 a resident. Then they charge us for how much it costs to dispose of that material. So the less material you dispose of, the more you get people to recycle. The less solid waste you have, the more money you save.

Mr. Marrie replied, which is the idea to have bigger recycling, they will be throwing less junk away. Mr. Metzung replied, correct. We have gone to this. The County likes this because it really helps promote recycling. It's in our best interest to be out there promoting it.

Dr. Parker has as much recycling with five kids in the house as with one kid in the house. I don't find that my recycling varies that much. We try to throw out everything we can into the recycling bin that can be recycled. Paper, plastics, whatever.

Mr. Metzung replied, that's another thing. That list is now any plastics.

Dr. Parker asked, when I read these numbers, if one is \$380,000 and one is \$356,000, is that basically a \$24,000 difference between having bi-weekly? Mr. Metzung asked, you are looking at Option 1 and 2? Dr. Parker replied, yes. Is that basically the difference between bi-weekly and every week? Mr. Metzung replied, Option 1 being \$192,000 and Option 2 being \$187,000 a year? Dr. Parker stated, just looking at the total.

Mr. Metzger replied, we look at Option 1 for the first year, which is a 64 gallon cart, weekly pick-up. It's \$192,000 a year for the first year. Let's just work on the first year, it's less confusing. We go to Option 2, it's \$178,000.

Mr. Marrie asked, what makes that difference? Dr. Parker stated, so it's about \$12,000 difference.

Mr. Marrie asked, for the bi-weekly versus the weekly? Mr. Metzger replied, right, per year. Dr. Parker stated, I think that's insignificant in terms of the way we spend money on certain things. We try to save it where we can, but for \$13,000 for everybody in our Village to be able to throw out their recyclables any week as opposed to certain weeks. Personally for me I'd rather not have a bigger tote because I would just have to find another space in my garage. Instead of just having this little yellow bin, I would have to find –

Mr. Metzger replied, the footprint's the same.

--another garbage can in my garage like that, so I think for \$13,000, considering what we put money towards in terms of discretionary dollars, I think it's minimal for the number of people we have in the Village.

Mr. Metzger replied, that's kind of what I stated in my memo. Going to the 64 gallon cart, do people perceive that as this is an increase in our service? If we go to bi-weekly, then do they go, hey, wait a minute, you gave me this over here and you kind of reeled it back in over here.

Mr. Marrie asked, if we went with weekly pick-up using the 64 gallon tote, will people still have the option to use the little yellow ones they want? Mr. Metzger doesn't think so.

Mr. Marrie stated, the reason I asked is that at Citizen's Advisory I threw that on the table.

Dr. Parker stated, those are very manageable for a lot of residents.

Mr. Marrie stated, it came up and a few people were questioning the fact that number one, they are by themselves so the chances of them ever, it would take a year to fill a 64 gallon one. And two, the handling and storing of it. The whole committee wasn't asking, but there was a bit of concern by more than one person that they didn't want a bigger one under any conditions.

Mr. Metzger stated, it's the same as your rubbish toter. Mr. Marrie stated, I understand that Doug. I am going to speak for myself. You are right. The footprint's the same. But where I have

them in my garage, the 64 tote, if I put it where the yellow one is right outside the inside garage door, it's a problem because my garage is not big enough for the two cars and all of that. I have the other tote in the front of the car, the back of the garage. I can see where it would present problems for other people also.

Dr. Parker agreed. It would for me too. Mine's up against the wall. If I had a large container standing up there, I wouldn't be able to have things that I have on the wall. It would be banging into it.

Mr. Marrie stated, I have a cabinet there. Carole sums it up best by saying get rid of some of the boxes and I would have plenty of room for a tote. I think the idea of going to the larger, this is a personal opinion, the idea of going to a larger tote for recycling purposes is a good idea. The only problem I have, I am sure I will work it out, it's not life or death, but I think there are people, a lot of older people who even not necessarily one, just an older couple, that these totes are totally unnecessary for them and will create more harm than good.

Mr. Metzger replied, typically people that have that little bit of recycling aren't recycling or what Lyndhurst found when they went to this and they have the 64 gallon totes and they have weekly pick-up, is that they have 70-75% participation on any given week. In other words, everybody does it, but they don't fill it up every week so they don't take it to the curb every week. They just take it to the curb when they feel the need that they have to take it to the curb. So you have that also. It's not mandatory to put it to the curb.

Dr. Parker stated, I just don't like the idea of the bi-weekly. It would be nice if they could do either totes or the little yellow bins. Tommy has a good point there. But I don't like the bi-weekly. I think the services are nice. If you happen to have a big week and you want to put it out and you can't, it could be a problem. I would like the convenience. For the amount of money we are spending.

Mr. Marrie agreed. There are weeks that ours is just falling all over the place. I would need a 64 toter around St. Patrick's time. The little one would not work. For what it's worth, I am with you on that. I think the 64 tote is a right way to go. I personally would do it weekly. I think your comments in your letter of people saying, they are cutting back, I hate to say it or throw it on the table, but I will. We passed the change in tax and, oh, they are cutting back on our rubbish pick up and so forth. I don't want to take away from any perceived, and that's what it is, perceived service. So let it be weekly. As far as I'm concerned, the 64 tote? Okay if that's what it is. The only problem I have and I wish it could be worked out. If it can't, it can't. I would like to have people have the option. I think there's some people that the tote can be a real problem. You take

some of these homes with a single garage with all of the stuff that everybody has in it, it's a problem.

Mr. Metzung stated, Ron and I live in Mentor. They have just gone to the bigger totes, bi-weekly pick-up. We haven't had our first pick-up yet. I wish we would have had a year so that I could say whether it works or not one way or another. Dr. Parker stated, they are a much bigger community than we are.

Mrs. Mills asked, are they bi-weekly in Lyndhurst? Mr. Metzung replied, Lyndhurst is weekly.

Mrs. Mills stated, I don't know how we would educate these people. We can't get them on a holiday weekend to transfer over. I did notice that Highland Heights puts out little sandwich boards, "rubbish will be as usual."

Mr. Metzung stated, we had next to no complaints this year. I was shocked. Mrs. Mills stated, no, because they call their Council.

Dr. Parker stated, she mentioned Highland Heights and you saw the article in *The Patch*. We are doing this on our own right? Mr. Metzung replied, no.

Dr. Parker asked, are we part of the same Highland Heights consortium still? Mr. Metzung replied, yes.

Dr. Parker stated, because when I read that article, it sure sounded like it was –Mr. Metzung replied, he may have talked to Tommy (from Highland Heights). We did ours together, but they are bid in such a way that we can accept what we want to accept and they can accept what they want to accept.

Mrs. Mills asked, so we don't have to be on the same page with him? Mr. Metzung replied, correct.

Mr. Marrie asked, your personal feelings? Mr. Metzung replied, probably the 64 gallon weekly becomes the Cadillac. Mr. Marrie stated, for the difference, \$13,000, it's not worth going bi-weekly.

Mr. Metzung pointed out, I hope everybody did notice the other item that has to be noted. When you go through the options and you go to the 64 gallon, you are going to a 5 year contract. That's great for Doug because I wasn't a giant fan of going out to bid this time except the

savings are obvious. Only the base bid was for 3 years with 2 option years. The reason for that is when you get the toters, you have to cover the cost.

Mr. Marrie asked, does this have to be voted on soon? Mr. Metzung replied, what has to be voted on tonight is getting out of the old contract. We need to send them a letter by February 16th that says we are opting out of our old contract and we will be entering a new contract.

Dr. Parker asked, and they can pick up right where we left off? Mr. Metzung replied, we have 120 days.

Mr. Marrie asked, but opting out of the old contract saves us a ton of money when we go with this? Mr. Metzung replied, yes.

Mr. Marrie stated, that's the logical thing to do. I am saying get out of the contract, Steve? Dr. Parker agreed.

Mr. Marrie asked, Patsy? Mrs. Mills replied, yes.

Dr. Parker asked, is there any provision for the same company to service our businesses in the area? Like contracting for snow plowing. Would they provide a special rate or some rate? They come through to different people. I am sure they service corporations whether it's Jefferson Park or something. Maybe we could provide a better rate for people if they wanted to because we are negotiating with them. Could we get a rate for them?

Mr. Metzung replied, I don't know. If you noticed on the last page here where it talks about dumpsters. That's an interesting question. I could ask them if they would offer that.

Mrs. Mills replied, some businesses, like restaurants, they get it probably once or day or every other day at least. Dr. Parker stated, but these same companies are coming in and picking it up. You got Rumpke doing one business, J&J doing another.

Mr. Marrie stated, I think you present a good question. Let Doug go ahead and find out. I am looking at the time for the rest of this meeting. I don't have a problem with that. They are here. Mr. Metzung stated, I will ask. Dr. Parker stated, that's what I figured. They are here. Maybe it's a good thing.

Mr. Metzung stated, I don't want shenanigans that you are somehow endorsing someone. Dr. Parker stated, we are not endorsing anyone. We are just making it available.

Mr. Marrie stated, what you need is the okay for the option and you got it.

. **Flowers for hanging baskets and hayracks**

Mr. Metzung reported that Patsy and Carole and Jean went out to Urban Growers and made our selections. I don't have the price here. The only difference this year is we have gone back and gotten the 9 hayracks for the gazebo. We are making the best stands in the area. Mrs. Mills added, Jim told me today. I saw him.

Mr. Marrie asked if there were any questions. There were none. Mr. Marrie stated this will move on to Finance. We will need the prices.

. **Sanitary Sewer Surcharge Policy**

Mr. Metzung reported, again, Highland Heights is running through the same issues that we have where they had a neighborhood that on one street, five or six homes continue to get flooded. During our conversations, I asked why don't they just fix those homes and do something? So they came up with this policy. It certainly can work here in Mayfield Village where we have house flooding that is due to their location. I can tell you a gentleman that lives next to a pump station. The pump station for whatever reason gets surcharged. All the overflows at all these pump stations have been removed because you're not allowed to do that anymore. So now he gets flooded. He's been flooded three or four times. It's just not fair to him. To really correct that problem is to remove all the surcharge, all the infiltration getting into that sewer. To get rid of all of that you are talking millions and millions of dollars. That's great, because it needs to get done. But that's not going to get done in time for this guy the next time it rains. This is the bandaid. You put the bandaid on for this guy while we work with the County to correct all these other issues. This is how this helps individual people.

Mr. Marrie stated, I think it's fine on a temporary basis. I only had one question in my mind when I was reading it and that is, will you make the decision whether it's something that is not their fault? In other words, this is hypothetical, I can't give you an example of what it would be, but they screwed up somehow and did something wrong, we don't correct that? Mr. Metzung replied, no.

Mr. Marrie stated, like there are some homes on Ridgebury that get killed every time, right? Mr. Metzung replied, yes. Part of that is that these people have made all these different jerry rig kind of things for a problem that's obviously a surcharge problem. They have done a million different

things in their home. There's a stretch where this might really come into play. We may want to do a stretch across here where we help several homes.

Mr. Marrie stated, I am fine with it. Dr. Parker? Dr. Parker stated, I guess. If it's not their fault and it's the way the system is set up. Mr. Marrie stated, it's something we are not going to be able to fix because of the cost permanently.

Dr. Parker asked, but when you mention millions of dollars, what do these fixes cost us to do all that section? Mr. Metzong replied, what we are offering, to do the whole sections? If they were to come in and say line a sewer system, let's say Hickory Hill and you were going to line all the sanitary sewers to the pump station which is one of the areas we get all the surcharge. This is just an easy flier, but it's easily over \$800,000 to line all the main sewers. That is the quick fix. That just would be on the city's side of the main sewers. You still have to go into everyone's home, dye test everyone's home and make sure their laterals aren't contributing to it.

Dr. Parker asked, how many homes are you helping when you do that? Mr. Metzong replied, the Hickory Hill neighborhood, I don't know how many homes are back there. Maybe 100.

Mrs. Mills replied, Metro used to flood all the time. The lower end towards the park, Zorn and that, they flood a lot. And then of course Ridgebury and some houses in Worton.

Mr. Metzong stated, when you start talking about water infiltrating into the sanitary sewer, I gave you those pamphlets that talked about the water seeping through and getting in the pipes. You have to seal those pipes back up. The cheapest and most efficient way that we have today to do that is putting liners in. That's not free. Say your neighborhood's all right, but let's say we were going to do your neighborhood. I bet you're in the same ballpark if we had to line your neighborhood, \$700,000-800,000 to line that and come back and cut out all that. It's a significant dollar amount to the County.

Mr. Marrie stated, I think what we have to do now until there's money. Mr. Metzong stated, this isn't money that we are necessarily going to generate. This is going to be working with the County as part of our maintenance dollars and then for them to allocate it back when they see areas.

Dr. Parker asked, how does this work? Mr. Metzong asked, what we do is everybody pays their sewer maintenance fee. They provide the service of sewer maintenance. The amount we put in is greater than the amount they use. We have built up a nest egg of surplus funds. We use those monies for cleaning catchbasins, doing stormwork, people need their driveway drains cleaned

out, things I authorize to do on storm work comes out of that piece of the pie. Now we are looking to take this out of that also. Again another reason why we have to be very selective. We can't just have people coming in and saying I want to do this and they do it. This will also come out of that piece of the pie. I can name maybe if there's four or five places up on Ridgebury and I know two others that would be immediately addressed in this manner.

Mr. Marrie stated for the sake of time, I am going to say as far as I am concerned, it's a go. Dr. Parker agreed. Mrs. Mills agreed.

. **Used Oil Storage Tank**

Mr. Metzger reported, we need a used oil tank because we store our used oil outside. We just have it in a container. Mr. Marrie stated, I love their address, Pork Lane.

. **Tires for front end loader**

Mr. Metzger reported, I need tires for our front end loader. Mr. Marrie asked, 4 or 6? Mr. Metzger replied, 4.

Mr. Marrie stated, these items should go to Finance.

ANY OTHER MATTERS

Mr. Marrie asked if there were any other matters. There were none.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m. The next Safety and Service meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 5, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. in the Main Conference Room of the Mayfield Village Civic Center.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary E. Betsa, Clerk of Council