

**STREETS, BUILDINGS & GROUNDS COMMITTEE MINUTES**  
**OF OCTOBER 21, 2019**

Municipal Council of the City of Vermilion  
Municipal Complex, 685 Decatur Street, Vermilion, Ohio 44089

**In Attendance:**            *Vermilion City Council: Steve Herron, President of Council; Monica Stark, Council at Large; John Gabriel, Ward One; Frank Loucka, Ward Two; Steve Holovacs, Ward Three; Barb Brady, Ward Four; Brian Holmes, Ward Five*

**Administration:** *Jim Forthofer, Mayor; Tony Valerius, Service Director; Police Chief, Chris Hartung; Chris Howard, City Engineer; Amy Hendricks, Finance Director; Bill DiFucci, Building Inspector*

**Call to Order:**            Frank Loucka, Chairman, RESOLVED THAT this Streets, Buildings, & Grounds Committee comprised of the committee of the whole does now come to order.

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**TOPIC ONE:**            **Water Tower (Rotary Park) Update**

C. Howard reported that Dixon Engineering will be performing the inspection this Thursday (October 24, 2019) and they are expecting to have the analysis and repair recommendations completed by the end of November.

**TOPIC TWO:**            **Speed Zone Study**

C. Howard reported that ODOT has reviewed the requested speed zone study requesting a change in the speed limit to 40 mph from the bridge to Highbridge Road and they have denied it. They have some concerns of creating a speed trap there. F. Loucka asked if there was an option to make it 45 mph since the speed goes to 45 anyway. C. Howard said the goal was to get it to 40 mph so that if they put a sidewalk on the bridge, they wouldn't have to put up a protective barrier, so over 45 they would have to put up a protective barrier before you put a sidewalk in.

**TOPIC THREE:**        **Vermilion Road Phase I Project Update**

C. Howard reported the Vermilion Road Phase I Project has been completed and the original bid with Precision Paving was \$699,692.35. This was an 80/20 split with the State of Ohio and the project had no contingency. The engineer's estimate was \$829,244.33 and it was an 80/20 split. There were multiple change orders on the project and considering the non-performed items on this project, the change order amount came to \$28,233.44. Of this, ODOT will pay 80 percent of this cost and the city's portion for the change order is \$5,646.70. F. Loucka asked if council would need an ordinance to approve the overage. G. Fisher said Council previously had made a motion to prepare legislation to approve the change order, but at that time they didn't have the finalized costs, so at this point another motion is not necessary and she would prepare legislation for the October 28 meeting.

TOPIC FOUR: Hollyview Drive Reconstruction Phase I

C. Howard reported the Hollyview Drive Reconstruction Phase I Project has been completed. The city received a bid from Herk Excavating in the amount of \$681,798.77 for the base bid and alternate (concrete pavement), including a \$60,000 contingency. The engineer's estimate was \$777,570.50, which included a \$60,000 contingency. There are three change orders which included a water main replacement at the intersection of Hollyview and Sanford in the amount of \$8,230.23 and another water main replacement at the intersection of Hollyview and Forestview in the amount of \$7,777.82, and the third change order was for the installation of five transverse expansion joints in the amount of \$3,665.65, so the total change order is \$19,673.70. He said this project will be under budget and overall the project turned out very well and Herk Excavating and Smith Paving did a great job. There are some minor punch list items to finish.

F. Loucka said the water main replacements should come out of the water fund rather than the streets fund. G. Fisher said she would note this in the ordinance.

F. Loucka MOVED; S. Holovacs seconded to have legislation prepared to reflect the change orders submitted for the Hollyview Drive Reconstruction Phase I Project in the total amount of \$19,673.70. Roll Call Vote 7 YEAS. MOTION CARRIED.

Chairman Frank Loucka adjourned the meeting after no further discussion came before the committee.

Next meeting: November 18, 2019 @ 7:00 p.m.

Gwen Fisher, Certified Municipal Clerk

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