

STREETS, BUILDINGS & GROUNDS MEETING MINUTES

June 14, 2021

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

Administration: *Jim Forthofer, Mayor; Chris Howard, City Engineer; Amy Hendricks, Finance Director; Chris Hartung, Police Chief*

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

TOPIC ONE: Fence Concerns (Dempsey)

M. Stark said she spoke with Mrs. Dempsey today and she is not going to be here this evening to discuss this matter. She may come at a future time.

TOPIC TWO: Street Paving Request for Frontage at 1087 – 1088 Nautical Drive

F. Loucka said it has been requested by the residents at 1087 Nautical Drive (Jim Machkoff) and 1088 Nautical Drive (Dr. Charles Nock) to consider paving the 175' that was not originally paved when Nautical Drive was put in. He referred to these Nautical Drive residents as red-headed stepchildren because for some reason when Nautical Drive was initially paved, these two lots were not paved. He said there is about 40' at 1087 Nautical that is concrete pavement and then sometime in the mid-90s, the property owners at 1087 and 1088 paid for paving themselves, but this has been 26 years ago, and the road is falling apart. The city has done some durapatching over the years.

Jim Machkoff of 1087 Nautical Drive said they would like the street blacktopped. The last time anything was done is when he and the previous owner of the house next door to him paved the street back in the 90s. Prior to this it was a gravel road and based on the fact they pay a lot of money in property taxes; they would like the street repaved. He said there is about 150' – 175' of road that needs to be looked at and they are requesting that council take care of this for them.

B. Brady said this came up before and she believes the street was gravel, so it would be the homeowner's responsibility to bring it up to city standards, and then the city would maintain it.

S. Holovacs asked the city engineer to provide council with a price on this portion and then they will see where they sit with upcoming projects and look to see if they could do this. Mayor Forthofer said the administration will look at this.

TOPIC THREE: Vermilion Road Phase 4A Reconstruction

C. Howard provided council with Bramhall's proposal for Vermilion Road Phase 4a. Last year the city received money from MPO, and this is a 2023 project, but plans are due to ODOT in early April of 2022. This is a joint project with the Lorain County Engineer's Office, so from North Ridge Road approximately 2,500' to the north it will be reconstructed. There is 725' that is within the county jurisdiction and there is 1,800' that is the city's portion of the project. He explained the MPO is paying \$881,445.00 and the total City share of the project is \$310,237.00 and the total Lorain County Engineer's Office share of the project is \$347,820.00.

B. Brady asked if Lorain County is paying for a part of the engineering. C. Howard said they are paying the engineering for their portion of the roadway. B. Brady asked if inspection engineering would be the same. C. Howard said it is federal dollars so it will have to be put out for qualifications.

M. Stark asked the finance director if the city is financially okay to move forward with this project. A. Hendricks said as long as they get the approvals, then yes.

S. Holovacs MOVED; F. Loucka seconded to have legislation prepared for professional engineering and surveying services for Bramhall Engineering & Surveying Company in an amount not to exceed \$89,876.00 for the Vermilion Road Phase 4a Reconstruction Project. Roll Call Vote 5 YEAS. **MOTION CARRIED.**

F. Loucka addressed some items with regards to Phase 1 – one area in particular around 1109 Vermilion Road has a lot of surface water on the roadway, and to a lesser extent at 1035 Vermilion Road there is a lot of surface water when there is a heavy rain. C. Howard said they would take a look at this as the original plans did not account for some of the storm water and they probably did not add catch basins.

TOPIC FOUR: Safe Routes to School

C. Howard updated Council by explaining the encumbrances were received from ODOT, so they are getting ready to put this project out to bid. The bid will hit the streets on June 21 and the bid opening will be on July 8. Since this

is state and federal funding, this will be only ODOT pre-approved contractors that can bid on it. The appropriation cases were filed, and they worked through the easement issue of the two property owners, so they are proceeding.

M. Stark asked if the project would be completed this year. C. Howard said they will put a deadline at the end of October to be completed.

S. Holovacs adjourned the meeting after no further business came before the committee.

Next meeting: July 19, 2021 – 7:00 p.m. – Vermilion Municipal Complex, 687 Decatur Street, Vermilion, Ohio

Gwen Fisher, Certified Municipal Clerk