

STREETS, BUILDINGS & GROUNDS MEETING MINUTES

August 8, 2022

In Attendance: **Vermilion City Council:** *Monica Stark, President of Council; Steve Herron, Council At Large; Pat Stein, Ward One; Greg Drew, Ward Two; Teresa Mayle, Ward Three; Barb Brady, Ward Four; Brian Holmes, Ward Five. Absent: Gwen Fisher, Clerk of Council*

Administration: *Jim Forthofer, Mayor; Chris Howard, City Engineer; Amy Hendricks, Finance Director; Chris Hartung, Police Chief; Tony Valerius, Service Director; Bill Brown, Fire Chief; Susan Anderson, Law Director*

Call to Order: Steve Herron, Chairman, RESOLVED THAT this Health & Safety Committee comprised of the committee of the whole does now come to order.

TOPIC ONE: OPWC Applications

C. Howard reported that OPWC Applications for Round 37 are due Friday, September 9, 2022. Therefore, the city needs to make decisions on what applications they want to apply for because they will need resolutions next week to submit with the applications. His recommendations were to resubmit for Hollyview Drive Reconstruction Phase 2. This is the third year they would be applying for this. Last year the city did not get anything for any road projects but did receive money for the Liberty Avenue Waterline project. He also recommended they apply for the Liberty Avenue Waterline Replacement – Phase 4 from Vermilion Road under the river to West River Road. There is a lot of concern with the 10” waterline as there is a lot of breaks. Also, there is concern about the 12” line under the river, so they need to replace this too. In addition, he thinks the city should apply for another road project and work off the road program that council decided on.

B. Holmes recommended Highbridge Road, or Brownhelm Station Road be added to the list. T. Valerius thought the city would have a better chance with Highbridge over Brownhelm Station Road according to the point system. B. Holmes said he received comments today from residents of Brownhelm Station who were glad something was going to happen as it is a movement in the right direction. He agreed Highbridge south to Vermilion Road is horrendous.

S. Herron asked if the city could ask for all three projects. C. Howard said the city can ask for as many as they want, but the city needs to have the funding

obviously, but they haven't got a road project in two years. B. Brady said she could throw Berkely back on in Ward Four.

P. Stein asked how much money in the bank are they talking about. C. Howard said it depends on each one, but they can file for roads up to \$325,000 in grant money and the city can apply for loan money too, so based on the cost they will look at what is best for the city, and he explained it is based on points as well. G. Drew thought with the license plate tax they would have extra money next year to tackle a project like this if they would get the grant.

M. Stark asked if the Hollyview project would include the area between Forestview and Maplevue. C. Howard said yes.

G. Drew said that wards one and two are getting some streets this year, so he would support sharing the wealth.

C. Howard said one of the criteria for the road is the traffic counts, so if a local street doesn't see a lot of traffic, then it will not score as high, but the major roads will get more points. B. Holmes said since the bridge went in, Highbridge has picked up traffic. Chief Hartung said a little under 5,000 cars a week go up and down Highbridge. T. Mayle thought Highbridge was on the streets list at the beginning of the year, so she thought it would make the most sense to work off this list.

S. Herron MOVED; P. Stein seconded to have legislation prepared to submit OPWC applications for Hollyview Phase 2, Liberty Avenue Waterline Phase 4, and the Highbridge Road project. Roll Call Vote 7 YEAS. **MOTION CARRIED**.

Next Meeting: September 19, 2022 @ 7:00 p.m. at the Vermilion Municipal Court Complex, 687 Decatur Street, Vermilion, Ohio