

COUNCIL WORK SESSION

MONDAY, MAY 20, 2013

6:15 P.M. PROMPT

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED

**PUBLIC HEARING - 7:00 P.M.
TAX BUDGET**

- **DISCUSSION OF AGENDA**

- **DISCUSSION OF BOARDS & COMMISSIONS RE-APPOINTMENTS**
 - Tim Dardy, Board of Building Standards and Appeals (expires 8/18/13)

- **UPCOMING PROJECTS**
 - Commercial Water Meters
 - Archer Road Pump
 - WWTP Roof Replacement
 - WWTP Electric Service Monitor Project
 - Cemetery discussion

- **DISCUSSION OF MARKETING PROGRAM**
 - See attached

- **EXECUTIVE SESSION - Personnel – Council Clerk
(Council and Law Director only)**

- **SUMMER MEETING REVISION –**
 - Possible revision to have meeting on June 10th instead of June 3rd.

Bedford, Ohio

May 20, 2013

Bedford City Council met in a work session at Bedford City Hall on Monday, May 20, 2013 at 6:15 p.m.

Present: Council Members: Mayor Daniel Pocek, Warner Batten, Marilyn Zolata, Paula Mizsak, Greg Pozar, Don Saunders. Administration: City Manager Henry Angelo, Finance Director Frank Gambosi, Assistant Law Director John Montello, Clerk of Council Pro-Tem Michelle Hollo, Jon Lindow.

Absent: Council Member Stan Koci, Law Director Ken Schuman.

Mayor Pocek announced that Bob Reid would be on the Lanigan radio show Tuesday, May 21, 2013 at 7:45 a.m. to announce his candidacy for County Executive.

Mayor Pocek began discussion of the Regular Council Meeting agenda.

Council had no amendments to the minutes of the Wards 5 & 6 Meeting of April 29, 2013. The minutes of the Work Session of May 6, 2013, and the Regular Meeting of May 6, 2013, were not completed at this time. Council agreed to table the approval of these minutes.

Mayor Pocek stated there will be a Public Hearing at 7:00 p.m. for Resolution 2468-13 approving and accepting the proposed 2013 tax budget for the year January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014.

The motion to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission for Uncle Bob's Storage site plan and addition approval was tabled on May 6, 2013. Today, Uncle Bob's Storage resubmitted drawings per the direction of the Planning Commission for the exterior wall facing Broadway. They have added some fake windows and signage. The only blank exterior wall would face Carylwood School. Mr. Angelo was able to contact all members of the Planning Commission, with the exception of Mrs. Briggs. Mr. Angelo, Building Inspector Larry Stouffer and those contacted members of the Planning Commission agreed that Uncle Bob's complied with the requested changes to the building. Council agreed to accept the recommendation.

Mayor Pocek stated there will be a Certificate of Recognition presentation to Reggie Taussig and Scott Spencer for their work over the past two years in preserving and updating cemetery records.

Ordinance No. 9072-13 is amending Section 151.18(h) of the Administrative Code having to do with sick leave. Mr. Gambosi explained that the current language was being interpreted that an employee would receive his sick leave payoff before actual retirement date. The language was changed to state the payoff would be made within 30 days of employee's retirement.

Ordinance No. 9073-13 is a contract with Ronyak Paving for the 2013 Street Improvement Program in the amount of \$1,205,733.70. Mr. Angelo stated this bid came in \$100,000 less than the engineer's estimate. Mrs. Zolata mentioned this was the contractor who did the work a few years ago on Old Broadway and Paul streets. Mr. Angelo stated there were bore samples and sections of the asphalt were pulled back to determine how much asphalt could be removed and what the new resurfacing would amount to, allowing a greater curb reveal.

Mayor Pocek explained with this contract there would be a different design firm (GPD Group) and construction inspection company (QCI) so that the same firm is not checking their own work and to ensure the contract specifications are met. Mr. Angelo will be having discussion with Mr. Ciuni to coordinate the change with QCI being the inspection firm. Mr. Gambosi indicated the ordinance includes the construction inspection of \$30,312.50 and the engineering fees are not to exceed \$65,000.00.

Discussion held if other street repairs could be added since the bid came in \$100,000 less than the engineer's estimate. Mr. Angelo replied nothing has been discussed yet, but will look into what else could be done. Also, the timeline of this project was discussed. Per the bidding document, the contractor has 90 days to complete the job. The 90 day period begins from the date the Notice to Proceed is issued.

Resolution No. 2471-13, Ordinance No. 9074-13 and Ordinance No. 9075-13 are the annual pieces of legislation necessary for street light assessments on property taxes. Mr. Gambosi explained because property valuations dropped, it was necessary to increase the millage from 1.1 to 1.2 mills. The electrical bill for the street lights citywide is approximately \$320,000. It is not a set bill every month. In past years when the values were higher, the City collected more money. At this time there is some cash in reserve that is to be used, therefore, Mr. Gambosi is only increasing .1 mills. It was decided to pass all three legislative actions this evening.

Ordinance No. 9076-13 is a contract with the Cuyahoga County Board of Health for performing Phase II stormwater activities in order to assist the City's compliance with stormwater regulations. Mr. Angelo explained this is a yearly contract with the Board of Health. The cost has decreased \$800.00 from last year. The Board of Health will take samples of stream water and check for fecal matter that could be caused by a broken sanitary line or septic system. The workers actually walk in the creek taking samples and also inform us of debris. Last summer, the Tinkers Creek Watershed assisted the City in cleaning up a section of the creek. Last year, only one section of the stream exceeded the fecal limit which was caused by a break at the Union Street pump station.

Ordinance No. 9077-13 is the pay ordinance for non-union personnel. The Recreation Director has requested changes and additions to various umpire pay rates. Mr. Angelo explained the changes would not increase the overall costs even though the rates are being increased. Discussion held if other communities shared in the costs of umpires or provide the umpire if the game is played in another city. Mr. Angelo replied that non-residents are charged a higher rate to participate in the baseball program and that our city provides all umpires for all games. It was mentioned for many years, some teams would pay the umpire directly. Mr. Gambosi explained the IRS does not allow that type of payment to umpires. They have to be paid through the City's payroll department. Mr. Angelo added that the money must be collected and paid to the City.

At 7:00 p.m., Bedford City Council temporarily adjourned work session to conduct the Public Hearing for Resolution 2468-13 approving and accepting the proposed 2013 tax budget for the year January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014.

Work session reconvened at 7:18 p.m.

During previous discussion on summer session meeting dates, Council agreed the June meeting would be held on June 3, 2013. Mr. Angelo is requesting Council change the Council meeting to June 10, 2013. There are several projects being advertised for bid with the bid openings occurring on June 6, 2013. These contracts could not wait to be awarded until the July 15, 2013 Council meeting. Mr. Angelo is requesting the meeting date change so we do not lose four weeks of work as two of these projects are weather permitting. Council agreed to Mr. Angelo's request.

Discussion of the Regular Meeting agenda was concluded.

Discussion of Boards & Commissions Re-appointments

Tim Dardy's term as a member of the Board of Building Standards and Appeals expires August 18, 2013. Mayor Pocek will contact Mr. Dardy to inquire if he would be interested in continuing to serve on this Board.

Upcoming Projects

Mr. Angelo stated we are going out for bid for the following projects: Commercial Water Meters, Archer Road Pump Station Improvements, WWTP Lab Building Roof Replacement and WWTP Electric Service Monitor Project. These projects are currently being advertised and the bid opening is June 6, 2013. These projects are estimated at \$3.5 million and are part of the bond issue. Inquiry made as to the feasibility of putting the septic systems in that area into the Archer Road pump station. Mr. Angelo recommended against putting them into the pump station.

Cemetery Discussion

Mr. Angelo reported that Sid Rahman, representing Bait-ul-ahad Mosque on Center Road, is seeking approval to install a monument in the Bedford Cemetery in the area under the bridge where the Bait-ul-ahad Mosque owns 100 plots. See attached rendering of the monument. The monument is 72 inches long by 36 inches high (6' x 3'). Currently there is only one grave marker in that area. In reviewing the attached picture, the monument would be erected where the cemetery employee is standing. There is nothing else back in that area of the cemetery, which is at our property line. Mr. Angelo asked Council for their input.

Discussion between Mr. Pozar and Mr. Angelo took place regarding:

- How did Bait-ul-ahad Mosque obtain 100 plots. Mr. Angelo explained this was negotiated by Bob Duber and him.
- What is the inventory of the cemetery? Is there limited space due to the aging population? Mr. Angelo replied there are 500-600 more plots available.
- Mr. Pozar stated to put up a sign is territorial. The cemetery is ours. It is a little bit prodding to the sensibilities to the people of Bedford.
- Mr. Angelo stated there is already an 8' monument in the babies/children section of the cemetery, mausoleums and several Christian markers. Gypsies have a section in our cemetery, but there is no monument or sign.
- Mr. Pozar believes there is a difference between one or two markers versus a monument designating a whole section of 100 plots. He is against setting this precedent. Being a Muslim section, it is highly controversial. Mr. Angelo responded by inquiring if a Catholic church put up a monument, would there be an issue.
- Mr. Pozar referred to recent events in Dearborn, Michigan.
- Mr. Pozar believes the people we represent would be against it.
- Mr. Pozar inquired if other cemeteries delineate a section to an entire group. Mr. Pozar requested research be done. Mr. Angelo will check with Calvary and other local cemeteries and report back to Council.
- What are the rules regarding the cemetery? Mr. Angelo has copies dated 1966 and 2004.

Mrs. Zolata does not agree with the monument. Mr. Saunders commented that raised headstones are permitted in that section. If the City denies the sign, it could be put on two or three plots as a headstone. It was discussed that a mausoleum requires five plots. Mrs. Mizesak stated the City should do what is right. Mr. Batten stated the sign is not an issue unless we make it an issue. Mayor Pocek agrees it is controversial.

Mr. Angelo said Milano Monuments would make the sign using granite stone. Mr. Rahman wants nothing ostentatious and does not understand the delay in receiving approval. Mr. Angelo has informed Mr. Rahman it is being discussed and will be informed as soon as a decision is made.

It was decided to table this discussion until Law Director Schuman returned. Mr. Angelo will advise Mr. Rahman that Council is discussing the issue and the Law Director has been asked to review it.

Discussion of Marketing Program

Mr. Angelo stated the Impact Group contract needs to be renewed starting June 1, 2013. Impact Group has proposed a reduced rate, \$12,000 less this year. Mr. Angelo said they have done an outstanding job. Although this contract has not resulted in new businesses or residents, this contract resulted in cleaning up the business and senior guides, revamping the newsletter and water bill insert, and website design. Impact is currently working on a new resident packet. Our current new resident packet information is dated.

There was discussion pertaining to errors in the last newsletter. There were typos, a paragraph was in there twice, and an incorrect function and date. Mayor Pocek would like to see them go past retention and begin marketing the city outward. Mr. Angelo will request Tom Speaks attend the June 10, 2013 work session.

Work Session adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

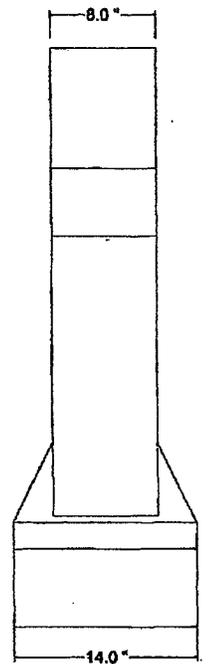
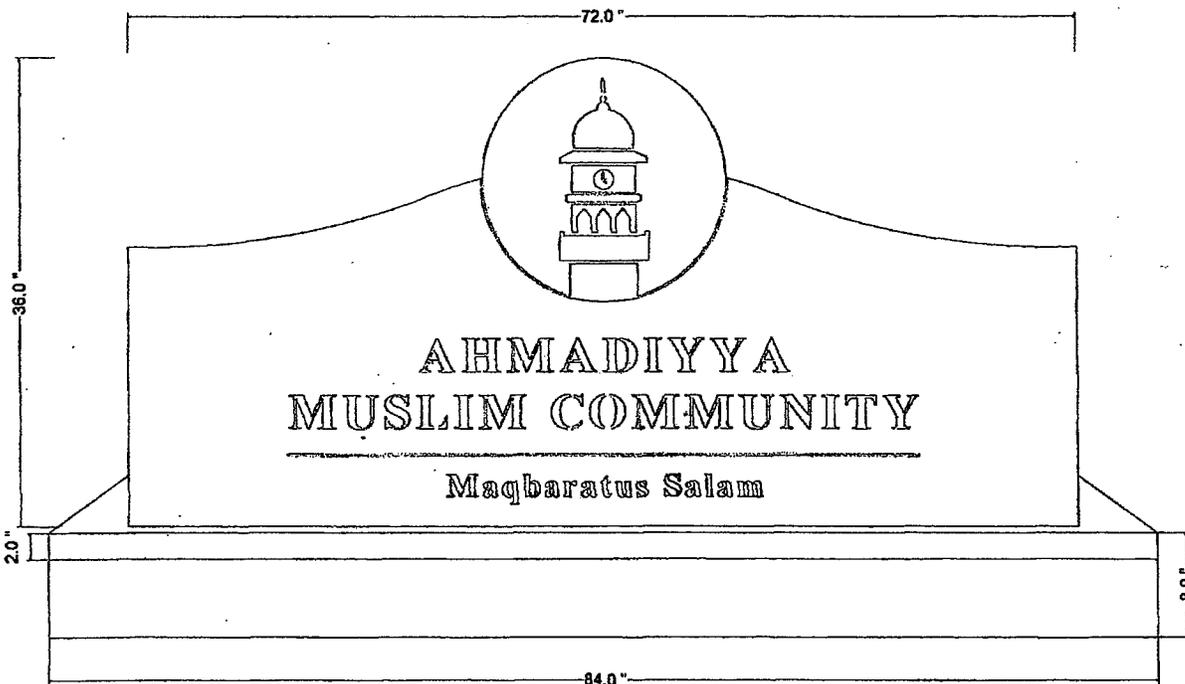
At this time, Bedford City Council and Assistant Law Director John Montello went into an executive session to discuss Personnel – Council Clerk.

Executive Session adjourned at 7:59 p.m.


Clerk of Council Pro-Tem


Mayor – President of Council

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PUBLIC HEARING

**BEDFORD CITY COUNCIL
STATE OF OHIO
COUNTY OF CUYAHOGA**

DATE: May 20, 2013

AGENDA

TIME: 7:00 P.M.

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

2. **ROLL CALL**

3. **NEW BUSINESS**

a. Resolution No. 2468-13

approving and accepting the proposed 2013 tax budget for
the year January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014

4. **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Pocek called the Public Hearing to order at 7:00 P.M.

Motion made by Pozar seconded by Mizesak to appoint Michelle Hollo Acting Clerk of Council. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Pocek, Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Batten, Mizesak. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Zolata seconded by Batten to excuse the absence of Councilman Koci. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Pocek, Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Batten, Mizesak. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

The roll was called. Present: Pocek, Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Batten, Mizesak. Absent: Koci.

RESOLUTION NO. 2468-13, being a resolution approving and accepting the proposed 2013 Tax Budget for the year January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014 and declaring an emergency placed on First Reading May 6, 2013 was read by title only.

Mr. Gambosi said the tax budget allows the County Auditor to set the property tax rate for next year which will be 21.7 mills. We did one change this year. We moved 1 mill from the Debt Service in 2014 to the General Fund. What is in the Waste Water Fund will be moved to the Debt Service Fund.

It also allows the City of Bedford to receive local government funds and it allows the County Auditor to provide the City of Bedford with a Certificate of Estimated Resources which limits the amount of money Council can appropriate for the year 2014. The tax budget does not appropriate any money for the coming year.

Mr. Gambosi would like an approval for the tax budget this evening.

Councilman Saunders said since we refinanced all our debt this year, does any of that reflect into this budget or is it still the old payments. Mr. Gambosi said he was able to update the debt schedules and put that in here for the new budget. We do have a little more that has to be paid. We were able to offset some of that by refinancing.

Councilman Pozar asked where the Debt Service line was located. Mr. Gambosi said Debt Service for the General Obligation is Fund 300. It is under the Debt Service Fund called General Obligation Bond Fund. Mr. Pozar said what he is asking is, the interest we pay every year and maintain this debt, what is that number. There was discussion regarding the attachments and where the information could be found.

Mr. Pozar said we start with \$214,000 in escrow for that debt service fund. Mr. Gambosi explained what was added in from the different funds. Mr. Pozar said there is an unencumbered balance at the end that goes from \$214,000 to \$217,000. Mr. Gambosi said we try to balance that out during the year. Total gross interest, both special assessment and general fund obligation is \$410,108 in 2014. The enterprise funds that consist of water and sewer, the interest expense for 2014 is \$343,324 for both funds.

Mr. Pozar said we are paying \$343,000 a year to carry this debt. Mr. Gambosi said in water and sewer funds and it is backed by the rate structure of the city. Mr. Pozar said he is talking about the General Fund. Mr. Gambosi said the first figure he gave him was the debt service of the General Fund. Mr. Pozar asked if the debt was \$217,000.

Mr. Gambosi said that is the cash balance in the fund that is also available as a resource besides what is going to be put into the fund from transfers from all the funds together to get to the total. This year we are only going to have the income tax in there. The income tax plus all the transfers from the General Fund and the Court and the Ambulance Fund will equal the total of \$1,283,000. The interest from Fund 110 is \$395,838, the Water Fund is \$133,547 and the Waste Water Fund is \$209,777. That is the breakdown for all three of those including the new debt.

Councilwoman Mizesak asked about the budget and Mr. Gambosi said everything is in there.

Mr. Gambosi said the total budget for this year \$37, 298,077.

Motion made by Saunders seconded by Pozar to adjourn. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Pocek, Pozar, Saunders, Zolata. Batten, Mizesak. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 P.M.


Clerk of Council Pro Tem


Mayor – President of Council

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

3. **ROLL CALL**

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a. Approval of Minutes of the Wards 5 & 6 Meeting of April 29, 2013
- b. Approval of Minutes of the Work Session of May 6, 2013
- c. Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 6, 2013

5. **OLD BUSINESS**

- a. Resolution No. 2468-13, approving and accepting the proposed 2013 tax budget for the year 2014, 1st reading – 5/6/13; Public Hearing – 5/20/13
- b. Motion to accept the April 16, 2013 recommendation of the Planning Commission for the Sovran Self Storage Inc./Uncle Bob's Storage for site plan and additional approval, tabled – 5/6/13

6. **REPORTS**

- a. City Manager – Certificates of recognition
- b. Law Director
- c. Finance Director
- d. Council Reports

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Ordinance No. 9072-13, amending Section 151.18(h) of the Administrative Code
- b. Ordinance No. 9073-13, contract with Ronyak Paving, Inc. for the 2013 Street Improvement Program (\$1,205,733.70)
- c. Resolution No. 2471-13, declaring the necessity to improve certain streets in the City by lighting
- d. Ordinance No. 9074-13, determining to proceed with the improvement of certain streets in the City by lighting
- e. Ordinance No. 9075-13, levying special assessments for the improvement of street and public places in the City by lighting in accordance with Resolution No. 2471-13 and Ordinance No. 9074-13
- f. Ordinance No. 9076-13, contract with the Cuyahoga County District Board of Health Phase II stormwater
- g. Ordinance No. 9077-13, amending Ordinance No. 9052-13, umpires pay rates.
- h. Motion to schedule the 2013 summer meetings to be held on June 10, July 15, and August 19, 2013.

8. **HEARING OF CITIZENS**

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

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(council minutes and agenda posted at www.bedfordoh.gov)

Bedford, Ohio

May 20, 2013

Bedford City Council met in Regular Session at Bedford City Hall on Monday, May 20, 2013. Mayor Pocek called the meeting to order at 8:00 P.M. The meeting was opened by pledging allegiance to the flag. The roll was called. Present: Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Batten, Mizsak, Pocek. Absent: Koci.

Motion made by Saunders seconded by Batten to approve the Minutes of Wards 5 & 6 Meeting of April 29, 2013. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Batten, Mizsak, Pocek. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Pozar seconded by Zolata to table the Minutes of the Work Session of May 6, 2013. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Batten, Mizsak, Pocek. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mizsak seconded by Saunders to table the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 6, 2013. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Batten, Mizsak, Pocek. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 2468-13, being a Resolution approving and accepting the proposed 2013 Tax Budget for the year January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014 and declaring an emergency placed on first reading May 6, 2013 was read by title only. There was a Public Hearing held this evening, May 20, 2013 at 7:00 P.M. regarding this Resolution.

Motion made by Zolata seconded by Batten to suspend the rule requiring the reading of said resolution on three different days. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Batten, Mizsak, Pocek. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Pozar seconded by Saunders to place Resolution No. 2468-13 on third and final reading and passed.

Mr. Gambosi said at the last meeting and the Public Hearing he went over the purposes of the Tax Budget. We do this so we can get the rates set for next year. He asks that Council pass it this evening and then we can file it with the County Auditor.

The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Batten, Mizsak, Pocek. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the April 16, 2013 recommendation of the Planning Commission for the Sovran Self Storage, Inc./Uncle Bob's Storage for site plan and addition approval tabled on May 6, 2013.

Motion made by Zolata seconded by Batten to remove this recommendation from the table. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Batten, Mizsak, Pocek. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Zolata seconded by Saunders to approve the recommendation of the Planning Commission for the Sovran Self Storage Inc./Uncle Bob's Storage for site plan and addition approval.

Mr. Angelo said we tried to contact all the Planning Commission members but Mrs. Briggs was the only one they were unable to contact. The owner of the property has agreed to the request that we made that we not have a blank wall facing I-271/Broadway. He has resubmitted a drawing that has the fake windows that we requested, some brick veneer and a sign up there. We are looking at that as if it would be the front of the building. The front of the building actually faces I-271.

Based on our recommendation to the owner, he has agreed at an additional cost out of his pocket, to do what was requested by the Planning Commission.

The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Batten, Mizsak, Pocek. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Angelo said we have talked to the Metroparks about the deer culling. We need to set a time and we were looking at the possibility of a July 15th meeting. The man would be available at 7:30 P.M. but we could ask him to come earlier at 7:00 P.M. He asks Council what they would like to do. We will have time to put it into the utility bills. He will talk to the people that are concerned with deer culling, deer management and how to deal with the critters coming into their yards. Mayor Pocek said we will have the meeting at 6:30 P.M.

Mr. Angelo said we had a slight problem with one of the HVAC's up above. It doesn't require Councilmatic action but he wants them to know that it has been taken care of. There wasn't a leak but we have done preventative action. Tony Romito was up there and it is about \$1,900. The oil got out, leaked which caused the membrane to bubble. So rather than have that problem, we are going to spend the extra money now. It also preserves the warranty. He is just giving Council a heads-up.

Mr. Angelo introduced Reggie Taussig and talked about her hard work and dedication over the past two years in preserving the history of the Bedford Cemetery. Mr. Angelo listed all the things that were done by her in preserving this history. All her time was volunteered and she was thanked for her dedication to our community. Mr. Bellar, Director of the Service Department, presented Ms. Taussig with a Certificate of Recognition and read it in its entirety. She was also presented with an imitation grave stone that was engraved.

Mr. Angelo asked Scott Spencer to come forward and explained his involvement in the Bedford Cemetery. He assisted Ms. Taussig in preserving the history of the Bedford Cemetery. Scott Spencer is an employee but we need to recognize those that do an outstanding job and that is what Mr. Spencer has done. Mr. Bellar presented Mr. Spencer with a Certificate of Recognition and read it in its entirety.

Mayor Pocek said on behalf of Council and the Bedford Citizens, he thanks Ms. Taussig and Mr. Spencer for all their hard work and dedication.

Mr. Bellar said his Administrative Assistant Kathie Chapman also worked closely on this project and he thanks her for a fine job.

No report from the Assistant Law Director, John Montello.

Mr. Gambosi, Finance Director, stated that we are going to be starting our events on the square. The Rotary Rib Burn Off will be May 31, June 1 and June 2.

Mayor Pocek said in a week, on May 27th we will be having our Memorial Day Parade. It is a very solemn ceremony and a solemn day that we honor those that have fallen in the defense of liberty for our country over the past couple hundred years. Coming up is the 150th Anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg which was the most tragic battle ever fought in the U. S. history because it was fought among Americans.

The Mayor wanted to recognize a good friend of his, Mr. Trocchio, who turned 90 years old on Saturday.

Councilman Batten said on the agenda tonight there is an ordinance to resurface streets in the City of Bedford. We are going to be spending \$1,205,000. Three of those streets are in Ward 1, Ward 4 and the rest of Grand Blvd. According to our City Manager, these bids are going out in the next few days and they have exactly 90 days to complete the job. It is not going to be like we had on Grand Blvd. a couple of years ago that took 2 years. He asked Mr. Angelo if that is correct. Mr. Angelo said yes it is barring any unforeseen weather problems.

Mayor Pocek said those of us that were here for the Open House on Saturday, it was a wonderful event. He wants to compliment the Administration and all those that participated.

Councilwoman Zolata said she came tonight from a Historical Board meeting and she would like to tell everyone about the Strawberry Festival. She will be happy to see everyone there. They have had good weather the past couple of years and hopes it will be the same this year because it is a big fund raiser for the Historical Society.

Mrs. Zolata said regarding the street program, we are happy we are having a street program. We want to make sure it is done right and inspected right. We are going to be watching because it is very important. We are happy to have the money but we have to make sure it is well spent.

The Historical Society also honored Reggie Taussig at their Annual Dinner. According to them, she has done so much work that they could never afford to do what she has done. Mrs. Zolata would like to wish everyone a Happy Memorial Day and please try to be either in the parade or at the parade.

Councilwoman Zolata said there are already problems starting the some of the juveniles. There are some starting to act up. If anyone has a problem, let someone know because it is not something we want in our city. Kids will be kids but we don't need fighting and name calling.

Councilwoman Mizzak said it was nice to see so many people and residents from Ward 4. Congratulations to Reggie Taussig and Scott Spencer. The Open House on Saturday was very special. We had a beautiful day and a wonderful crowd. She was told they had used 400 hot dogs by noon. It was a very successful afternoon. Mrs. Mizzak said she has received quite a few calls regarding the high grass situation which we are getting under control. On one street, the neighbors help each other by calling her to let her know about problems. The gentleman that owns the lawn and yard service that does lawns for the City cut the one yard that was overgrown but made a point to tell her that it was taken care of so she could call the residents. He is also working on the dip of Turney Road and is doing a beautiful job. Thanks to everyone for being here tonight.

Councilman Pozar said he has been asking for progress on the billboard on Broadway and Forbes. Many find it offensive. Mr. Angelo has indicated that the owner of that building was going to remove that billboard and that was a few weeks ago. Mr. Angelo said he was told 3 to 4 weeks and he has not touched base with him since. He is still within the time he said. Mr. Pozar said he thought it was 2 weeks. Maybe we can look forward to it by the next meeting. Mr. Angelo said he will call him.

Mr. Pozar said another thing that was discussed before is the report that he had from the owner of Jay Buick dealership. It had to do with the Automile sign which was completed and turned over. They find it to be not visible enough, they cannot read it during the day. It has been brought up on the record during the last meeting and he thought it was going to be looked into. Has that been revisited for the possibility of upgrading that? Mr. Angelo said they looked into the change but that is not the one with the top on it. Mr. Pozar said the Automile sign is written in red and during the day it looks dark.

Mr. Angelo said they darkened the top to gold where it says Bedford. The pictures were given to them the same time it was given to Council which was at least a year ago. Mr. Pozar said pictures are one thing but the finished product is what Mr. Jacobson spoke to him about. He assured him that he would bring it to Mr. Angelo's attention. Mr. Angelo said he would give Mr. Jacobson a call. They did make the change because it was a highlighted white, which he agrees was hard to see, and they made it into a gold or off-yellow. The Mayor said there was some discussion when they were there for the dedication of maybe outlining "Bedford" in a black outline. Mr. Angelo said someone did mention it. The Mayor said he thinks that may be what Mr. Pozar is referring to because Mr. Jacobson was talking about that. Mr. Angelo said he will see what can be done about outlining them. What they did before was take the plastic blocks out.

Councilman Pozar spoke of the method we assist handicapped people in our community that have a special problem. He knows cities don't have programs nor do they have funds to do that but our County does a good job of that. Our City coordinates very well with locating the various programs that are pertinent to the need and he asked our Economic Development Director two weeks ago to look into a specific case about a resident on Forest Drive that is truly handicapped. In a day and age where we can go to the golf course and see 15 handicapped spots, where anybody can get a handicapped sticker that gets a doctor's permit and there are programs for everything in the world, when we have a visibly truly needy resident like we do here, he is sure there is something we can do to help her put up a roof so her house doesn't leak, help her put in a handicap ramp that we did once before and maintain it. He doesn't know if Mr. Mallis discussed it with the City Manager or Finance Director. Does Mr. Angelo know of any results because it has been a couple of weeks? Mr. Angelo said he has talked to 3 different people and took their names. We are not in the World Changers program anymore, at least for this year. What he is doing is giving the World Changers the names of individuals and they will deal with them directly. World Changers will be in Bedford and sleeping and eating at the school. They will be working in the area. As far as us participating and getting a grant, we decided we couldn't do it this year.

Mr. Pozar said we need to know if there is a County program available and if there is, let's go for it. We pay lots of taxes to the County and when we have a pressing need like this, we should avail those services. Mr. Angelo said we did discuss with the County the possibility of that kind of money. That is one of the reasons we decided not to go and do the work because they decided they weren't going to give us CDBG funds (Community Development Block Grant funds). For a project like Councilman Pozar is talking about, he would assume it could only come from the CDBG funds out of the County. Mr. Pozar asked what project does he think he is talking about. Mr. Angelo said roofs or handicap ramps. Mr. Pozar said one roof, one individual and one specific problem. Mr. Angelo said you are limited to the restrictions on what funds can be used for those kinds of projects, you can't use a general fund from the County or the City. Mr. Pozar said he wants an answer from someone who does this on a daily basis, rather than speculation. Mr. Angelo said he will get back to him.

Councilman Saunders said he would like to congratulate all the people that helped put on the City Hall Anniversary Open House, the Garden Club, the Fire Department, the Police Department, all the Service personnel, everybody that worked there. It was an excellent event even though they ran out of hot dogs half way through it which means we had several hundred people there the first couple of hours. That is a sign of success. The little kids really enjoyed the Fire Department display with the inflatable bounce house, the fire truck slide, the cotton candy and popcorn. It was a good time had by all and it was good to see young families here. Everyone got to see what the facilities do have and hopefully, more people will get involved in some of the activities that occur in the city.

Mr. Saunders said happy Memorial Day and he hopes everyone comes out for the parade. It is always good to show support for those that have served. They have laid their lives on the line.

Councilman Saunders told the City Manager that there still is a paneled truck parked on Nordham every night which is against our city ordinance. We need to do something about that because half the time it is parked on the street which narrows the street significantly. They are not allowed to park it there or in the yard. Mr. Angelo said he will look into it.

ORDINANCE NO. 9072-13, being an ordinance amending Section 151.18(h) of the Administrative Code of the City of Bedford, Ohio and declaring an emergency was read by title only. Motion made by Zolata seconded by Batten to suspend the rule requiring the reading of said ordinance on three different days. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Batten, Mizensak, Pocek. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mizensak seconded by Pozar to place Ordinance No. 9072-13 on third and final reading and passed.

Mr. Gambosi said this is to clarify separation pay, specifically, the sick leave on how it's paid and when it's paid to the employees.

The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Batten, Mizensak, Pocek. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 9073-13, an ordinance authorizing and directing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Ronyak Paving, Inc. being the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder and declaring an emergency was read by title only. Motion made by Batten seconded by Saunders to suspend the rule requiring the reading of said ordinance on three different days. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Batten, Mizensak, Pocek. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Saunders seconded by Pozar to place Ordinance No. 9073-13 on third and final reading and passed.

Mr. Angelo said if passed, this will give him the authority to sign a contract with Ronyak Paving. The contract is for approximately \$1.2 million. We went out for bonds for \$1,475,000. There is a savings involved and there has been a discussion with Council as to what we can do regarding other street improvements or other improvements within the city because we did borrow the money at a low rate. Once the notice to proceed is given, it is 90 days that they have to do the work, barring any unforeseen weather circumstances.

Councilman Pozar stated that there are a number of streets, there are 22 on the page that are being improved with asphalt. In Ward 5, there are 2 streets – Forest and Oakwood and that is cement. In addition to those, there are 2 others that are concrete work streets. Although we are looking at \$1.2-\$1.3 million, \$75,000 has been set aside for those 4 streets. For Santin Circle, Nordham, Oakwood and Forest, that is a band aid. We have a situation on Oakwood and Forest which is they are used as a short cut due to the deplorable condition on West Grace. Daily, Oakwood and Forest are used to cut around the train. He would strongly recommend that we revisit the approach that we are taking to repair joints and slabs on those particular streets. He doesn't think we could do a whole lot on 4 streets for the amount of money budgeted. In as much as we were successful in getting this bid to on the surface save \$100,000, he would like to have that \$100,000 put on those 2 streets in the form of serious concrete work if Council would deem fit.

Mr. Angelo said he would talk to the Service Director and Engineer because he is the one who worked with us as far as when the last work was done and what other work could be done. The other problem would be the cost of the concrete per yard as opposed to asphalt. This is something that needs to be discussed further. Mr. Pozar said he is sure Mr. Bellar is aware of the frequency those 2 streets are used.

Councilman Saunders said regarding the maintenance traffic for these projects, he hopes that some of these cut through streets such as Ennis and Blaine, there will be signs out on the main streets warning people ahead of time that they may want to go another route. Blaine is used by the RTA for the hospital, they may want to figure out another way to route their buses because they may have difficulty. He hopes the residents realize that this may be a temporary inconvenience but it is a permanent solution. Due to the efforts of Mr. Gambosi, the Administration and Council, we are taking money from bonds because of our good bond rating and reinvesting it into the city with the hopes of keeping our neighborhoods looking fresh and appealing.

Mr. Angelo said there is a whole section on traffic maintenance cost. Mr. Saunders said that is one of the items this contractor cut way back on. Having worked in the highway industry for 20+ years, they tend to think that these are side streets so there won't be that much maintenance and traffic, they only need to put up a barricade. Some of these streets are being used as a thoroughfare, so it might require maintenance of traffic that they may not be aware of.

The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Batten, Mizsak, Pocek. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 2471-13, a resolution declaring the necessity to improve certain streets in the City of Bedford, Ohio by lighting the same and declaring an emergency was read by title only. Motion made by Batten seconded by Zolata to suspend the rule requiring the reading of said resolution on three different days. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Batten, Mizsak, Pocek. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mizsak seconded by Saunders to place Resolution No. 2471-13 on third and final reading and passed.

Mr. Gambosi said this resolution and the two ordinances that come after this are looking at the street assessment that we do for street lighting for the year 2014, tax year 2013. Valuations did drop in the city, therefore, the millage rate will increase for the first time in the last 23 years that he has been here. It will be increased from 1.1 mills to 1.2 mills.

Councilman Saunders said Logan is listed as a street on here and it is actually dedicated as an Avenue.

The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Batten, Mizsak, Pocek. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 9074-13, an ordinance determined to proceed with the improvement of certain streets in the City of Bedford, Ohio by lighting the same and declaring an emergency was read by title only. Motion made by Pozar seconded by Saunders to suspend the rule requiring the reading of said ordinance on three different days. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Batten, Mizsak, Pocek. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Zolata seconded by Batten to place Ordinance No. 9074-13 on third and final reading and passed. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Batten, Mizsak, Pocek. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 9075-13, being an ordinance levying special assessments for the improvement of the street and public places of the City of Bedford, Ohio by lighting of the same in accordance with Resolution No. 2471-13 and Ordinance No. 9074-13 and declaring an emergency was read by title only. Motion made by Mizesak seconded by Zolata to suspend the rule requiring the reading of said ordinance on three different days. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Batten, Mizesak, Pocek. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Saunders seconded by Batten to place Ordinance No. 9075-13 on third and final reading and passed.

Mr. Gambosi said the increase will be \$3.20 per year on a \$100,000 house. Councilman Pozar asked if that \$3.20 increase is per month. Mr. Gambosi said no, per year. It is \$2.00 a year for 1 mill and \$3.20 for the .1 mill increase of 1.1 to 1.2 mills. Councilman Saunders said he wants the public to know that over the last 10 years, we have been reducing the street lighting millage except for the last year or two. As we didn't need it, we did reduce it. Costs have gone up so we raised it as much as we absolutely needed it for now. Mr. Gambosi said when he first started it was 2.2 mills and now it is 1.2 mills.

The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Batten, Mizesak, Pocek. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 9076-13, an ordinance authorizing the City of Bedford to enter into a contract with the Cuyahoga County District Board of Health and declaring an emergency was read by title only. Motion made by Saunders seconded by Mizesak to suspend the rule requiring the reading of said ordinance on three different days. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Batten, Mizesak, Pocek. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Batten seconded by Zolata to place Ordinance No. 9076-13 on third and final reading and passed.

Mr. Angelo said this is a contract we enter into yearly. Last year this contract was \$5,000 and this year they reduced it to \$4,250. This is part of the stormwater regulations. The County does this for us and what they do is test the fecal matter in the receiving stream surrounding the City of Bedford. Most of what they find is from a septic system or a faulty/broken sanitary line. They found a major problem for us last year which was quite a bit of fecal matter and we took care of that. It is a good contract and he recommends that we accept it again, they work very well with us.

The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Batten, Mizesak, Pocek. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 9077-13, an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 9052-13 passed March 18, 2013 as subsequently amended and declaring an emergency was read by title only. Motion made by Saunders seconded by Batten to suspend the rule requiring the reading of said ordinance on three different days. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Batten, Mizesak, Pocek. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mizesak seconded by Pozar to place Ordinance No. 9077-13 on third and final reading and passed.

Mr. Angelo said these are changes we are making for payment of the Umpires in the Baseball, Softball and Travel League and in Soccer. The IRS has contacted the city and they want it done differently. The cost should be the same even though we moved up the price per game. It was a minimum cost per game, minimum being the minimum wage rate, \$7.75. Now, we are moving it to \$12.00 per game depending what league you are playing in. Mr. Angelo explained being certified and the minimum and maximum. There is more flexibility for our Recreation Director to work with and make sure we have the games covered.

The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Batten, Mizesak, Pocek. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Pocek said the summer meeting dates were originally scheduled to be June 3, July 15 and August 19. The Administration requested us to have the meeting on June 10 instead of June 3.

Motion made by Zolata seconded by Batten to schedule the 2013 summer meetings to be held on June 10, July 15 and August 19, 2013. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Batten, Mizesak, Pocek. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Pocek said that concluded the business portion of the meeting and asked if anyone in the audience had any comments.

Jean Sapir, representing the Southeast Branch of the Cuyahoga County Library, 70 Columbus Road, stated that they are looking forward to the summer activities. They can be grouped into three categories. One of the flagship programs is the summer reading program. It is for all ages, as long as you're reading. The theme this year is "Build Your Brain". This is in recognition of the County Library's campaign of building new branches, new buildings and renovations of several branches. The Southeast Branch is in the planning stages for some type of renovation.

Ms. Sapir said another signature program is "Poems On The Wind". We are going to start this again next month. Members of Council had created flags for this. We are doing this again all summer long, this is for all ages and will be displayed in the library. In September, at the Celebration of the Arts, they will be hung all around the Square and streets. She hopes there will be more flags from Council.

There are a lot of things for children this year. They will again serve lunches provided by the Cleveland Food Bank. Many of our children get free or reduced lunches at school but not in the summer. We will be providing these brown bag lunches, first come, first serve. This will be for children 18 years old and younger.

This is the second year for Camp Cuyahoga which is a series of programs for different ages to engage the students' brains in the summer so they don't get summer brain drain. They are for different ages and there are different themes. Ms. Sapir further discussed the programs at the library and when they will be held and what the themes will be. There will also be events for the adults. There is a special display in the lobby window. A local resident came in and now there are birdhouses in the window.

Jeff Duber, 134 Harriman, thanked the City Manager for handling the water problem on the street. There are a number of homes that have an issue with their lawns not being mowed. He knows the City will go after the caretakers of the property eventually. But right now, as you travel through the city there are a lot of yards that have severe growth. He was thinking of a program like an "adopt a lot" where a neighbor would go and cut the grass and in return for cutting the grass, the City could say, if you take care of this lawn for the rest of the summer or until somebody buys the property, we will take care of your water bill for a month.

Mr. Duber said this would be an incentive for the homeowner to do this. If someone calls and complains about an overgrown lot, they could be asked if they would be willing to do that. He doesn't know if this is something Council could authorize but he thinks it would be worth looking into. Some of these lots could then be cut on a regular basis. You will eventually collect from the people because the taxes will be assessed for the cutting.

Mr. Angelo said what Mr. Duber is suggesting is excellent but our problem is the legality. We could not reimburse them with the water because that is a different fund. He has told many people that we don't want the \$200 to cut somebody's grass, we just want them to cut it. We have documents that show the grass was cut on such a date and we pay a landscaper to do that. Council did pass legislation that backs this up so if we do go to court with these people, we can assess the property. If we have a neighbor cutting it, he doesn't know if the City could assess them. The Mayor said we could have some legal issues. Mr. Gambosi said he has had issues that even when we can document that we cut their lawns, people still give us a hard time saying they didn't have proper notice. If you don't have any documents that show it was cut, that is one of the issues that prevents us from assessing. They do give us a hard time.

Mr. Duber said the bottom line is that what you are doing right now is not effective. The lawns are not getting cut. As you go through the city, there are tons of lawns that aren't cut. It is easy to tell which property is not being taken care of. Mr. Angelo said Mr. Duber is right. We have 2 people out there doing it and we are bringing on a part time person to assist. At the same time, we are doing probably \$20 to \$25 million worth of projects being piled on one of the Inspectors and there are regular inspections for people waiting to get inspected for a project being done at their house. Our intent is to get caught up, there is no question that we are behind. But there is due process and we have to get a letter to them before we cut the property. They go out take a picture, they have a ruler to show how high the grass is and document it. If could hire 5 more people, we still wouldn't be able to catch up. We really are trying to catch up.

Mayor Pocek said he hears what Mr. Duber is saying but this time of the year there is a spike in lawns and by the time the letters get out around Memorial Day there is a sharp decrease because the letters have hit home and their time has come. It happened across the street from him. He was looking at a property for two weeks and then it was taken care of. He thinks there are some legality issues with a citizen going on somebody else's property and cutting the grass. Mr. Duber said there are always legal issues.

Mr. Pozar said he agrees 100 percent and he thinks the lawyers are taking this country and running in the wrong direction. Years ago, you would just go cut somebody's lawn, you would be doing them a favor. Two years ago on Forest there were properties like that. Traditionally, they are small and neighbors could go and cut them and not be afraid of getting sued for trespass. But now, to say the city would do a quid pro quo internally, you cut it and we will do something, it would be a nightmare to administer that. He would like to see the old spirit of people taking care of each other. When something is an eyesore, just go and whack it out and don't worry about it. There are not too many that have that courage anymore because they are afraid of getting sued, they are afraid of getting in trouble. It is a sad testament of our times. Mr. Duber said he agrees.

Councilwoman Zolata said a lot of neighbors already do that and take their chances. She asked if we just send one letter out a year. Mr. Angelo said yes. Mrs. Zolata said then after that, if they leave it uncut we can go in and cut it. Mr. Angelo said yes we do. He also said we have reduced the time process.

Mr. Duber said you reduced the time process but the number of homes have drastically increased that aren't being cut because there are so many abandoned homes in the city. Mr. Angelo said so everyone understands, we go through this with the bonds and put all our numbers and stats together. In the period that we looked at for the bond presentation, the low number of vacant/foreclosed homes is 235, the high was 410. When we did the bond presentation, we were at 335 so we are holding within that mid-range right now. This is all we have record of and we try to keep track of all those. When we get the tax certificates for foreclosures, we get as much information as we can to track those. Some of those houses you are talking about are occupied and they are just lazy.

Barbara McDaniel, 186 Center Road, said regarding tree lawns and grass, what is the criteria if someone gets a new waterline and they have never fixed their tree lawn. But, the city immediately put in a new tree. She doesn't understand, the place is a dump. They finally cut their grass. Mayor Pocek asked if she has the address. Mrs. McDaniel said it is 244-246 Center Road. It is a mess and they had their waterline put in a year ago. It is all clay piled up and it looks junky. It's the only tree lawn that looks like that.

Mayor Pocek asked if there were any further comments. There being no reply, motion made by Batten seconded by Mizsak to adjourn. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Pozar, Sanders, Zolata, Batten, Mizsak, Pocek. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 9:03 P.M.


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