

STREETS, BUILDINGS & GROUNDS MEETING MINUTES

April 12, 2021 @ 6:00 p.m.

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

Administration: *Jim Forthofer, Mayor; Tony Valerius, Service Director; Chris Howard, City Engineer; Amy Hendricks, Finance Director; Chris Stempowski, Fire Chief; 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: Review of Potential Street Projects

C. Howard reported the projects the city has coming up is the Maplevue Drive Reconstruction Project (Hollyview to Forestview), which they received OPWC funding for. The city's portion for this contract is estimated at \$281,621.00. This project will be going out to bid in the next couple of weeks. In addition, the section from Forestview towards Sanford Street (approximately 350' of pavement) was going to be included in the original application, but it wasn't because they didn't want to get shot down from OPWC for going after too much, so the administration would like to do this as an alternate bid because there is a section that needs to be replaced and it would make sense to do it with this project because they would probably get better numbers. He said they are estimating this section to cost \$200,000, and council can decide once the numbers come if they want to proceed with this section. He would recommend this to council as it would take care of Maplevue Drive. Another project under consideration would be the Woodlands/Liberty Avenue intersection. They previously had discussed the condition of this area with Council as it is safety issue. The estimated cost is \$175,000 and they had communications with Ohio Edison who is willing to relocate the utility poles at their cost to help the city. Another project to consider is Vermilion Road as they were approached by the Lorain County Engineer's Office on a section that is about 625' from North Ridge north that is in the city. The Lorain County Engineer's Office is doing a mill and fill and storm sewer improvements, and they are asking the city if they would be interested in participating in this project, so they could do the mill and fill in that section. Their office would prepare the plans and they are estimating \$70,000 for the city's portion of that section of road. He thought it would make sense otherwise they would have a gap that the city would need to do

later. He said if Council takes these projects into consideration, this will leave about \$62,000 plus or minus off the \$789,000 that is in the street road levy fund.

S. Herron addressed the section of Vermilion Road as citizens in the past have brought up the terrible flooding issues there, so would this alleviate this issue. C. Howard said he has not seen the plans, but he feels it is more the township section of where they are doing the storm sewer improvements, but not in the city portion.

B. Holmes said he understands Brownhelm Station Road is on the city's radar as he gets calls about it a lot, as well as the completion of Highbridge Road. He said he wants this to continue to be on the administration's radar if funding comes available because these roads are not getting better. C. Howard agreed and said when they apply for OPWC this year, they will need to decide which roads they want to do. The concern with Brownhelm Station Road is the traffic – it is hard to get funding from OPWC based on traffic, but they do agree it is a bad section and it would need to be done in multiple phases to complete it. He said the south end of Highbridge Road also needs to be done.

T. Valerius said the city has Urban Paving this year from the city limits (Liberty Avenue) on the west side to the entire portion of Erie County, which would take them to South Shore Court, and State Route 60 (State Street) from the city limits to the south and up to Main Street will be paved this year as well. Additionally, resurfacing Sunnyside Road was recently awarded.

S. Holovacs MOVED, E. Skahen seconded to authorize the administration to proceed with the street projects as recommended by the City Engineer. Roll Call Vote 4 YEAS. **MOTION CARRIED.**

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

Next meeting: May 10, 2021 – 7:00 p.m. – Vermilion Municipal Complex, 687 Decatur Street, Vermilion, Ohio

Gwen Fisher, Certified Municipal Clerk