

Board of Works and Public Safety Meeting 11/20/2023:

The meeting began at 5:30pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. In attendance was Mayor Kelsey, Clerk-Treasurer Cummins, Superintendent Walls, Chief Parker as well as Board Members Hoeppner and Heckley.

Chief's Report: The Chief gave an update on the new PD Tahoe. The Chief went over details for a proposal of a 5-year lease program through Axon Enterprise that allows the department the training cartridges, live cartridges, and TASERS that they require during this period. This estimated cost is \$22,749. After discussion, Board Member Heckley moved to proceed as described, second by Mayor Kelsey, all in favor.

Superintendent's Report: The Superintendent explained that a sewer line will need to be moved near the bridge on Woodburn Road, near Roussey Road, where the county is planning a project to widen the bridge there. This project is scheduled to take place in October of 2025. He recommends that while the line is being moved, that it is encased and the line upsized to an 8 inch line. The Superintendent will get in touch with Ben from Commonwealth to plan for these future developments. The Christmas lights on the water tower have been replaced. The Superintendent gave an update on the sewer lift station project at the high school. He also mentioned that the sludge dumpster out at the shop has had the tarp destroyed by Waste Management. While he recognizes that this is also due to age, he knows that this is the reason that it needs to be replaced. The Mayor would rather just pay this cost now and move forward without seeking any reimbursement from Waste Management.

Clerk-Treasurer's Report: Minutes were presented from the meeting on 11/6/2023. After inspection, Mayor Kelsey moved to approve the minutes from 11/6/2023 as presented, second by Board Member Heckley all in favor. The Clerk-Treasurer presented a potential list of meeting dates for the 2024 calendar year. After discussion, there were no suggested changes to incorporate into the list.

Mayor's Report: The Mayor wanted to explore the possibility of the East Central Fire Territory stepping in to solve the sanitary sewer inflow issue by purchasing the City Hall building from Maumee Township and then helping fund the solution to this issue. The Mayor gave an update on the signage at the front of the industrial park and is waiting for the work to be done. He also reached out to Rusty with City Lights and Signals of Fort Wayne looking for an update on when they are putting in the new lights on Hickory Street. The Mayor is going to work with Landon at A & Z Engineering to develop an updated PASR plan to discover roads and sidewalks throughout the City that need to be addressed as a priority.

Board Member's Report: Board Member Hoeppner asked where the City was on the BF Goodrich situation. After discussion, Mayor Kelsey asked the Superintendent if he would reach out to Ben with Commonwealth to assist on this matter. Board Member Hoeppner asked for an update on Roemer Drive. The Mayor explained different options that will be implemented as part of a cost savings measure there and gave an overall update. Board Member Heckley asked about the future addition to be built to the north of City Hall. The Mayor explained that the owner was not opposed to voluntarily annexing the portion of that land that is not contained within the City limits currently. Board Member Hoeppner asked if any progress had been made regarding the Milan Township hydrant issue. The Mayor had brought it up to the Havenwood HOA and is awaiting a conclusion from that initial meeting.

Audience: Nothing to report.

Mayor Kelsey moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Board Member Hoeppner, all in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 6:14pm.