

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Minutes of Committee of the Whole Meeting
Held March 9, 2015

The meeting was called to order by President of Council Larry Oberdorf, and was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Oberdorf, Eckel, Ruse, Wagner, and Minarcin all present. Mr. Marquette and Mr. Staczek are expected shortly.

Mr. Oberdorf said the purpose of tonight's meeting is to get insight from council regarding Rossford roads and that Mr. Ciecka and Mr. Williams from Mannik & Smith are here to present relevant information. He asked Mr. Ruse to elaborate as it was his idea to hold this meeting.

Mr. Ruse said that we need to look forward and make future decision based on council plans and priorities. He said it is obvious that are roads are in poor condition and that we are trying to maximize grant money and also coordinate road improvements with NWWSD projects. He agreed that we as a city stubbed our toe in planning the Hillside project but it is turning out ok. In the future we need to plan better and make sure what council is behind. He said that we will need to look hard at assessing residents on unimproved streets when reconstruction takes place to pay for the curb and sidewalk improvements. *At this time Mr. Staczek entered the meeting.* As far as the street planning the hard question will be where the money is to come from. We do have a 3.5 mill levy coming up for renewal and the finance committee has talked with bond counsel about issuing notes.

Mr. Oberdorf asked Mr. Ciecka to summarize the meeting with the financial advisor.

Mr. Ciecka said that our approximate capacity to borrow is \$6 million at the upper range. The question would be how you would repay the bond as it is not free money and needs to be repaid with some type of revenue. The only thing we have now for repayment is the general fund.

Bob Williams of Mannik & Smith passed our several handouts which were road inventory, CIP plan and cost (see written reports). *At this time Mr. Marquette entered the meeting.*

Mr. Ruse said SR65 and the Crossroads Parkway are not shown as SR65 would be partially paid by state and Crossroads Parkway would be paid by TIF.

Mrs. Eckel explained the difference between full depth reconstruction and full depth reclamation saying that reclamation is cheaper and is what is used by the turnpike.

Mr. Oberdorf asked the life expectancy of both methods and was told by Mrs. Eckel both are twenty five years plus with the reclamation method saving cost due to reuse of materials and less trucking to haul away old materials.

Mr. Staczek asked how long a street that is milled and filled will last and Mr. Williams responded 5 to 7 years.

Mr. Ciecka then passed out a list of projects that involve federal funds (see written report)

Mr. Staczek questioned the expense of \$309,000 for replacing SR65 signals that are currently working. Mr. Ciecka said we could return the \$250,000 in grant money towards this project but the controller mechanisms on the current signals are old and will need to be replaced at some time.

Mr. Ruse said the controllers are on their last legs now and we face the risk of paying for the whole project at a later date if turn down the grant now. He said the finance committee needs to look at the next two to three years and see what we can afford to do and then look five years out. It has been suggested that based on current low interest rates that we issue notes for this year's projects and keep the cash in the general fund.

Mr. Ciecka than began a discussion regarding the credit for municipal income tax paid to another city by our residents. He said other jurisdictions do not give 100% credit i.e. Perrysburg gives 50% credit. He said he is not advocating this but suggesting that as a choice for increasing revenue versus property tax.

Mr. Marquette said we are showing we forgive about \$1.4 million but asked if we knew the reverse of that saying that when we looked at this several years ago it was a wash.

Mr. Minarcin said these are options given by Mrs. Freeman and the finance committee will need to look at this.

Mr. Marquette questioned whether they would be any fallout from eliminating the 100% credit and Mr. Ciecka said he did not know.

Mrs. Eckel said this plan is a five year plan but with mill and fill lasting five to seven years these roads would need to be looked at again in five years. Roads that are in excellent shape now would also need to be looked at later.

Mr. Oberdorf said the next logical step is to go to finance committee and work on plan for options to fund these road projects followed by another committee of the whole meeting. He suggested council also take this time to review these materials closely.

Mr. Ruse moved and Mr. Wagner seconded the motion to adjourn. All ayes. Motion carried.

*Larry Oberdorf
President of Council*

*Robert P. Watrol
Clerk of Council*