

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Minutes of Rossford City Council Meeting
Held May 12, 2008

The meeting was called to order by Mayor William Verbosky Jr. and was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Richards, Oberdorf, Eckel, Marquette, Hermes, and Kovach all present. Mr. Michaels is expected shortly.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of regular council meeting minutes of April 28, 2008. Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Richards seconded the motion to approve the minutes. All ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Agenda for regular council meeting of May 12, 2008 was presented to council. Reports from the Economic Development and Recreation committees were added. . Mr. Richards moved and Oberdorf seconded the motion to approve the agenda as amended. All ayes. Motion carried.

PRESENTATION

Rex Huffman, general counsel for NWSD introduced their Chairman, John Cheney to make a presentation regarding NWSD to Rossford council. Mr. Cheney introduced John Ault and Lyle Schulte who are board members, Jerry Greiner, executive director, and other staff members.

**Mr. Michaels entered the meeting.

Mr. Cheney explained that NWSD was formed in 1992 and began operations in January 1994. He said Rossford withdrew just prior to that date and that membership has expanded from 12 to all 17 townships and from 3 to 10 villages. He said they have the authority to do bond issues and levy assessments to build water projects. Mr. Marquette asked where they get water from and who treats their wastewater. Mr. Cheney said they buy water from Oregon, Toledo, Perrysburg, Bowling Green, and Fostoria, contract most wastewater treatment to other entities (Oregon, Toledo, Perrysburg, Bowling Green, and Fostoria.) and have some small plants of their own. They have an updated Master plan that was revised in 2006. Mr. Michaels asked if they have water treatment capacity and did they participate in the capital improvement project in Bowling Green. He was told no, water is purchased at wholesale and they did not participate in the project. Council was told that they have a contract with Toledo to purchase water at the outside rate of 150% until 2024. Mr. Michaels asked what their annual capital outlay is and was told this year \$11m is budgeted for sewer and \$7m for water with 20% cash and 80% borrowed. NWSD currently has about \$7m in cash and securities and about \$15-16m in debt paid by special assessments. They have 30 staff members in the field that do maintenance and emergency repairs unless they cannot handle and contract out. Mr. Hermes said the report indicates they have 4 EPA items and was told has they get orders these go to construction. Mr. Hermes asked why wages had increased by 25% and was told it was a combination of increase in wages and adding staff. Mr. Hermes asked what is the benefit to Rossford of NWSD and was told on the sewer side there are substantial repairs ahead and sanitary sewer issues that NWSD could spread the cost of over their entire customer base instead of just Rossford. Mr. Richards said the report showed sewer and water increases in 2006 and 2007. Mr. Oberdorf asked if Rossford became a member how would we be adequately serviced and the response was that NWSD currently maintains 225 miles of sewer and 300 miles of water and they could handle the additional 25 miles of Rossford lines without problem. Mr. Oberdorf asked Dave Jones, Public Works superintendent how joining NWSD would affect his employees and was told this would take away work from his employees but that the issue is not that but rate. Mr. Ciecka said our public works department is a multi-varied department that does a fine job but that the reality is that most water line work is contracted out to Toledo and sewer work over a certain depth is also contracted out. Mr. Oberdorf asked if this would cause a loss in public works employees. Mr. Ciecka said it is hard to say at this point. Mr. Michaels asked if we could assume we would pay the same outside rate as NWSD is contracted for. Mr. Greiner said they do not know, they would like to think Toledo would merge Rossford into the NWSD rate. Mrs. Eckel asked how we could leave the district if the relationship went sour and was told that the Board of NWSD would have to petition the court to let us out. Mrs. Eckel asked what the advantage of being a member is and was told without being a member we would get limited

service and no voting rights. She was also told we would be the largest member of the NWSD. Mr. Oberdorf asked Mr. Heban to clarify how we would get out of being a member and was told through the court and legally it is not much different than the current TARTA situation. Mr. Marquette asked who determines whose water we get and was told the provider as per contract. Mr. Marquette also asked about a capital improvement cap and was told there is none, work needed is done. In response to a question from Mr. Michaels Mr. Greiner explained that NWSD charges users for the purchase of I & I credits. Mayor Verbosky there are pros and cons to Rossford staying independent or joining NWSD. Dave Jones, Public Works superintendent asked how NWSD would absorb the city's current \$5-6m without raising rates. Mr. Greiner explained that absorbing the debt would be part of the process of researching and forecasting cost and rates based on capital improvements. Jeff Appelhans, Hannum Ave. asked where the maintenance garages is for NWSD and was told at SR582/I75 and that with 30 employees and multiple crews they can respond in about twenty minutes or less to all areas of the district. Tyler Kolb, a public works employee asked how many sewer trucks they have and was told one. In conclusion Mr. Cheney thanked council for the opportunity to make the presentation.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Kovach presented the Economic Development committee report of May 5th (see minutes). Mrs. Eckel asked if the review board would be a duplication of the review commission that council authorized last year. Mr. Ciecka said that board was never appointed and both Mr. Kovach and Mayor Verbosky said there would be only one board that would cover both areas-the downtown district and the PC district.

Mr. Oberdorf presented the Recreation committee report of April 17th (see minutes). Mr. Michaels asked if the hot dogs were cooked elsewhere and brought to the ball field would that satisfy the health department. Mrs. Eckel said it would depend where and how cooked and how kept warm. He also asked why pizza is allowed and was told that it is delivered in an insulated bag.

Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Kovach seconded the motion to accept the committee reports as given. All ayes. Motion carried.

REPORT OF MAYOR AND/OR ADMINISTRATOR

Mayor Verbosky introduced Rossford resident Gay Barker who said she is opening a new real estate office, Key Realty, at 401 Maple St. The ribbon-cutting is scheduled for May 15 at noon and all are invited. The mayor said that the planning commission will meet on May 14 at 7:00pm for final site approval for the Sonic Restaurant. He also said he had attended a meeting of the NW Ohio Regional Economic Development Association at the Local 8 Hall last week and the DARE graduation at Glenwood School.

Mr. Ciecka gave council a handout that outlined the five proposed alternatives and estimated cost for improving the Buck Rd. /Lime City Rd. intersection. He indicated that only alternatives #3 (two roundabouts) and #5 (signaled intersection at Lime City Rd. and one roundabout) meet the qualifications for federal funding and asked for council's opinion. He said the Public Works committee had indicated that alternative #3 was acceptable. He said that Penta has also indicated that the needed right-of-way on their property would be donated. Mr. Hermes and Mrs. Eckel both agreed that Penta should not be paid for right-of-way since they created the problem. Mr. Richards and Mr. Hermes both agreed that since any construction is at least two years away and Penta opens in months maybe we should wait and see how bad the problem is before deciding on an alternative. Mr. Ciecka said any delay could cause us to lose the federal funding or delay funding. Mr. Marquette indicated that he was in favor of alternative #3. Mr. Michaels said the public works committee of which he is a member had decided on alternative #3 because it was more user-friendly and more environmentally friendly. Mr. Ciecka said no decision on how the 20% local share will be paid or divided among the stakeholders. Mr. Michaels said he was disappointed that Penta's site plan was approved with no provision made for traffic. Mr. Ciecka said the approving body was another governmental jurisdiction that did not ask us for input. Council indicated initial favor toward alternative #3.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

ORDINANCES

#2008-13 – AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF \$340,000 NOTES, IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS, TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO REDEEM THE OUTSTANDING PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF THE CITY’S COMMUNITY CENTER CONSTRUCTION BONDS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. THIRD READING.

Mr. Richards moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

#2008-14 – AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$120,000 NOTES, IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS, TO PAY COSTS OF IMPROVEMENTS TO THE SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. THIRD READING.

Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

#2008-15 – AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$1,400,000 NOTES, IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS, TO PAY COSTS OF ACQUIRING CERTAIN ROADS AND APPURTENANCES AND INTERESTS THERIN FOR PUBLIC USE AS A PART OF THE CITY’S SYSTEM OF PUBLIC STREETS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. THIRD READING.

Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

#2008-16 – AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$222,500 NOTES, IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS, TO PAY COSTS OF ACQUIRING CERTAIN SANITARY SEWERS AND RELATED FACILITIES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. THIRD READING.

Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

#2008-17 – AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$222,500 NOTES, IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS, TO PAY COSTS OF ACQUIRING A WATER LINE AND APPURTENANCES THERETO AND INTERESTS THEREIN FOR OPERATION AND USE TO SERVE USERS IN THE CITY AS A PART OF THE CITY’S WATERWORKS SYSTEM, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. THIRD READING.

Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

#2008-25 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR LIME CITY ROAD RESURFACING IMPROVEMENTS TO SHELLY COMPANY, INC; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mr. Ciecka said bids had been received for the resurfacing of Lime City Rd. and that he is recommending that the low bid be accepted. The scope of work is from Schrier Rd. south to roughly Interstate Lanes. Mr. Marquette wanted to be sure that Shelley Co. was sure of what they were bidding on since their bid is so much lower than the next bidder. Mr. Ciecka said there is variation but that Shelley Co. confirmed their numbers as being accurate with Poggemeyer Design. Mr. Kovach asked when this would start and was told approximately June 13th. Mr. Marquette asked how long this project would take and what kind of inconvenience would be caused. Mr. Ciecka said probably 30 days length with traffic being reduced to one lane. This was given a first reading only.

#2008-26 – AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN BASS PRO ROSSFORD DEVELOPMENT COMPANY, LLC; AND BASS PRO ROSSFORD REAL ESTATE HOLDING, LLC; AND THE CITY OF ROSSFORD; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Michaels seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Heban said this is acceptable for a first reading and that the agreement negotiated with Bass Pro included everything the city had asked for. Mr. Ciecka said the TIF money will not go back to the developer. Mr. Michaels asked about sidewalks and was told sidewalks are already in front of the store and the remainder were deferred until development occurs. This was given a first reading only.

COUNCIL REMARKS

Mr. Hermes said there will be a Budget, Ways, and Means committee meeting on June 9 at 5:30pm.

Mr. Michaels said the Boat Parade Committee will be holding a meeting next week and participation is welcome.

Mr. Marquette said he had been told that Island View Park had been vandalized. Mr. Ciecka will check on this.

Mrs. Eckel scheduled a Public Works committee meeting for May 19 at 6:00pm to review the NWSD information. She complimented the public works department for doing an excellent job on brush pick-up and also asked the mayor to stress in a meeting with Rite-Aid that it would be desirable to have an expanded food section.

Mr. Richards scheduled a Public Safety committee meeting for May 19 at 5:00pm.

Mr. Oberdorf wanted to publicly thank Drs. Zouhary & Fisher for the invitation to the NW Ohio Prayer Breakfast.

***Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to schedule the next council meeting for Tuesday, May 27, due to the Memorial Day holiday.

AUDIENCE REMARKS

None

Mr. Kovach moved and Mr. Richards seconded the motion to adjourn. All ayes. Motion carried.

William Verbosky Jr.
Mayor

Robert P. Watrol
Clerk of Council