

VILLAGE OF POWELL COUNCIL

JULY 5, 2000

A regular meeting of the Village of Powell Council was held on July 5, 2000, and called to order at 7:35 p.m. by Mayor Mark Klein. Other Council Members present were William Nolan, Dave Chambers, Peggy Guzzo and George Kaitsa. Art Schultz was absent. Richard Cline arrived at 8:27 p.m. Also present were Stephen A. Lutz, Village Manager; Dawn Nauman, Clerk of Council, Ken Molnar, Director of Law, Rob Rice, Village Engineer, residents and representatives of the press.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of June 20, 2000 were approved as printed.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

There was none.

APPEAL OF PROPERTY MAINTENANCE VIOLATION NOTICE - John Barton

Stephen A. Lutz, Village Manager, reviewed that Mr. Barton's attorney has asked that his agenda item be continued until July 18 so that he may be present at the hearing. Mayor Klein asked if the hearing will be held within the appropriate time frame if it is delayed. Mr. Lutz said it will.

THIRD READING: ORDINANCE 2000-22: AN ORDINANCE MODIFYING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2000.

Stephen A. Lutz, Village Manager, reviewed that this Ordinance will fund a web site for the Village of Powell. A revised ordinance has been presented to Council that includes a calendar of events that may be administered from Village offices. The appropriation amount is now \$6,964.

Ms. Guzzo asked if this price includes one year of hosting. Mr. Lutz said it does. He added that a meeting is scheduled with the vendor prior to the next Administration Committee meeting, July 18, at 6:30 p.m.

Mr. Chambers asked if it is correct that the village will own the rights to the web site. Mr. Lutz said that there is no contract at this point, but if will be stipulated that the village retains ownership. Ms. Guzzo asked if the Village can switch hosting sites with no penalty. Mr. Lutz said they can after the initial agreement is complete.

Mr. Kaitsa asked if the Village can update the site. Mr. Lutz said it will be designed so a large amount can be done in-house. Ms. Guzzo said that Staff should also make sure that any graphics or logos are the property of the Village. Mr. Kaitsa agreed.

Ms. Guzzo asked if the price to add the calendar of events is reasonable. Dawn Nauman, Clerk of Council, said that among all of those who submitted bids, there was very little disparity in prices.

MOTION: Mr. Kaitsa moved to adopt Ordinance 2000-22. Mr. Nolan seconded the motion.

VOTE: Y 5 N 0

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Development Committee: There was no report. The next meeting date is to be determined.

Finance Committee: Mr. Kaitsa reported that the next meeting will be held on July 13 at 8:00 p.m. He said at the last meeting was held on June 22. Mr. Kaitsa reviewed that the village's new budgetary software system went live on June 1, and it was a smooth transition. He said that GAAP conversion should be complete in September. He said the Finance Committee also addressed the following items:

Seldom Seen Road Repairs

Rob Rice, Village Engineer, gave a presentation on the repairs necessary for Seldom Seen Road. He provided a preliminary cost estimate (Exhibit). Mr. Rice said that the drainage ditches along this road have had an increased amount of standing water. He said that previous discussions with developers in the area regarding Seldom Seen Road improvements have been related to widening the road but not repairing the existing road, which is the Village's responsibility. He said they plan to take some test corings of the sub-grade to identify its condition. He said they are proposing to recondition 5 feet of pavement on both sides of the road and improve the ditch. He said this represents a permanent improvement that could be built on with additional widening later. Mr. Chambers asked if the plan is to grade the ditches. Mr. Rice reviewed the plan to change the grade of the ditches. He reviewed the plan to handle drainage. Mayor Klein asked how much the test coring will cost. Mr. Rice said the cost is \$3,750.

Mr. Rice reviewed the Township's plan to improve the road west of the railroad tracks. He said they are proposing a three-lane road with the center being a turn lane. It should be completed sometime this fall. He said that village Staff will be involved in meetings on that project because of the taper of the road in the Village limits. Mr. Chambers asked if there are plans to improve the railroad. Mr. Rice said that arms and signals are planned at that intersection, but they would not be on the same time schedule. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Kaitsa asked if the \$209,000 for this project represents the "worst-case scenario." Mr. Rice said it does.

Mayor Klein asked if it is feasible to have three lanes on one side of the track and two on the other. Mr. Rice said it could work since the third lane is really a turn lane. Mayor Klein asked if making the width of the roadway the same could be done during this repair project. Mr. Rice said that would be difficult because the Village does not have the necessary right of way. Mr. Lutz said the goal is that developers complete the widening project. Mr. Nolan asked if the test coring they will be completing will provide sufficient data for a widening project later. Mr. Rice said it will. Council voted in favor of completing the test coring.

Health Department Assessment

Mr. Kaitsa said that the health department notified the Finance Committee that the health assessment must be based on value, not population, according to state law. Mr. Lutz said that the final amount will not be determined until fall, but the Village is aware of the worst-case scenario.

Powell Road Traffic Study

Mr. Kaitsa said that Gary Wilcox, Traffic Engineering Services, has submitted a bid for completing a traffic study of Powell Road to Sawmill Road. He asked if Council wishes to seek additional bids. Rob Rice, Village Engineer, said he has solicited a quotation from Burgess and Niple.

Mr. Chambers said he doesn't think the study needs to include the Sawmill Parkway/Powell Road intersection or the S.R. 315/Powell Road intersection, but rather the roadway in between because those intersections are already being studied. Mr. Kaitsa agreed and said the goal is to make sure that the planning for this intersection doesn't negatively impact other intersections. Ms. Guzzo said that she is only interested in actual numbers and figures, and she is not interested in any more public meetings about the issue. Mr. Kaitsa agreed and said that the goal is for a professional engineer to provide alternatives and considerations on which to base a decision. Ms. Guzzo said she wants to know if lights are needed, and where.

Administration Committee: Mayor Klein reported that the next meeting will be held on July 18 at 6:30 p.m. The Committee will discuss the new Homepage for the Village, and all interested are encouraged to attend.

MUNICIPAL MANAGERS REPORT

Stephen A. Lutz, Village Manager, reported on the following items:

- The joint Council and Planning and Zoning Commission meeting scheduled for July 18 may need to be rescheduled due to the rescheduling of the Barton hearing and lack of availability of Planning and Zoning Commission members. Staff will poll Planning and Zoning Commission members for meetings in August.
- Three individuals have express interest in serving on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. Council agreed to interview those applicants at 7:30 at the next meeting, and hold the Barton Appeal after.
- Mr. Lutz reviewed that last year, the full-time finance assistant left and the position was made part-time. Over the past 15 months, it has been very difficult to find someone to continue in this part-time position. He said he now recommends that position be made full-time again, 60% of the hours would be working with the Finance Director, 1-1/2 hours daily could provide telephone coverage for lunch breaks, and the rest of the time could be spent assisting with various clerical functions. Staff was instructed to provide information regarding what is in the budget, and what is needed for this position at the next meeting.
- A report provided to Council regarding area municipalities and their policies on serving alcohol in their meeting rooms. He noted that the most recent request by the Olentangy Athletic Boosters was withdrawn due to the size of facility. After a brief discussion, this issue was made an agenda item for the next meeting.
- Mr. Lutz reviewed that additional information on natural landscaping was provided to Council. Mayor Klein and Mr. Kaitsa asked that Staff provide more information on how other municipalities handle natural

landscaping. He asked that Staff also contact the EPA to review their suggestions on the subject because they are mentioned in the resource materials presented to Council.

- Mr. Lutz reviewed that Staff is ready to go out to bid on the street and bikepath maintenance program for 2000. Rob Rice, Village Engineer, gave a report on the street preliminary cost estimate for the program (Exhibit). He said that the bikepaths on Bennett Parkway and four corners intersection are included in this year's program because they weren't included in last year's. He said that money not spent last year on such projects will be added to this year's appropriation. He said that the cost estimate for completion is \$171,938.00.

Mr. Chambers asked what is GSB-88. Mr. Rice said it is a surface spray that is a sealant and helps rejuvenate the surface. Mr. Nolan said that the road maintenance program was developed to identify a condition level of all streets in the Village by a numerical quality level. He asked where the streets identified for this year program fall in that numerical rating. Mr. Rice said that the micropaver program assigns ratings for all roadways and public parking facilities. The proposals for this year's program are to maintain village streets in the "lower eighties," which is high quality. Mr. Nolan said he would like to see an index for the streets that identify what level of repair they are in. He asked why some streets on the preliminary cost estimate have more expensive treatment. Mr. Lutz said that Staff is addressing the need of the streets rather than how much can be completed with the money that is available. He said they identified what each street needs to maintain it at the desired level. A discussion ensued regarding the different surface treatment options. Mayor Klein encouraged Staff to put together a complete list of necessary street repairs and seek appropriate funding from Council. Stephen A. Lutz, Village Manager, said that Staff will be going out to bid in a week or so, then an appropriation ordinance will be before Council.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

The Accounts Payable Report for May and June were marked received.

OTHER REPORTS

There were none.

CLERK OF COUNCIL CORRESPONDENCE

Dawn Nauman, Clerk of Council, reported that the next Council packets will be completed on July 13 by 3:00 p.m.

OTHER COUNCIL MATTERS --Action Items

Relocation of Downtown Electric Poles:

Stephen A. Lutz, Village Manager, said that he did not invite an Ameritech representative to attend this meeting because much work is being done on the removal of the poles. He said the first meeting in August may be the appropriate time for an Ameritech representative to be present.

Mayor Klein said that two meetings ago, Council was told this would be completed in 5-6 weeks. Mr. Lutz said that Ameritech would not give an estimate when Council asked for one, but said they would make efforts to complete the work. Mayor Klein said he recalls that they could not give a time frame based on issues out of their control, but that this would be taken care of in 5-6 weeks. Ms. Guzzo agreed. Mr. Rice said that one pending item is acquiring the easement at 24 E. Olentangy Street, and that the 5-6 week estimate was for completion after that easement was acquired. As of a week ago, Ameritech had been unable to establish contact with the property owner. Staff has provided them with the proper phone number to reach that property owner

Mr. Klein asked if this process is any further along than when the Ameritech representative was here. Mr. Lutz said the wires have been removed and some poles cut in half. He said it is the village's experience that acquiring easements doesn't happen overnight. A lengthy discussion ensued.

Mr. Kaitsa asked what is the "final resort" if Ameritech doesn't complete the work. Mr. Molnar said that the last time there was any real reaction to this issue was when a complaint was filled with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) regarding AEP's responsibility for the poles. Mayor Klein suggested that if this can't be brought to a head, that PUCO be involved.

Mr. Chambers said he has seen more work on this project in the past two weeks since VillageScape was complete. Mr. Kaitsa asked if the pole at the four corners is ready for extraction. Mr. Lutz said that Ameritech is waiting until all poles are finished before extracting them all at once.

Mayor Klein said he appreciates that several council members have noted progress on this issue. He said he understood that there was a 5-6 week time frame to totally complete this project, and he is now hearing different information. He said it is prudent to continue to keep this item on the Action Item list to see that this progress continues. If it doesn't continue, Council should take stronger measures. Council agreed.

OTHER COUNCIL MATTERS

- Rob Rice, Village Engineer, gave an update on the Grace Drive extension project. He said they are in the clearing process, and they will start moving earth soon. He said that Ameritech has relocated some underground lines and Columbia Gas will be active in about four weeks. He said the first of weekly progress meetings will be held on July 11, after which he can update Council further on the progress. Mayor Klein said he would like an update of the projected completion date at the next meeting.
- Mr. Kaitsa said that residents of Olentangy Ridge would like "Do Not Block Intersection" signage at Beech Ridge Drive and Bartholomew Boulevard and at Olentangy Ridge Place and Powell Road.
- Mr. Kaitsa asked what is the timetable for replacing trees removed at the northern boundary where Ashmoore abuts Olentangy Ridge. In addition, he would like information identifying what portion of the Beech Ridge Drive/Powell Road landscaping is the responsibility of the Homeowners' Association, and what is the responsibility of the village. Mr. Lutz said he will look into this issue.

Mayor Klein reviewed that the Development Committee typically addresses signage requests. Ms. Guzzo said that Council can make a recommendation as well. Mr. Chambers suggested that that issue be included in the study of Powell Road. Mr. Cline said he doesn't see why this should even be sent to committee, as this is a traffic control device that is advisory and may be placed anywhere that traffic backs up and blocks access. He said if the Village Engineer agrees that this is a problem, then it should be installed. Mr. Nolan agreed. Mayor Klein suggested that Staff review the two intersections. Mr. Lutz said Staff can install the signs if they are necessary and inform Council regarding signs they feel are not.

EXECUTIVE SESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH ORC SECTION 121.22 (G) (3), PENDING LITIGATION.

MOTION: Mr. Cline moved to adjourn to Executive Session at 8:42 p.m. in accordance with ORC Section 121.22 (G) (3) Pending Litigation. Mr. Kaitsa seconded the motion.

VOTE: Y 6 N 0

MOTION: Mr. Kaitsa moved to adjourn from Executive Session at 9:25 p.m. Mr. Cline seconded the motion.

VOTE: Y 6 N 0

MOTION: Mr. Kaitsa moved to reconvene in regular open session at 9:25 p.m. Mr. Cline seconded the motion.


VOTE: Y 6 N 0

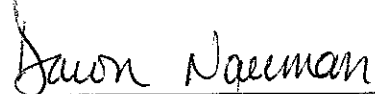
ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Mr. Kaitsa moved to adjourn at 9:25 p.m. Mr. Cline seconded the motion.

VOTE: Y 6 N 0

DATE MINUTES APPROVED: July 18, 2000

 7/27/00
 Mark F. Klein Date
 Mayor

 7/27/00
 Dawn Nauman Date
 Clerk of Council