

**STREETS, BUILDINGS & GROUNDS COMMITTEE MINUTES OF DECEMBER**

**11, 2017**

Municipal Council of the City of Vermilion  
Municipal Complex, 685 Decatur Street, Vermilion, Ohio 44089

**In Attendance:** S. Herron, M. Stark, F. Loucka, J. Forthofer, B. Holmes, B. Brady, B. Keller, G. Fisher, T. Valerius, Mayor Bulan, L. Miggins. Absent: F. Ostrander.

**Call to Order:** Jim Forthofer, Chairman, RESOLVED THAT this Streets, Buildings & Grounds Committee consisting of the Committee of the Whole does now come to order.

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**TOPIC ONE: Street Financing**

J. Forthofer conceded that council will not be picking streets in 2017. However, he wanted to understand the resources available to work with in 2018. At the last meeting, they were looking at the things they needed to do and wanted to do in 2018. He asked the city engineer's opinion on what needed to be addressed in 2018. L. Miggins said they are going to be paying for all the costs of the Highbridge Road Bridge Replacement project that will be expended in 2018 which is around \$500,000, and also the Traffic Signal project. They paid for some of this project in 2017, but there is a portion they will need to finish paying in 2018. J. Forthofer said they also have the prospect of painting pavement markings at an estimate of \$90,000, the Main Street Reconstruction project at about \$140,000, and the street resurfacing post water main installation at about \$100,000. He said the finance director had reported the money available for road projects for 2018 is around \$125,000. B. Keller said it depends on the discretionary wish list items. There is a combined fund balance compared to the \$500,000 cushion they built in. J. Forthofer asked if there were some options to pay for some of these items other than the street levy fund. He asked if OPWC funds were available for one of the projects. Mayor Bulan said they applied to OPWC for the Adams Street Water Line and the Hollyview project, but the city hasn't received an answer. J. Forthofer asked if there are any known grants for any of these projects such as the Highbridge Road Bridge project. Mayor Bulan said the city has an 80% grant for the Highbridge Road Bridge project, so the city is responsible for 20% of the project. B. Brady said these projects were already deducted on the finance director's street budget worksheet. B. Keller said they are listed as contractual obligations. B. Brady said the \$125,000 pretty much covers Main Street. B. Keller said council needs to decide which of the discretionary items they want to do.

T. Valerius said he had discussions with Brownhelm Township Trustee Jim Norheim and the township was awarded the OPWC grant for Jerusalem Road, so this project will go forward in 2018 and the city's share will be approximately \$26,250, so this is something they need to account for. J. Forthofer said if the city does Main Street in 2018, then they have pretty much shot their budget, plus they need to account for the city's share of Jerusalem

Road. B. Keller said council can dip into the cushion. F. Loucka said there is money in the Street M&R fund that can pay for some of these items. B. Brady said the street striping may be able to come out of Street M&R because it has a short lifespan. B. Keller said financially he would prefer to keep it the way it's handled now. B. Brady asked if there is a bigger buffer in 2019. J. Forthofer said according to the finance director's projection they have \$380,000 in 2019. Mayor Bulan said they have Vermilion Road and Highbridge Road in 2019.

J. Forthofer said in 2018 it doesn't look like they are going to have the funds other than their commitments to Main Street and the other items discussed.

**TOPIC TWO:                    Signage**

M. Stark pointed out that the Pledge of Allegiance sign in the court room spells a word wrong and it's awful as it reflects on the city. Mayor Bulan said she has contacted Jim Roth who painted the sign and asked him to spell the word correctly before she leaves office, and he promised her he would fix it before the end of December. She will contact him again to set something up.

Chairman Jim Forthofer adjourned the meeting after no further discussion came before the committee.

Next meeting: January 8, 2018

Gwen Fisher, Certified Municipal Clerk

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