

Canal Winchester

*Town Hall
10 North High Street
Canal Winchester, OH 43110*



Meeting Minutes - FINAL

June 18, 2018

5:45 PM

Council Work Session

Mike Walker – Chair

Jill Amos

Will Bennett

Bob Clark

Mike Coolman

Bruce Jarvis

Patrick Lynch

- A. Call To Order** *Walker called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m.*
- B. Roll Call** *Present 7 – Amos, Bennett, Clark, Coolman, Jarvis, Lynch, Walker*
- C. Also In Attendance**

Mayor Ebert, Matt Peoples, Lucas Haire, Amanda Jackson, Bill Sims, Dick Miller, Shawn Starcher, Joe Taylor, Shane Spencer

D. Reports

Bill Sims – Work on Gender Road Phase IV is continuing; the water line on the west side of Gender Road has been replaced, that's now in service; the clearing work is pretty much complete at this point, they did finish up clearing along Groveport Road, so you can see it's quite a bit more open down through there now; we have a progress meeting this Thursday for that project, the second one; probably most importantly, the railroad work – replacement of the track system there, the closure is on schedule to occur June 28th, starting at 7pm; closed until Monday, July 2nd at 7pm; we have been meeting regularly with the railroad contractor, the railroad and our folks to make sure everything is well coordinated, seems like everything is in place at this point; we've got a good plan to get it all done in that time frame; weather should not be a significant issue, if we do have some, a lot of work can be performed regardless of weather conditions; I feel pretty confident that we will be back open definitely by 7pm on Monday; we have been coordinating closely with the Madison Township Fire Department, obviously with the fire station right there, about providing temporary access, as long as we're able to; and identifying for them when they will have no access northbound on Gender Road; they're making plans obviously to shift assignments, maybe move some equipment as well; Jarvis: I'm sorry Mr. Sims for interrupting – you probably described this already, but what is the option for normal traffic, non-emergency traffic, if they're headed northbound on Gender? Is there a detour in mind? Sims: There will be a detour posted; I will say the detour is determined primarily because of through traffic, so the commuter traffic and truck traffic; there will be other routes available, but the signed 'detour' is basically utilizing 317 as the alternate access to 33; so if you were northbound for instance, you would continue on to Hayes Road from the Gender Road/Lithopolis Road intersection, and then out to Pontius; if you were coming in town heading westbound on Groveport Road, you would continue west on Groveport Road to Richardson Road and head south; Groveport has no thru trucks ordinances as well, and they will be strictly enforcing those during that time period; if folks are on 33 wanting to head south – again trucks and commuter traffic would be primarily what we detour to 317 South, and then back over to basically the Gender/Lithopolis intersection; there is a map on our website, if you want to take a look at that, you certainly can; Jarvis: I'm kind of getting a mental picture based on what you just said; Sims: It seems long, but it's really to do because of those heavier traffic volumes, particularly the trucks; unfortunately if you were to try to enter town in a truck, you would be faced with some of these really tight corners, and short areas – like between Groveport Road and Waterloo on Washington; it's not a good place to be stacking large numbers of vehicles; I'm sure that local folks will find the better alternatives for cars; I think more people rely on their GPS than they do actually reading the signs anymore, seems to be my feeling; everybody is always following their phone, rather than reading the signage; I know that we get into that trouble sometimes with trucks, they're busy looking at what the GPS is telling them, and not paying

attention to the signage; it will be a little bit challenging, I'm sure, obviously with the traffic volume on Gender Road; most of it is over the weekend, so hopefully that's a help to some of the commuters; we'll be monitoring it as well; we think we've got all the signage that should capture people; as always, we're willing to adapt to that; sometimes it says 'oh, gee, we didn't think hard to do that' and we'll throw up another sign in another location; we're trying to get it out there, we've sent out a detour route, and time frames to Columbus' Paving the Way, and to their network reach, mostly commuter folks; we have message boards going up later this week on Wednesday, notifying people driving through there north bound and south bound the dates and time frames; we've been providing detour maps to some of the local businesses in that area, particularly the ones that have trucks coming in and out regularly; we have information on our website, we've shared with surrounding communities that have shared it on their website; hopefully we catch most of them; Jarvis: I predict that it won't be a fun 4 or 5 days, but what else can be done, right? Sims: That first day will be interesting, for sure; the work will be occurring 24/7, so if it really needs to be closed to get this done, it's the shortest possible time frame for that; street program – most of the paving work is complete, there's some more minor stuff that's left at this point; most of the streets in Ashbrook have been paved, High Street has been paved, I'm sure you've seen that; the Towing Path parking lots have been paved; there's definitely incidental work – striping, things of that nature still have to happen; we have a few repairs to make – actually just this afternoon I was in Ashbrook at the top of Murdock Lane; that's actually unfortunately a serious pavement issue up there; so Shane and I were discussing about our options, and what we need to do at that spot, but we'll get that worked out here in the next couple days as far as the next step forward to the best solution; we have sidewalk program continuing as well, they're moving from Washington Knolls to East Columbus Street area; Washington Street they're working on sidewalks; they have pavement rejuvenator called Reclamite that's basically a surface treatment for new asphalt that will be going on at Winchester Trace this Wednesday; a couple of you will be getting a door hanger on your door here tomorrow, letting you know that that's a surface spray that goes down very quickly, and won't cause you any trouble; you might see a little tracking, but it dissipates in a week or so; basically a penetrating sealer for the asphalt – so that'll be happening Wednesday; on the private side, Canal Cove section 5 was paved; there's still a little work to do in there, some concrete items and gas lines need to be installed; the widening was paved out front in Canal Cove; the striping and grading are still to be finished out there; the bike path was paved there as well, that's a good thing, people have been very anxious to start utilizing that walkway in Canal Cove; Winchester Ridge section 3 – they are constructing their interior road system right now; first building is underway for those folks; Westchester 10-2 and 9-1 – utilities are in the ground, there's been some testing going on for those, that's just about wrapped up; they're starting to work on the roads upgrade again; we'll probably see maybe curbs in that area in the next 2-3 weeks; the crews that were working will be moving to section 12-2, phase 3 and 4, which is kind of an old court, and a couple of other courts off of that on the other side of Gender; they'll be moving into new territory at the end of this week; the COTA Park & Ride – the contractor has mobilized the site there; there will be some clearing this week, probably will see some actual activity out there in the coming week-2 weeks; the high school – their contractor has mobilized the site as well today, and you'll start seeing some activity around the high school here in the next day or two; then we have 2 larger utility projects going on in town – one is the TransCanada pipeline replacement; I'm sure you've been noticing the work along 33 there; they're ready to move into our area; there's a little

bit of work occurring now in Canal Pointe – getting to a place where they'll have the existing main; you'll probably start seeing the access drives going in, and I think they're shooting for the 26th of this month to actually start some construction on the pipeline in Canal; Columbia Gas of Ohio is installing – this part is actually kind of a spinoff from the pipeline project; they have to install a new gas main as well from Canal Pointe down Busey road, and then all the way down Bowen Road, around Hersh Packing, a little gas building there; they're actively trying to get that done as soon as possible; you'll see quite a bit of work up that way.

Dick Miller – Just a few things; the first draft of the fall 2018 street tree planning is complete; it is estimated that the 53 trees that will be installed will cost \$15,400; I will accept changes to that list until August 10th; our crew hydro ceded the towing path parking perimeter today, completing that landscape project insulation; finally using the funds from public works, the forestry crew released 11,000 fathead minnows on June 12th to consume mosquito larvae in five different aquatic habitats; that's all I have; Jarvis: Mr. Miller, you said that the tree planting schedule – that you were open to change, I didn't catch the deadline, but what would trigger changes to that? Aren't those your recommendations? Miller: Well, yeah - I actually just finished that today; I'll send that to Matt, the mayor, and staff; then I wait for the comments; Jarvis: Okay, so you coordinate with somebody else; Miller: Right, yeah; Jarvis: Okay, I didn't understand it.

Shawn Starcher – As Dick mentioned, crews did finish up the landscape project there on Towing Path; it looks really nice, good job there; we were also able to get out to US-33 property today; as you may have noticed, there were several downed trees, that was kind of affecting our mowers as well, and looked kind of unsightly, so we were out there today clearing those; we will continue that this week; also, we should finish up our herbicide spraying of our guard rails and roadside areas this week, and then get into our residential neighborhoods next week, if it doesn't rain; rain has really affected us this year with that; lastly, we were able to get into the tennis court last Thursday and do some crack filling over there and that turned out pretty well; that's it, questions? Bennett: Mr. Starcher, are they resurfacing the tennis courts as well? Starcher: No, I don't believe so; Bennett: I thought they were resurfacing the existing ones; Clark: I think they are; Starcher: The schools - I know they're adding to the ones that they have, but I don't know about resurfacing the one we currently have; Peoples: They didn't let us know that; we just went up there and crack filled, would've been nice to know if that were the case; Clark: I don't know when they're planning on doing it, it could be awhile.

Joe Taylor – We received our information back from the core sampling we did on the three filters and two softeners; everything looks really good with those; the one filter, number 3, that we kind of have been monitoring – it did show uniformity differences, and that's the only thing they mentioned to check; we're going to do a little bit of work on replacing some of the ?, some of the green sand, and see how it reacts after that; for being 10-11 years old, those samples came back with good reviews; we were pleased to see that; we will be doing some copper sampling in July as the new requirements from the Ohio EPA require coppers; the 20 samples need to be done – 10 for Canal Winchester and 10 for Canal Pointe by the end of September; we are still doing the AMI meter installs, we're at about 1,090 units; both the water and wastewater department are doing

the installs, so we're actually moving along well with that; since last meeting, no consumer complaints have come into my office; we're doing meter reading on the 25th, and we'll be doing shutoffs on the 27th of this month; Jarvis: Mr. Taylor, you may not have the answer to this right off the cuff, and if you don't that's okay; as far as the capacity goes for the water treatment plant, where would you say we're at – in average, rounded terms? Taylor: Yearly we're at about 650 I think it was, off the top of my head – 650,000 gallons per day, which is roughly 30%-40%; this time of year, it'll creep up; we'll have a couple of days of 50% here and there, depending on the cycle of the plant, kicking on and off; some days it'll be 600,000, some days it'll be a million; averaging right now it's at about 800,000; I know yesterday, it was at the 700,000 range; today, the way it's cycled, and probably tomorrow will be the 900,000 range; we're still, on average – even in the middle of the summer we're at less than 50%, or right at 50% capacity; Jarvis: When do you become concerned about the next need to – Taylor: I would say when our average hits about 70%, that would be a good indication, when we are at 1.7 or 1.5 million, we probably ought to consider it; Jarvis: Start thinking hard about it, yeah; Taylor: I don't see any need to – as we're moving right now, I would say that the next 10 years we're probably in pretty good shape; Jarvis: That's good to know; Lynch: How many gallons per household do you average?; Taylor: If we're averaging 670,000 a day, divide it by 2,710 taps; 2,750 probably right now is what I'm guessing on average; Mayor: Does that include businesses?; Taylor: Yeah that includes all taps; I did not include meters that were double metered; Lynch: So you do 670,000 gallons average – Taylor: Per day, yeah – 650-700; divided by 2,750.

Shane Spencer – My report is rather brief, as Mr. Sims had a lot of detail there, a lot of efforts are in construction; I will add in with the upcoming rail improvement there at the crossing on Gender Road, we will have staff from our office for the rail design group that designed that improvement on-site during some critical pieces; with the criticality of that closure, should anything incur, we wanted to have some people right there to make some real-time decisions, so we are setup for success on that; the street program, as Mr. Sims reported on a lot of that stuff; the last piece, I think we've come to the point where the ship has sailed with the railroad, and the opportunity to try to address High Street this year; the corporate leader, outside of local office, they're basically not responsive on our request to partner on that this year; I think the reality with pursuing – we're looking at 2019 as we continue to setup a settlement.

E. Request for Council Action

RES-18-009

Development

A Resolution Authorizing The City Of Canal Winchester To Issue KEPS Technologies D/B/A ACD.Net A Telecommunications And Utility Permit To Construct, Operate And Maintain A Telecommunications System Or Utility Within The Public Right-Of-Ways Within The City Of Canal Winchester ([Ex. A](#))

- Request to move to full Council

Haire: As you may recall, a few months ago we did this for Verizon Wireless, who would be installing fiber optic lines in the city; this is another company – ACP.net – they're also installing telephone fiber optic lines in the city, those will both be an underground conduit, and also overhead; anything they do overhead will be collocated on existing poles; primarily, they're

running down Gender Road, Winchester Boulevard, Waterloo Street, Groveport Road, and Washington Street; their primary customer is the Canal Winchester local school district; Jarvis: This company – Verizon owns their lines, and this company owns theirs – do they lease them to a third party – so that someone else, let's say Verizon, would be able to use those? Haire: I do not believe that they're sharing lines, but I don't have that information for sure; I don't know how their operating structure works; we have information about where they're locating their right-of-ways, and they're a new utility provider, so they provided insurance; Jarvis: These are buried? Haire: They're buried and overhead; the majority is overhead, but in certain portions of the city, they are buried; Jarvis: Looking ahead – what would stop a company 'X' and company 'Y', and company 'Z' from coming in to do the same thing, over and over again – is that what you can expect? Haire: I would say that there's multiple utility providers, and I would expect to see more of this since communications requirements of people increase; Jarvis: Okay, that's a safe answer; Haire: It's billions more and more right-of-way permits every day; Jarvis: I guess where I was trying to go with that is at some point – do you look at those pictures from the late 19th century, early 20th century – there's telephone lines, or electric going all over the place; different carriers could've leased those, and used those, and I kind of see something similar here; they don't necessarily need that entire backbone, they could share with somebody else; everybody's got their own silo on this, and just continue to build like that; I guess if it's underground, or tucked away, what's the harm? Haire: It's becoming more difficult, obviously when we're doing our own public improvement projects, we're being required to pay these companies to relocate their utilities, which is always a challenge; also last year, the state passed legislation that allows small cells, which ACP.net has a number of small cells in other communities; the state has allowed those, and allows very little, or very limited regulation of those for municipalities; that change goes into effect in July, so we'll be bringing legislation soon to regulate the placement of small cells, and their aesthetics.

A motion was made by Jarvis, seconded by Clark to move this resolution to full council. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes 7 – Jarvis, Clark, Amos, Bennett, Coolman, Lynch, Walker

ORD-18-023

Finance

An Ordinance To Adopt Amendments To The Council Rules ([Ex. A](#))

- Request to move to full Council

Jackson: Thank you Mr. Walker, I would actually like to defer to the members of the Rules Committee to give a brief overview on what they are recommending to council this evening; Lynch: What we talked about doing was – in lieu of doing a spoken prayer at the beginning, or an invocation at the beginning of every meeting, we are instead proposing a moment of silent reflection; it would be no longer than 10 seconds long, as counted by the president of council; we also left an option in there that on every even year, when a new council comes on, that is to be voted on, along with the election of officers as to whether they want to proceed that year with the moment of silent reflection; that was our proposal; Jarvis: I'll be going one-thousand-one, one-thousand-two, until we get to 10? Lynch: Counting, doodling, whatever you want to do; that is the case, yes; we looked at some of the different times, felt that if we did 15 seconds, 20 seconds – that's a long time; 30 seconds becomes very long; we narrowed it down to 10, and again, we just

didn't feel that a vocal prayer would be a proper thing for this body; that's what we came up with, those were our thoughts, the general consensus of the Rules Committee.

Walker: Any other questions or discussion right now? Lynch: One thing I do want to add is on the ordinance adoption, where it says 'pursuant to rule 28'; I believe that should be 'pursuant to rule 27', if I understand the rules correctly; Jackson: Mr. Walker, just a technical note, too; on rule 9, where the moment of reflective silence was added, we also added the pledge of allegiance; that was not listed as showing up on your agendas, but it's something that we typically do, so I just wanted to point that out; Lynch: One other thing too, there was some discussion, you saw in the minutes about possibly getting some of our packets prior to the Friday before the meeting; it's not something we're going to make a permanent rule, but kind of an understanding that if time does allow staff to at least get the minutes together, knowing that the agenda things change last minute; they typically need all the way up to Friday to get that put together, or approved; if we can get the minutes typed up, the draft – that's why you saw those on Wednesday, and thank you Ms. Jackson for getting those out; Walker: Thank you Ms. Jackson, thank you Mr. Lynch, any other questions or discussion at this point?

A motion was made by Amos, seconded by Lynch to move this ordinance to full council. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes 7 – Amos, Lynch, Bennett, Clark, Coolman, Jarvis, Walker

ORD-18-024

Development

An Ordinance Authorizing The Mayor And Clerk To Accept And Execute The Plat For The Villages At Westchester Section 10, Part 2

Ordinance Attachments: [Planning & Zoning Recommendation](#)

- Request to move to full Council

Haire: This is a 10.533 acres that's proposed to be section 10-2 at the Villages of Westchester; it will include 28 buildable lots, and one reserve area; there are currently 652 lots in the Villages of Westchester, all but 12 are occupied by homes; this would meet the demand for more homes in the area by having the extra 28 – that does meet our requirements that were established by Planning & Zoning; they recommended the approval on June 11th; one of the requirements we had when we did the final development plans when they did these sections were that they connect Conner Avenue with Cormorant Drive; they have done that in this phase, so there will be access from both Thrush via Cormorant, and also from Dietz via Conner; that was one of the things that we requested for emergency access there, so they have complied with that; Lynch: Are these all single family homes? Haire: Yes; Lynch: That's basically going to the east of Cormorant Way? Haire: Cormorant Way dead ends – it would extend to the east, it would also extend north from Conner Avenue; last year, we platted 10-1; that was 13 lots, all of the lots except one now have a home either being constructed, or constructed on it; Amos: This is behind the Dye addition? Haire: Correct.

A motion was made by Clark, seconded by Coolman to move this ordinance to full council. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes 7 – Clark, Coolman, Amos, Bennett, Jarvis, Lynch, Walker

E. Items for Discussion - NONE**F. Old/New Business**

Amos: We're going to be getting together, I'm going to try to work with the group that's doing the Bed Tax Grant; I want to gather the group that wanted to volunteer to do that in the next couple of weeks; if anybody has any thoughts, or suggestions that they wanted to see, or that they wanted us to incorporate, if you could just shoot me an email, I would appreciate it; Jarvis: What is the cycle for that? Jackson: It usually goes up October 1st, and they're due November 30th; Jarvis: Do we have a volunteer already? Amos: We do, we had some volunteers at the meeting that we discussed it at; we're just going to look into how we want to break it up, whether we want to consider some of the neighborhood ones that would've not been part of it had we gone strictly by the rules the last couple of years; it's allowing some of the community programs that we have that have been benefitting from the program – deciding if we want to continue, and how we want to rework the rules; Jarvis: I think it's going to be a formal avenue; it's hard no matter what you do, because there are a lot of good things on the table; we can't do them all; Coolman: Do we have a date on that yet? Amos: No, I was going to schedule with you guys and see what worked for everybody's schedules today.

Jarvis: During our last meeting, Mr. Hollins and I kind of 'swore on our mothers' graves' that we were going to get together and we did not; we were discussing next draft or revision of the admissions fee, which we're going to step across it again this evening as a tabled ordinance it will stay tabled, unless someone has a compelling reason to bring it off.

G. Adjournment at 6:21 p.m.

A motion was made by Jarvis, seconded by Lynch to adjourn. The motion carried with the following vote:

Yes 7 – Jarvis, Lynch, Amos, Bennett, Clark, Coolman, Walker

