

Capital Improvements Minutes

Honorable Council
City of Newark, Ohio
January 15, 2013

The Capital Improvement Committee met in Council Chambers at 5:30 P.M. on January 14, 2013 with these members present:

Duke Frost, Chair	Shirley Stare
Ryan Bubb	Carol Floyd
Rhonda Loomis	

We wish to report:

Director Rhodes- announced that they were asked by Councilman Doug Marmie to put together a Capital Improvements budget to show where the funds were going this year.

Auditor, Stephen Johnson- explained how they arrive at funding for Capital Improvements. One and a half percent of the income tax levied is set aside for safety forces, and then 85% is placed in the General Fund. That leaves 15%, by legislation that goes to Capital Improvements. The remaining funds are used for Debt Services and other miscellaneous items in 2013.

Mr. Frost- inquired if the debt service in 2013 is typically that high, if it is a standard number.

Stephen Johnson- answered that is what is due and that it is pretty standard because the principal and interest amounts are basically the same each year.

Bob Diebold- inquired as to whether the bond rating stayed the same.

Stephen Johnson- stated that the bond rating improved from the last time that they were rated.

Mr. Greene- asked about the debt service amount, what year it was for.

Stephen Johnson- it is what is needed in 2013.

Mr. Greene- asked what the figure for 2012 was.

Stephen Johnson- he stated that he did not have the exact figure but that he thought it was very close to the 2013 figure.

Mr. Greene- inquired what the two public works projects were that were mentioned.

Brian Morehead, City Engineer- asked that they are for the Channel/Postal sanitary, sewer, storm sewer and water line project.

Ms. Best- asked what the bottom line figure, what can be accessed in 2013 is.

Stephen Johnson- \$212,000.00

1. Resolution No. 13-04 appropriating monies for the current expenses of the municipal corporation was considered.

- a) **Director Rhodes**- the first item is coded building maintenance and grounds for \$4,400.00. He stated that if you go up the stairwells at City Hall you will notice the poor condition that they are in. The total cost of this project is \$6,400.00 however he spoke to Judge Higgins and Judge gave him \$2,000.00 out of the judicial budget towards the project. One of the hallways were painted by Steve Harrington's group, he asked that if you see Mr. Herrington to thank him. They are going to do the other hallway also when there is time available. The only cost to the City is the materials.
- b) **Director Rhodes**- the \$10,000.00 is something that they do every year; they move \$10,000.00 to Capital Improvement for tree removal. The funds are allocated for trees that are reported in alleys, and for trees that have fallen on properties. This is for tree work that is too large for the Street Department to handle. The amount is the same as last years'.
- c) **Director Rhodes**- the \$5,500.00 is for a salt spreader on the back of the Parks-Cemetery truck. Currently when the truck is dispersed in the neighborhoods they just have plows they don't have spreaders. They plow the snow and then it refreezes and turns into ice. They are asking for one now to enable them to get up to the communication tower at Horns Hill and to be used at the cemetery. They really need 5 but they are only asking for the one now.

Mrs. Loomis- thanked Director Rhodes for using city employees because she feels that it gives the employees pride in their ability as well as save the City money. She also stated that she feels the salt spreader is a good idea because when she was out walking she noticed that the side streets were in better shape than they have been before.

Mr. Ellington- asked Director Rhodes which amount is correct for the Resolution regarding the amount on the invoice being \$5,450.00 and the request form stating \$5,550.00.

Director Rhodes- confirmed to use the invoice amount.

Mr. Rath- asked Director Rhodes if the truck with the salt spreader could be used for emergency response, for instance if a call was received stating that an intersection is slippery.

Director Rhodes- confirmed that the smaller trucks would be able to respond to that type of situation.

Mr. Bubb made a motion to send to full Council, second by Mrs. Floyd

Motion was carried by a 5-0 vote.

Duke Frost, Chair