

**Cuyahoga Falls City Council**  
**Minutes of the Public Affairs Committee Meeting**  
**June 17, 2013**

**Members:** Jerry James, Chair  
Paul Colavecchio  
Vic Pallotta

Mr. James called the meeting to order at 6:49 p.m. All members were present.

The minutes from the April 15, 2013 Committee meeting were approved as submitted.

**Legislation Discussed:**

Temp. Ord. B-22

Temp. Ord. B-23

**Discussion**

**Temp. Ord. B-37**

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to issue an encroachment permit to the Woodridge Local School District for the purpose of installing and operating a private sanitary force main sewer in Northampton and West Bath Roads, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Demasi stated the Woodridge Local School District was looking to upgrade its current sewer treatment system located at the primary school. The existing treatment plant will be replaced with a grinder pump station. It will be a 5' x 11' deep pump station and 2,000 feet of ductile force main. They are trying to tie into the Summit County line but the force main is in the Cuyahoga Falls right-of-way, which means a permit is required. The permit will be executed upon Council's approval. Mr. James asked if a 2.5" private force main sewer is sufficient. Mr. Demasi stated it was. The pump station grinds the sewage, and the line will be under pressure. It will tie into the Summit County sewer located in Woodhaven and Adams Run. Mrs. Klinger thought there had been problems with overflow at that location about 20 years ago. Mr. Demasi stated he was not aware of that.

Mr. Colavecchio moved to bring out Temp. Ord. B-37 with a favorable recommendation, second by Mr. Pallotta. Motion passed (3-0).

**Temp. Ord. B-38**

An ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Boston Township and Summit County for the annexation of 615 acres of land, more or less, from Boston Township to the City of Cuyahoga Falls, and declaring an emergency.

Mrs. Carr stated discussions on this subject began about a year ago because Boston Township wanted to vacate this property. Nothing will be happening on Oak Hill. Residents on Haas to Wetmore need to get to Akron-Peninsula Road. If Haas Road is cut off, there is only one way out. The City held many neighborhood meetings and they asked Boston Township to reconsider. In December, the City entered into a temporary agreement to maintain the road and keep it open. At this point, however, the City feels it would be best to annex the parcels to maintain keeping the road open. Boston Township voted 2-1 to allow the annexation. The Park System owns most of the parcels and is encouraging the City to do this. County Council has verbally agreed and will be introducing legislation shortly. Mr. Janis stated this is a three-way agreement for 28 parcels equaling 1,500 acres. This legislation authorizes the Administration to negotiate an annexation agreement. There are no residents involved. One house is owned by the National Park.

Someone still lives there but when that person dies or leaves, it goes back to the park. That resident is in agreement but the Park makes the decision because they own the land. Mr. Janis stated that County Council had this on its agenda for this evening but postponed it until August to allow the City's procedures to take place.

Mr. Mader thanked the Administration for pursuing this. Residents were concerned about the road closures. He appreciated the hard work that went into this. He is in total support of this legislation. Mrs. Pyke asked if there was any funding available for this road since it is located within the Park. Mrs. Carr stated generally there is but the government's financial situation has changed that. She has had discussions with the Park and they are willing to work with the City in the future if funding becomes available again. She feels we are a good five years out before any work needs to be done on the road. They will pursue funding as soon as something is available. Mr. Rubino asked if this was the first time Council received the hand out. Mrs. Carr confirmed it was not in the packet and would be happy to email it to Council.

Mr. Colavecchio moved to bring out Temp. Ord. B-38 with a favorable recommendation, second by Mr. Pallotta. Motion passed (3-0).

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.