

Capital Improvements Minutes

Honorable Council
City of Newark, Ohio
May 8, 2019

The Capital Improvement Committee met in Council Chambers on Monday May 6, 2019 following the Economic Development Committee with these members present:

Jonathan Lang
Dee Hall
Jeff Rath
Mark Labutis
Sean Fennell

We wish to Report:

1. **Resolution No. 19-42** appropriating monies for the current expenses of the municipal corporation was considered.

Section 1. There is hereby an appropriation of the unappropriated balance of the 335 Capital Improvement Fund, in the amount of \$50,000.00 (Spot work paving & sidewalk work)

Account	Description	Amount
335.122.5276	Maintenance of Streets	\$50,000.00

Director Rhodes- we are asking to take \$50,000.00 out of the capital improvements fund to put into the Engineer's budget from some additional spot paving and sidewalks.

Mr. Lang- is this part of the list that has been already submitted? What is the plan for how we are going to allocate those?

Director Rhodes- in the Engineer's office they get requests every day and as we look forward to additional tax revenue coming in we got our paving list out and it has been awarded through the Board of Control. We are going to have a meeting with the paving company and we are going to see what we can add on with additional funds coming in and the additional funds that we are appropriating tonight. To say what street and what sidewalk that's not in the plan for tonight but if we can get some paving done later this fall we are going to.

Mr. Lang- this will go into that list?

Director Rhodes- it will go into the pot.

Mr. Blake- what is the balance of the capital improvement fund?

Director Rhodes- \$24,000.00 unappropriated. We haven't spent all of the capital improvement dollars that is just what is unappropriated. We try to keep that amount back for any emergencies so this is the last big amount of money that we will move out of capital improvements until later this fall.

Motion by Mr. Labutis to send to full Council, second by Ms. Hall

Motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

Section 2. There is hereby an appropriation of the unappropriated balance of the 335 Capital Improvement Fund, in the amount of \$274,000.00 (Police Cruisers & Detective Cars)

Account	Description	Amount
335.203.5532	Vehicles	\$274,000.00

Director Baum- this is the third and final step to move the money so that we can make the purchase.

Motion by Mr. Rath to send to full Council, second by Mr. Labutis

Dwayne Anderson, 914 B Empire Dr- why do we need more cruisers when the Safety Director said most of the time they are idling?

Director Baum- when an officer starts his car the last thing that he wants if he is sent to another call is to have trouble getting his car started. Not to mention he idles his cruiser when he is not actually in motion because the radios are a pretty big drain so he would not want to shut off his or her car because the drain on the battery would be excessive. When you don't shut all of the electronics off and start the car you can actually damage the electrical system and the battery itself. They leave their cars running even when they are actively on a call unless they are walking away from it. If you are at an accident scene you have your lights on you would let your car run while that happens. If you are going into a house to take a report you would shut your car off and lock it to go into the house.

Mr. Rath- can you speak to the size of our fleet and the age of our fleet? Instead of adding to our fleet are we just replacing old cars?

Director Baum- we are sincerely hoping that the maintenance budget goes down as the age of the fleet reduces and as we replace these cars we will part out what we can. There is no reason to throw out a perfectly good battery but they will get rid of old cars as they bring in new cars.

Mr. Labutis- do you know approximately how many cruisers you need to replace?

Director Baum- to get to 20 as Director Rhodes stated earlier 6 more. I would still need 4 more plain cars for the Detective Bureau and the next Chief would need a new car to drive. The Chief is driving a 2002 Crown Victoria is a little excessive not to mention I believe the newest commanders car has 150,000 miles on it. The more senior the officers at the Police Department the older their vehicles but they will not take a new car until all their people are properly equipped. So they will be last on the list as every good commander should do it.

Motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

Jonathan Lang, Chair