

## Capital Improvements Minutes

Honorable Council  
City of Newark, Ohio  
August 1, 2017

The Capital Improvement Committee met in Council Chambers on Monday July 31, 2017 following the Service Committee with these members present:

Jonathan Lang, Chair  
Dee Hall  
Jeff Rath  
Mark Fraizer  
Mike Mangus

We wish to Report:

1. **Resolution No. 17-51** 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 \$1,500.00 (Donation from State Farm for Newark Seal Project)

Account	Description	Amount
335.121.5231	Professional Services	\$1500.00

**Director Rhodes-** as you are aware we are moving the seal from 16 to the downtown exit this is a donation from State Farm in the amount of \$1500.00. We are asking to expedite this to move the process along. We have encumbered the money and now need to get it on a purchase order so Mr. Morehead can plan he work.

**Motion by Mr. Fraizer to send to full Council, second by Mr. Rath**

**Mr. Fraizer-** is this the last one or are we expecting more?

**Director Rhodes-** this is the last one, we already did the one from Newark Development Partners and the one from Capital Improvements.

**Mr. Fraizer-** by expediting this will it increase the time?

**Director Rhodes-** yes through the grant from the Licking County Foundation we are under a time line.

**Ms. Hall-** will it be done by fall?

**Director Rhodes-** I would have to check with the Engineer he is doing it in coordination with the bridge.

**Motion passed by a vote of 5-0.**

2. **Resolution No. 17-54** 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 \$1,200.00 (Large Chainsaw)

Account	Description	Amount
335.432.5331	Machinery & Equipment	\$1200.00

**Director Rhodes-** in the City of Newark we take down a lot of trees. We have trees that fall on Courthouse grounds and other areas in the city and we have trees that encumber power lines and a lot of times the chainsaws that we have aren't big enough to handle the trees that have fallen then we end up bidding that work out which is work we could do ourselves if we had the proper tools. This \$1200.00 chainsaw is about a third of the cost to remove a big tree.

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

**Mr. Fraizer-** how many big trees do you usually have fall in a year?

**Director Rhodes-** that's a fair question, if we have a windstorm we will have a bunch, maybe 5-7.

**Mr. Fraizer-** but you have some every year?

**Director Rhodes-** every year.

**Mr. Marmie-** we have gone from weed eaters and things like that in capital improvements and moving off and the reason why we did that I want to ensure that this chainsaw there is an inventory we had in the past where we were buying weed eaters every year and we didn't know where they were how has our inventory changed as far as those types of items?

**Director Rhodes-** Doug that is a phenomenal question and that is an item that we have worked on very hard. What we have done is taken inventory of all of our equipment and then we have rendered it down on paper and we have counter checked it with our insurance company to see what is covered and what's not covered. When we did that we actually found things that we had sold that we were still covering. It has been a good process. This particular chainsaw will be held at the Parks and Cemetery Department although if the Street Department needs it they can sign it out and use it and it will be included on our insurance in case of theft. That is a good question because it is a problem we have had in the past.

**Motion passed by a vote of 5-0.**

Jonathan K Lang, Chair