

CITY OF MACKINAC ISLAND
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES - ANNEX ROADS

Thursday, May 23, 2024 at 12:00 PM

City Hall – Council Chambers, 7358 Market St., Mackinac Island, Michigan

I. Call to Order

Mayor Doud called the meeting to order at 12:00

II. Roll Call

PRESENT

Richard Chambers

Tom Corrigan

Steven Moskwa

Anneke Myers

Alan Sehoyan

ABSENT

Jason St. Onge

Richard Linn

Chief Topolski

IV. Additions to / Adoption of Agenda

- Darrow Brothers Excavating Vehicle Permits for Forest Drive and Lakeview Blvd.

V. Correspondence

As Councilman St. Onge was unable to attend the meeting, he submitted emailed correspondence

- Councilman St. Onge is in opposition of any gravel work in the Annex
- Suggested obtaining bids from Belonga Excavating or Darrow Brothers Excavating to compare costs and to prepare for a fall project
- Does not believe the shoulders on Grand Avenue need to be brought up as they are no worse than the shoulders on the roads recently paved by the State Park
- Disagrees with the 3/8th minus material being proposed as he does not believe it will hold up to the thin wheels of the private carriages, the cost is also much more than the regular 22A
 - The 3/8th minus product has been used in the Sunset Forest Association area and is typically repaired annually and creates potholes
- Project will most likely not start until after Memorial Day, which is outside of the vehicle cut off dates

VI. New Business

Councilwoman Myers presented a breakdown of the Road Improvement Funds

- After the payment to Bacco for the paving work done (\$367,000.00) there is \$159,000.00 left in the Road Improvement Fund
- Dennis Dombroski noted that the original number from Bacco reflected 22A gravel
 - Bacco was under the impression that the roads were going to be paved, so Belonga was going to supply the 22A which is preferred to go under asphalt
 - Was concerned about using 22A for just graveling the roads as we have had issues with that type of gravel in that area in the past
 - 8 to 10 years ago when the City re-graveled the Annex roads with 22A, there was an incident where someone flipped over their mobility cart
 - Changed to the 3/8th minus product that Sunset Forest Association (SFA) is using
 - Councilwoman Myers pointed out that Councilman St. Onge's email stated that the 3/8th minus material being used in SFA could easily be chewed up by the horses
 - Councilman Sehoyan commented that he has been riding the SFA roads and they have been really nice
 - Chad Belonga commented that the horses will eventually chew anything up
- Mayor Doud questioned how long the project will take?
 - Mario Calcaterra of Bacco stated that they would want one week due to the logistics of being on the island
 - If the materials are here it could be placed in a few days, then rolling and shaping would take another day – should take about (5) days
 - Have to take weather in to account as well as ordinances and restrictions for trucking
- Councilwoman Myers inquired what portion of Lakeview Blvd. was quoted
 - Dennis Dombroski noted that it would be going from Lorna Straus's house to where it intersects with Park Avenue
 - Worst part seems to be the corner right after Haan's
 - Bacco has estimated enough gravel to get the road above the grass which will help the road stay dry and avoid pot holes
 - Park Ave measures about 900 feet and is not in as bad of shape as Lakeview Blvd.
 - Dennis wanted to just freshen up the road but Mario identified the fact that the road needs to be built up to avoid pot holes and such

- Councilman Chambers inquired if the 3/8th minus was ok to pave over?
 - Mario noted that the cleaner the material is at the time of paving, the better, but it should be ok to pave over that material
- Councilwoman Myers inquired the Council's thoughts on filling in the shoulders of Grand Avenue
 - Councilman Moskwa felt that they did not look too bad. Suggested having the City crew place some gravel where it is needed along the shoulder
 - Councilman Chambers agreed that this would be sufficient
 - At least need feathering out near Valley Road and wherever there are entrances to houses or barns
 - City Foreman Mike Ruddle stated that he did have some gravel, and it should be enough to take care of this
 - Councilwoman Myers noted that the State Park does have plans to feather in their roads as well. A lot of people take Grand Avenue at night and it is not well lit
 - Councilman Moskwa noted that Mike and his crew taking care of this work would take \$14,000.00 off the quote
- Councilman Moskwa noted that there are many other roads throughout the island that need to be maintained and that this should be the last time gravel is placed
- Councilwoman Myers inquired if Bacco will be coming back in the fall
 - Mario believes so, but no guarantees - depends on how much work develops. Do not have contracts at this time
- Councilman Chambers inquired if we move forward now does it make sense to do it now with the vehicle cut off dates, or do we put the project off until fall when there is less traffic and the road has more time to settle
 - Councilman Sehoian questioned if the work can?
 - Dennis noted that, on a normal year, the City has paved into the middle of June. Blessed with early lift of frost laws
- Councilwoman Myers noted that Lakeview Blvd. is a problem and needs to be done.
 - Could do that now and wait to see how that works and do Park in the fall with the same material
 - Councilman Corrigan inquired if material costs are going up?
 - Mario noted that he is not sure, it is not a common material. Also need to think about fuel prices.
- Councilman Moskwa inquired what other paving projects the City has going forward
 - Dennis noted that Church Street should be next on the list. Bogan Lane & Truscott could use some attention. All of these are getting close to gravel
 - Market Street, Main Street, and Cadotte Ave. are all roughly paved with 3 inches - all other roads done in the future should be brought up to the same standards
 - Councilman Moskwa also noted that the roads in the Mission area are not very wide (especially Truscott) maybe going forward we should look at widening the roads

- Anneke - Mike doing work should take us down to about \$131,000.00

Funding

- Councilwoman Myers noted that money could be moved from what is collected from the Post Office rent
- Mike Ruddle commented that the City needs to look at the longevity of paving projects
 - May have less than (5) years before Market Street has to be redone again, which is around a \$300,000 plus project
 - Councilman Sehoian suggested looked at a (5) year plan and start to plan and save some money for paving
- Dennis noted that the City could easily spend upwards of \$250,000.00 maintaining roads each year
 - Forest Way Townhomes was an important project, but the City needs to begin thinking about allotting \$250,000.00 each year for roads and not allowing that money to be moved for other projects (Mahoney Ave. was on the "wish list" for almost 10 years before it got repaved).

- Councilwoman Myers noted that, with the City crew doing the shoulders of Grand Avenue, \$14,000.00 can be cut, bringing the quote down to \$131,000.00
 - All Council members were in agreeance with this
 - Mario stated that he was ok with cutting the shoulder work, but also noted that he is not in charge of making that decision
- Mario inquired how the trucking was being addressed for this project
 - Councilwoman Myers noted that vehicle and trailer permits need to be submitted to the Clerk's office, but that the permit fees will be waived
 - Looking to have the work completed the week of June 3rd to avoid the Detroit Chamber conference next week
 - Mario believed that that timeline should be agreeable
 - Councilwoman Myers inquired how much trucking will be needed for this project
 - Mario stated that material will be stockpiled at British Landing and will be trucked to the site
 - Maybe 10 truckloads over two to two and a half days
 - Belonga will be using (2) to three (3) trucks to haul materials
 - Foreman Mike Ruddle noted that they will begin to encounter traffic on Annex and Stonecliffe roads as early as 7:00 am
 - Councilwoman Myers suggested that Bacco and / or Belonga appoint some traffic control personnel while the trucking is happening
 - City Clerk reminded everyone of the following school restriction times
 - 7:45 am to 8:30 am
 - 12:00 pm to 12:30 pm
 - 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm
 - School ends June 7th, but that is too far to push the project back if it can be completed sooner
 - Lilac Festival also beings on June 7th and runs through June 16th
 - Chad Belonga inquired about an escort for the project
 - Councilwoman Myers suggested Dennis Bradley
 - Foreman Mike Ruddle noted that he could release Dennis from his work at the City to perform the escorts
 - Councilwoman Myers also asked if Mayor Doud could contact Myron Johnson with the State Park to see if they would be willing to waive the docking fees to help with the overall cost.

Motion made by Moskwa, Seconded by Corrigan, to authorize Bacco Construction Company to complete the graveling of Lakeview Blvd. and Park Avenue in the Annex, to strike the Grand Avenue shoulder work as listed on the quote – bringing the total to \$131,000.00 – with the work to be performed the week of June 3rd through June 7th, to waive all City permit fees, and for all trucks to follow the school restriction times.

Voting Yea: Chambers, Corrigan, Moskwa, Myers, Sehoyan

Vehicle Permits were submitted by Darrow Brothers Excavating to deliver aggregate to 3979 Forest Drive and 8332 Lakeview Blvd. on May 30th or sooner.

Motion by Myers, seconded by Chambers, to deny the vehicle permit applications per the City's Ordinance, as the applicant has not presented any evidence or extenuating circumstances as to why the vehicles are needed after the vehicle cut-off date.

Councilwoman Myers noted that, when applying for permits, applicants should make sure to put down a detailed explanation or attend the meeting to explain the need of their permit(s).

VIII. Adjournment

There being no further business, motion made by Myers, seconded by Moskwa, to adjourn the meeting at 1:00 pm

Voting Yea: Chambers, Corrigan, Moskwa, Myers, Sehoyan

Margaret M. Doud, Mayor

Danielle Leach, City Clerk