

BUILDING & BUILDING CODES COMMITTEE MINUTES
APRIL 21, 2015

The Building & Building Codes Committee meeting was held on April 21, 2015, at North Royalton City Hall, 14600 State Road. The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m.

PRESENT: Committee Members: Chair John Nickell, Vice Chair Dan Kasaris, Larry Antoskiewicz; Council: Gary Petrusky, Dan Langshaw, Paul Marnecheck; Administration: Mayor Robert Stefanik, Community Development Director Thomas Jordan; Other: Louis Krzepina, Michael Yeager

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. City Hall update/project

Mr. Jordan said he has a completed checklist of the remaining items. He said that the architect has updated the checklist for the exterior, the roof and the bathrooms and this list has been turned over to the contractor. Mr. Jordan said that we will disperse the final funds once these items are complete. The one item that has been the most bothersome is the audio transcription system in the Council Chambers. He said that a very large meeting was held which involved himself, 6 technicians from Paladin, the owner of Krill, the owner of Einheit Electric, Brian Beals, DIS, and Laura Haller. The specifications for this system called for a software system that would transcribe voice to text and would recognize which microphone was speaking. It was believed that this specification could be met. The subcontractor that did the install has been fired and further research into this specification was done. They believe now that they cannot achieve the part of the specs which would identify the audio by each microphone. He said that he has researched other cities to see what they are using, but no one is using a voice to text software. The vendor has also researched a number of other municipalities that use audio transcription services and will get back to us this week on what they find. Mr. Jordan said that he believes that the voice transcription system that recognizes the individual speaker will be dropped from the specifications since it may not be achievable. He said that other than this item, all the other items on the punch list are going to be completed. The architect has estimated the cost of the unfinished items to be under \$20,000, not including the audio system. Mr. Nickell said that it might still be easier for the Council Office to edit the transcription text by adding in the individual speakers than it would be to listen to and transcribe the entire recording. Mr. Jordan said the Council Office is going to try this to see how it works out. Mr. Jordan said that the playground is currently being installed at Memorial Park. He said that they will make sure that the playground and the restrooms will open together. This is a very heavily used playground and the restrooms are well used, so we are trying to get this fully operational as soon as possible. Mayor Stefanik said that the restrooms opened today, but there are still a few cosmetic items that need to be addressed. Mr. Kasaris asked for the timeframe on the sidewalk in front of City Hall. Mr. Jordan said that this work is going to be done in-house and he will check with the Service Director on this.

Mr. Jordan said that North Royalton Alternative Transportation Study will be holding their second community meeting on May 12, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. to gather input and to present their initial findings. The meeting will be held at City Hall in the Community Room.

Mr. Jordan addressed the rezoning request for the Royalton Woods Senior Living facility on State Road. He said that University Hospitals acquired this facility from Parma Hospital. University Hospitals is in the process of selling this facility. When this facility was built, it was zoned for Multi-Family. Now that we have done some revisions to the Senior Citizen Zoning District, we feel that it may be more appropriate for this building to be Senior Citizen zoning. Mr. Jordan said that it was always the intent that this building be for senior citizens, but when it was constructed, Senior Citizen zoning was not in existence so multi family was used. Mr. Nickell said that he agrees with this rezoning and asked how old the building was. Mayor Stefanik said that it goes back to the early 1990's. The rezoning will also prevent a for profit company from coming in and changing the use of this facility to apartments. This legislation is on tonight's Council agenda and will be referred to the Planning Commission and to this committee.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mr. Kasaris, seconded by Mr. Antoskiewicz to **adjourn the April 21, 2015 meeting**. Yeas: 3.
Nays: 0. **Motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.