

**CITY OF ROOSEVELT PARK
CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
September 8, 2009**

Mayor Lenartowicz called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

2009-150 **ROLL CALL**

Present: Mayor Jeff Lenartowicz, Mayor Pro Tem Rod Buikema, Council Members Al Lowe, David Martin, Laura Fitzpatrick, Eric Grimm, and Judy VanWesten

Absent: None

Staff Present: City Manager Dave Boehm, Building and Zoning Administrator Tim Villanueva, Police Chief Bill Regan, and Treasurer/Clerk Tammera Harmsen

2009-151 **INVOCATION**

Council Member Van Westen provided the invocation.

2009-152 **PUBLIC HEARING**

Mayor Lenartowicz opened the Public Hearing on the Post Road Improvement Project. Paul Comes of 929 Post Road spoke for the residents in attendance thanking Council and staff for their work on behalf of their neighborhood and the hope that this proposal will be funded and under construction next year. There were additional questions from residents concerning project timing and construction details. Mayor Pro-Tem moved to close the Public Hearing at 7:32 p.m., motion support by Council Member Lowe and carried unanimously.

2009-153 **CONSENT AGENDA**

Mayor Pro Tem Buikema moved to approve the Consent Agenda with item 8b – Road Salt Purchase added. The motion was supported by Council Member Van Westen and carried unanimously.

2009-154 **AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION: POST ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

The City of Roosevelt Park has a well documented need for improvements to its storm drainage system, as well as replacement of many of the streets within this community. The City of Roosevelt Park exhibits the economic and municipal/operational characteristics of many others within its peer group of smaller communities that are fully-developed or nearly so; specifically an aging infrastructure system and a tax base or utility rate base that is either not growing or cannot grow in any significant measure.

The City does have certain, defined neighborhoods within the older area of the community that share a common theme ...inadequate storm drainage and streets and sidewalks in need of improvement. Post Road Neighborhood, with a low and moderate income population of greater than 51%, is one such area that would

directly benefit from the MEDC's Infrastructure Capacity Enhancement (ICE) program.

The City of Roosevelt Park has a formal community development plan ... a detailed blueprint for undertaking the various improvements that are needed to the City's infrastructure, however funding has remained the principal on-going issue.

Preliminary engineering design and cost estimates have been prepared for an infrastructure improvement project in the Post Road neighborhood, indicating a total project cost of \$333,770 including construction and engineering.

The ICE grant request for the Post Road Project totals, \$166,385, with a local match requirement of \$167,385; and the City of Roosevelt Park does have matching resources available to make this proposed project a success.

The proposed Post Road project does meet all the goals of the ICE program including community-wide benefit and not project cost will be incurred prior to a formal grant award, completion of the environmental review procedures and formal or written authorization from MEDC.

Council Member Van Westen moved to authorize submittal of an Infrastructure Capacity Enhancement Grant Application for the Post Road neighborhood and designates the City Manager as the "Authorized Local Government Official" for purposes of signing all applications. The motion was supported by Mayor Pro Tem Buikema and carried.

7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent

2009-155 **MiDEAL ROAD SALT CONTRACT**

Based upon last year's experience in purchasing road salt, staff is recommending that we purchase direct from the State of Michigan as part of the MiDeal Road Salt Contracts. Due to the volume the State purchases its prices have historically been much lower than the open market. The County Road Commission who has previously supplied our road salt, purchases salt through the State Bid program

Council Member Fitzpatrick moved to authorize the purchase up to 150 tons of road salt from the State of Michigan, and authorize the City Manager to sign the purchase contract with MiDeal. The motion was supported by Council Member Grimm and carried unanimously.

2009-156 **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Mayor Lenartowicz thanked staff for work at Roosevelt Park Day.

2009-157 **DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**

City Manager Boehm informed Council, Summit Ave. between Henry Street and Coolidge Road would be closed for resurfacing.

City Attorney Stapleton stated there were 10 pretrials for Wednesday. He stated the City had prevailed in front of the Michigan Tax Tribunal on the appeal by Lakecrest Apartments. City Attorney Stapleton also stated the decision by the United States District Court granted a motion by Muskegon Central Dispatch to vacate an arbitrator's decision on the \$500,000 award granted to a technology company for a failed software system.

Chief Regan stated he would have the new full time officer at the next meeting for introduction to the Council.

Treasurer/Clerk Harmsen reviewed the results of the 2009 Roosevelt Park Day.

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ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Lowe moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. The motion was supported by Mayor Lenartowicz and carried unanimously.

Treasurer/Clerk Tammera Harmsen