

The Utilities, Safety & Environment Committee

held a meeting on **Wednesday, April 23rd, 2025** at 6:00 P.M.

Committee Members Present:

Utilities: Chair Mitchell, Davis, Oswald, Armstrong, Stewart

Others: Absent:

Administration and Department Heads Present: Safety Service Dir Pyanowski,
Law Dir Deery, Parks Dir Reardon

1. The matter of approval of meeting minutes from the Utilities, Safety & Environment Committee Meeting, on April 9th, 2025 as circulated.

Motion was made by Mr. Oswald and second by Mr. Armstrong to approve.

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2. The matter of applying for a Safety Intervention Grant through Ohio Bureau of Worker's Compensation (OBWC).

[Utilities Committee and Finance Committee]

Referred By: Parks Director Reardon

Parks Dir Reardon said they would like to apply for this grant for the purchase of a paint machine. It's a robotic paint machine. They can be programed as to what field needs to be painted and the machine does the work. They have had two demos on this type of equipment so they can compare. The grant is a 3 to 1 matching grant. We can apply for up to \$40,000, our portion will be around \$15,000. This machine painted a full-size football field for us at South Park in 30 minutes. For staff to do this same job, they would need 3 staff members to measure and hold everything and would take about 2 to 3 hours. The other thing that is good about this machine, is it regulates the paint use. We'll see a savings in the amount of paint also. The machine is mobile and would fit in the back of the parks pick-up truck.

Chair Mitchell asked where our portion of money would come from.

Dir Reardon said they budgeted money in the Issue 6 (2016 ½ percent tax) for field maintenance items for this year. So, that money is allocated.

Dir Pyanowski said this is exciting. The lines would be more precise, straighter and more accurate. And a field can be programmed into the system and as long as you start at the same point, like a pinpoint and you just push go. Once each field is programmed, it's saved in a library. And we would never have to measure again.

Mr. Armstrong said he went to the field and saw the lines and they are really precise.

Mr. Oswald asked if employees will be trained to use this equipment?

Dir Reardon said they will go over all of that in the training and we can program the machine for what to do in each park and on each field. And then the employee can go do something else and the machine will alert them if the machine runs out of paint or when it's finished with that particular job. The plus is the efficiency is great and they will be able to save money in paint.

**Motion made by Mrs. Davis, second by Mr. Armstrong to authorize an ordinance to apply for the 'said' grant and accept if offered.
MOTION CARRIES**

3. The matter of an agreement with ODOT for the purchase of road salt for the 2025-2026 Season.

[Utilities Committee and Finance Committee]

Referred By: Director Pyanowski

Dir Pyanowski said this is our annual road salt purchase for next winter. They will ask for 9,000 tons of salt this year. Last year we bought 6,000 tons and we had to go back and buy more. There was a lot of winter this past year. He has already put in the request and this ordinance will be to support the request. They don't have prices yet. They give the prices after we commit to the purchase.

Motion made by Mr. Oswald, second by Mrs. Davis to authorize an ordinance to enter into the 'said' agreement.

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4. The matter of authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with Republic Services for solid waste container services.

[Utilities Committee and Finance Committee]

Referred By: Director Pyanowski

Dir Pyanowski said this 'solid waste container' it's a dumpster. We have dumpsters at the Police and each Fire Dept., Muni Court and Metro Park garage on Floradale, Brookdale, Wastewater has 5 dumpsters. We did eliminate all the dumpster at the parks and at other places in the City. We also made sure we had all the right size dumpsters because we get charged for each pickup. We reviewed all of these to make sure we found the best and most efficient way to provide the service. We are pretty good with our needs being met but not exceeded.

Motion made by Mr. Oswald, second by Mr. Armstrong to authorize an ordinance to enter into the 'said' contract.

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Chair Mitchell asked for a motion to adjourn.

**Mr. Oswald moved to adjourn the Utilities, Safety & Environment Committee Meeting and that motion was seconded by Mrs. Davis at 6:10 P.M.
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*Respectfully Submitted by,
Colleen Rosado, Secretary/Administrative Assistant*