



**OPERATIONS COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES**

April 18, 2017 | 6:30 p.m.

City of Powell Municipal Building Council Chambers | 47 Hall Street

Attendance: Councilmember Frank Bertone, Brendan Newcomb, Daniel Swartwout, Vice Mayor Jon Bennehoof, City Manager Steve Lutz, Police Chief Gary Vest, Assistant Parks & Recreation/Public Service Director Silas Bowers, Communication Director Megan Canavan and other interested parties.

I. AGE 21 TOBACCO/NICOTINE RESTRICTIONS

Representatives with the Delaware County Tobacco Coalition, Delaware General Health District and Powell residents discussed increasing the legal age to purchase tobacco products to 21 in Powell.

**ACTION ITEM: City Staff will draft an ordinance for the Committee's review to raise the legal age to purchase tobacco products to 21 in Powell.**

II. OLENTANGY ROTARY CLUB OKTOBERFEST

The Olentangy Rotary Club is holding Oktoberfest on Friday, Sept. 22 and Saturday, Sept. 23 in Village Green Park. The event on Friday evening will feature an Ohio Wine, Beer & Cheese Tasting. Their goal is to attract 350 people and also host a silent auction. Saturday will be the official Oktoberfest event, featuring food, entertainment and children's activities.

**ACTION ITEM: Committee members gave the Rotary Club a thumbs up to proceed with planning the event and working with City staff on determining police and public service needs.**

III. ROAD SALT

Assistant Director of Parks, Recreation & Public Service Silas Bowers discussed different options for road salt bids for this upcoming winter.

**ACTION ITEM: Committee members opted to proceed with the Ohio Department of Transportation bid.**

IV. LECHLER BUILDING COST ESTIMATE

City Manager Steve Lutz discussed the current cost estimate for improving the Lechler Building. A private donor would like to contribute \$60K of the \$180K project.

**ACTION ITEMS: Committee members still have reservations regarding the funding of the project but would like to come together on a solution during the next regularly scheduled Operations Committee meeting.**

V. CAPITAL PROJECTS

a. Murphy Pedestrian Railroad Crossing – Preliminary cost estimate for the railroad crossing is \$625K. Committee members would like staff to pursue approval with CSX. The City will also explore grant funding for the project.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.