

**Workshop - Town of Nutter Fort**  
**Funding for Paving**  
**3/27/18, 5:00 pm**

Attendance: Mayor Sam Maxson, Recorder Charlene Louk, Councilors William Benincosa, Natalie Haddix, Karen Phillips, Brenda Riley and Donald "Duck" Webster. Treasurer Julia Foley, Chief Jeremy Haddix, Sergeant James Young, Taylor Keith, PW Super, Code Enforcer Keith Kesling.

Guests: Lois Benincosa, Dianna Nuzum, Ronald Nuzum, Ronald Robinson, Jim and Charlotte Link, Linda Griffith, Art Rohrbough, Libby Rohrbough, Linda Blake, Monica Godwin, Dawn J. McClain, Kelly Stier, Raetta Allen.

At 5:00 pm, Mayor Maxson welcomed guests and explained the purpose of tonight's workshop. Streets are in very poor condition. Mayor Maxson is proposing a municipal fee to be used for street improvements and is open to all other ideas. He gave an overview of the municipal fee proposal (attached), which included examples of cities that charge a municipal fee, amounts, and how they are charged.

Current paving needs and estimated costs were discussed along with recent paving history. Mrs. Foley answered questions from Council about the unencumbered balance and verified paving funds are in a separate interest-bearing account.

Ronald Nuzum suggested getting a loan to pave all streets at once. Mayor Maxson explained this had been thought of as an option, but we were hesitant due to paying so much in interest. Mr. Webster also pointed out that if you pave all streets at once, they would all need paved at the same time in the future. Mr. Keith and Council feel it is better to do the worst streets now and try to get on a paving schedule similar to Bridgeport. The loan idea was left on the table. A loan could be used to start a paving project until funds could accumulate from a municipal fee. Mrs. Foley will research low interest loans or bonds through the state.

**Questions asked:**

Will the school and library be subject to the fee? Answer: Yes, the school will be assessed the fee. Assessment of Library-to be determined.

Why does the library get two water bills? Answer: Unsure-it may have two meters.

Will fee be increased if you have a late fee? Answer: No. Late fees are 10% of water and sewer amounts.

How will the fee be assessed to residents and businesses? Answer: to be determined.

Some ideas were 1) flat rate for residents and a higher flat rate for businesses, 2) fee based on size of water line, 3) charge businesses by square footage of building, 4) charge based on percentage of water bill or B & O.

**Other possible revenue sources:**

Sale of the property next to the Fire Department.

Sale of excess milling.

**In closing:**

>Of guests in attendance, there was overall support for some type of municipal fee for paving and street maintenance due to the deteriorating condition of our streets.

>There was discussion of how to implement a fee, along with ideas to boost paving funds.

>Treasurer Foley will research the possibility of a low interest loan or bonds available to use for paving.

>Council will work on a plan to implement a municipal fee for residences and businesses.

The fee will be reasonable and hopefully yield adequate funds for paving, approximately one year from the start date.

Workshop completed at 6:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Charlene Louk, Recorder

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Sam Maxson, Mayor